



2023 PUTEYA ZONAL MOCK EXAMINATION

Primary School Leaving Certificate Mock Exams

Standard 8

ENGLISH

(100 marks)

Wednesday, 8th March
Time Allowed: 2hrs 15 min

Name of candidate: _____
(Surname first)

School name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- This paper contains **9 printed pages**
- Write your name in the spaces provided on this page.
- This paper consists of four sections **A, B, C and D**
- You are expected to answer one question only from section **A**
- Answer all questions in section **B, C and D**.

IMPORTANT

- In the table provided on this page, tick against the question number you have answered.
- Hand in your question papers to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Question number	Tick answered	Do not write in these columns
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EXAMINATION NUMBER _____
SECTION A (30 MARKS)

Answer one question only from this section on the lined answer sheets. Write between 100 and 150 words.

EITHER

1. Imagine that you have invited your best friend to spend the coming holiday with you. Write a letter to your parents to let them know about your visitor. You may include the following points;

Paragraph 1

- Name of your friend.
- The reasons why you have decided to invite your friend
- How long the holiday shall take

Paragraph 2

- How you have prepared for your friend
- Ways you want your parents to help you prepare for your visitor

Paragraph 3

- Things you and your friend shall do together during the holiday.

OR

2. Imagine that your area is affected with Cholera. Write a composition entitled “Cholera in our area”
You may include the following points;

Paragraph 1

- When the disease started
- Where did it started
- How many have been affected with the disease in your area.

Paragraph 2

- How the disease is transmitted
- The signs and symptoms

Paragraph 3

- Ways in which the disease can be prevented

SECTION B: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

1. Read the passage below and answer questions that follow.

Mada is a fourteen year old boy. Every day he comes to school late. Wednesdays are market days in his village. Therefore, on Wednesdays he does not go to school. He usually does not buy anything. He just looks at the things which people sell. Sometimes he helps people carry their things at a price. At home Mada refuses to do any household chores. He does not even clean his own bedroom. When his sister tells him to wash his own clothes, he says it is child labour.

At school Mada often copies work from his classmates. Mada gets punished for his laziness. Every time he is given a punishment he complains that it is child abuse. Mada likes to wear dirty clothes. If the clothes are not dirty then they are either too small or too big for him. When he is asked why he dresses like that, he always says, "Its freedom of dressing."

At times, Mada speaks English to his parents who do not understand it. If scolded because of this, he says he has freedom of speech. Mada also likes to be with boys who do not go to school. Mada does not listen if his parents try to stop him. He complains that his freedom of association is being broken. Mada has seriously misunderstood his rights.

QUESTIONS

- a). Where does Mada go on Wednesdays? (2 marks)

- b). How does he find money at the market? (2 marks)

- c). What does Mada say when he is told to wash his own clothes? (2 marks)

- d). Mention two things that Mada does not do at home. (2 marks)

- e). Why is Mada often punished? (2 marks)

f). What he likes to put on when he does not wear dirty clothes? (2 marks)

g). Why is Mada scolded by his parents? (2 marks)

h). Give any **two** rights Mada claims that are being violated in the story. (2 marks)

i). Find the word;

(i) In paragraph 1 that means activities. (1 mark)

(ii) In paragraph 3 that means lamented (1 mark)

j). Suggest the title of the story. (2 marks)

SECTION C (10 MARKS)

Change the following sentences from active to passive voice.

4. My parents planted many trees.

5. James was sweeping the room.

6. We will write a letter.

7. Chisomo is beating his friend.

8. They have changed the date of the wedding.

19. Libranzer is looking _____ a missing dictionary.

- A. For B. After
C. At D. Over

20. The women gathered _____ of stones for the construction of the school block.

- A. Bundle B. Heaps
C. Bunches D. Piles

21. Unless she had a driving licence, she _____ my brothers car.

- A. Would have B. Will have driven
C. Would have driven D. Will drive

22. Today a lot of people _____ about outbreak of diseases.

- A. Complains B. Complained
C. Were complaining D. Are complaining

23. Since last year Jeffrey _____ at this office.

- A. Has been working B. Had been working
C. Is working D. Was working

24. We have _____ to follow the school rules.

- A. Agree B. Agrees
C. Agreed D. Agreement

25. Mr Phiri _____ from his work next week.

- A. Would retire B. Will retire
C. Might retire D. Could retire

26. I usually _____ pens to Ronald.

- A. Borrow B. Borrows

- C. Lends D. Lend

Questions 27 to 39: In each of the following sentences, choose the correct part of speech (**A, B, C or D**) for the underlined words.

27. They will air the press briefing this afternoon.

- A. Verb B. Conjunction
C. Preposition D. Noun

28. Though she was sick, she attended the wedding.

- A. Preposition B. Adjective
C. Conjunction D. Article

29. I am here to support the exercise.

- A. Noun B. Pronoun
C. Verb D. Adjective

30. The team was happy with the win

- A. Noun B. Verb
C. Adjective D. Preposition

31. This is a very good exercise

- A. Conjunction B. Adjective
C. Preposition D. Adverb

32. He was told to put off his dirty clothes.

- A. Article B. Conjunction
C. Preposition D. Verb

33. Picho meets his friend often.

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

34. Have you invited anyone to your birthday?

- A. Interjection B. Pronoun
C. Adverb D. Noun

35. Hurrah! We have won the match.

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

36. The little boy has broken an egg.

- A. Article B. Preposition
C. Noun D. Adverb

37. Joe's car was smashed beyond recognition.

- A. Adverb B. Verb
C. Noun D. Adjective

38. The sick woman left her child behind.

- A. Noun B. Conjunction
C. Adverb D. Verb

39. The students caught the thief at the school hotel.

- A. Adjective B. Noun
C. Article D. Pronoun

Questions 40 to 44: Choose the correct question tag among (A, B, C or D) for the statement.

40. Close the door _____?

- A. Should you B. Will you
C. Shouldn't you D. Won't you

41. Hippo and Elephant failed to pull each other _____?

- A. Don't you B. Didn't they
C. Did they D. Do they

42. I did not have money _____?

- A. Don't I B. Have I
C. Haven't I D. Did I

43. Cheating does not pay _____?

- A. Doesn't it B. Do it
C. Doesn't they D. Does it

44. Jane and Mercy are attending classes _____?

- A. Did they B. Are they
C. Aren't they D. Didn't they

Questions 45 to 48: In each of the following questions choose (A, B, C or D) that best complete the smiles.

45. His hands were as cold as _____

- A. Ice B. Hail
C. Rain D. Water

46. Tionge is as mean as _____

- A. Hyena B. Baby
C. Miser D. Dog

Questions 47 to 40: In each of the following questions choose (A, B, C or D) that best complete the proverbs.

47. Don't throw stones if you live in a _____ house.

- A. Thatch B. Mud
C. Weak D. Glass

48. Half bread is better than _____

- A. Fruits B. None
C. One D. Cakes

Questions 49 to 53: In each of the following, choose the letter (A, B, C or D) that gives the correct type of clause and its function. The clause has been underlined.

49. That was what the team deserved.

- A. Noun clause, complement of “was”
- B. Adjective clause, modