

NTCHEU DISTRICT EXAMINATIONS BOARD



2023 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE MOCK EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

(100 Marks)

Subject Number: 152

Time Allowed: 2hrs 15mins

8:00 – 10:15 am

Name of Candidate: _____
(Surname First)

Name of School: _____

Instructions:

1. This paper contains 9 pages. Please check.
2. Write **your name** and **name of your school** in the spaces provided.
3. There are **four** sections (A, B, C and D). Answer only **one** question in section **A** and all the questions in sections **B, C** and **D**.
4. In section **D**, **encircle** the letter (A, B C or D) that represents the correct answer.
5. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered.
6. **IMPORTANT**
 - Please make sure you have written your name and examination number in the spaces provided.
 - Hand in your filled answer sheets to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Question Number	Tick questions 1 – 13 if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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Turn Over

Section B (20 marks)**Comprehension**

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Christopher had enjoyed his first term at primary school. It was now nearly the end of the term and he was looking forward to returning to his family. However, there was a problem, money for transport. He had lost all the money that his uncle had given him. Christopher was afraid to tell the uncle about the loss because he had been advised to keep the money safely. Therefore, he thought of borrowing money. He first tried his friends but none of them had any. Next, he tried his teacher.

First of all he went to the house of his English teacher. He felt very nervous and shy as he knocked at the door and waited for her. Instead, a big fat man came out. Christopher was so frightened of him that he said nothing. "What do you want?" the man said sharply. "I want to borrow some money." Christopher managed to reply. "You learners are always the same, you borrow money but you do not pay back." Then he banged the door and disappeared into the house

Christopher stayed by the door; he had not understood everything that had been said to him. Although the fat man shouted rudely, he thought that he might come back. Then a house boy came out and said, "You must go away." Christopher walked away. He was hurt and angry. He did not feel like knocking on any other door but he had to. He thought of who might help him. He tried the Chichewa teacher who had once given him a tablet of soap. He hoped it would not be his wife who opened the door. Lucky enough when he knocked, the Chichewa teacher came out and said, "I wish I had money to lend you but some boys and girls have already borrowed my money. You should have come earlier."

He was disappointed but decided to try one more teacher. If he failed, he would abandon his attempt and try to think of other ways of getting the money. This time, it was a science teacher who gave him the money for transport. He told him to pay back after the holiday. Christopher was very grateful and thanked him.

Questions:

- (a) What problem did Christopher have?

_____ (1 mark)

- (b) Why did Christopher not tell his uncle that he had lost the money?

_____ (2 marks)

(c) How did he try to solve the problem?

(2 marks)

(d) What happened the time Christopher knocked at the English teacher's house?

(2 marks)

(e) Why was Christopher unhappy as he left the English teacher's house?

(2 marks)

(f) Which teacher did Christopher think might be a kind person?

(2 marks)

(g) According to the passage, there are two teachers who rent money to some of the learners. Who are these teachers?

(2 marks)

(h) Why do you think Christopher did not want to meet the Chichewa teacher's wife?

(2 marks)

(i) Who assisted Christopher in the end?

(1 mark)

(j) When was Christopher going to pay back the money?

(1 mark)

(k) Give the meanings of the following words as used in the passage:

(i) Frightened (1 mark)

(ii) Abandon (1 mark)

(l) Suggest the title of the story

(1 mark)

Change the following sentences from active to passive voice.

4. **Active:** Chancy will see the grandfather.
Passive: _____ (1 mark)
5. **Active:** Are they eating bananas?
Passive: _____ (1 mark)
6. **Active:** The teacher asked us if we run away from school.
Passive: _____ (1 mark)
7. **Active:** The Headteacher welcomes the visitors
Passive: _____ (1 mark)
8. **Active:** Davie wrote the competition test
Passive: _____ (1 mark)

Make a sentence using each of the following words to show that you understand their meanings.

9. Among

10. Opportunity

11. Appear

12. Before

13. Carefully

Section D (40 marks)

In this section, encircle the letter A, B, C or D that represents the correct answer in this section.

Questions 14 – 26. In each of the following questions choose the word (A, B, C or D) that **best completes the sentence**.

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| <p>14. Febby was married _____ a Malawian man.
 A. with C. to
 B. by D. about</p> | <p>15. Kelvin has been ill _____ last year
 A. for C. until
 B. Since D. from</p> <p>16. The judge asked the witness to give his _____.
 A. evidence C. information
 B. opinion D. observation</p> |
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17. They gathered a _____ of stones for the construction of the house
A. bunch C. group
B. pile D. heap
18. Either Vatness or Patricia _____ present.
A. Are C. were
B. Is D. am
19. The video show lasted _____ seven hours.
A. for C. with
B. in D. at
20. The learners _____ school uniform the whole last term.
A. Would wear C. wear
B. wearing D. wore
21. If I _____ food, I would have shared to the needy.
A. had C. had had
B. would have D. have had
22. Tashel is the _____ beautiful girl in the class.
A. much C. better
B. most D. many
23. The payer shot the ball _____.
A. across C. over
B. below D. up
24. By the time Lindiwe comes, her mother _____ gone.
A. Will have C. is
B. Would have D. was
25. Ethel _____ three years of university by the time we meet her next week.
- A. Will be finishing
B. Is finishing
C. Would have finished
D. Will have finished
26. I saw a _____ of cattle passing by.
A. colony C. herd
B. fleet D. troop
- Questions 27 – 39.** In each of the following questions, choose the correct **part of speech** (A, B, C or D) for each of the underlined words.
27. Oops! She has lost her book.
A. Adverb C. Adjective
B. Pronoun D. Interjection
28. This is not the first time.
A. Adjective C. Verb
B. Noun D. Pronoun
29. After she had eaten lunch, she fell asleep.
A. Preposition C. Noun
B. Conjunction D. Pronoun
30. I will nurse this baby for a week.
A. Conjunction C. Adverb
B. Preposition D. Adjective
31. We rushed towards the lake to see the new ship.
A. Preposition C. Adjective
B. Adverb D. Verb
32. The issue will be discussed tomorrow.
A. Interjection C. Noun
B. Adjective D. Pronoun
33. They agreed to follow classroom rules.
A. Adverb C. Pronoun
B. Adjective D. Noun
34. I always talk to him at the market.

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- A. Adverb C. Article
B. Verb D. Pronoun

35. They did the work themselves.
A. Preposition
B. Noun
C. Pronoun
D. Adjective
36. Her uncle is a prosperous farmer in the village
A. Adjective C. Verb
B. Pronoun D. Conjunction
37. Reading is a good habit.
A. Preposition C. Noun
B. Adverb D. Verb
38. He bought an orange.
A. Noun C. Preposition
B. Verb D. Article
39. Pedestrians should walk along the road
A. Interjection C. Preposition
B. Adverb D. Adjective

Questions 40 – 44. In each of the following questions, choose the correct **question tag** (A, B, C or D) for the statements.

40. Nothing has been achieved, _____?
A. Hasn't it C. Haven't they
B. Has it D. Does it
41. You will eat the mangoes, _____?
A. Are you C. Won't you
B. Will you D. Have you
42. Mary is in the kitchen, _____?
A. Was she C. Isn't she
B. Wasn't she D. Is she

43. He did not buy shoes and clothes, _____?
A. Does he C. Didn't he
B. Doesn't he D. Did he

44. Mary and James seldom visit each other, _____?
A. Do they C. Will they
B. Don't they D. Didn't they

Questions 45 – 46. In each of the following sentences, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that **best completes the simile**.

45. The water was as proud as _____.
A. Hen C. Peacock
B. Duck D. Pigeon
46. Selina is as mean as _____.
A. Miser C. Child
B. Hyena D. Soldier

Questions 47 – 48. In each of the following questions, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that **best completes the proverbs**.

47. Birds of the same _____ flock together.
A. Colours C. Feathers
B. Legs D. Beaks
48. A sleeping cat never catches _____.
A. Dog C. Guard
B. Rat D. Goat

Questions 49 – 53. In each of the following questions, choose the correct **type and function of clauses**. The clauses have been underlined.

49. Although she is shy she is the best in class.
A. Adverb clause, modifies 'is'
B. Noun clause subject of 'is'
C. Adjective clause, qualifies class
D. Adverb clause modifies 'shy'

50. The man you met is my father
- A. Noun clause in apposition to 'man'
 - B. Adverb clause modifies 'met'
 - C. Adjective clause qualifies 'man'
 - D. Adjective clause qualifies father
51. The news that he is in South Africa is not true.
- A. Adjective clause qualifies 'news'
 - B. Noun clause in apposition to 'news'
 - C. Adjective clause qualifies man
 - D. Adverb clause modifies 'is not true'
52. The girl whose arm was broken is my sister.
- A. Noun clause object of 'is'
 - B. Adverb clause modifies 'is'
 - C. Adjective clause qualifies 'girl'
 - D. Adverb clause modifies 'broken'
53. The land was sold for what it was worth.
- A. Adverb clause, modifies 'was sold'
 - B. Noun clause object of 'was sold'
 - C. Adverb clause modifies 'was sold'
 - D. Noun clause object of 'for'

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NB: This paper has 9 pages.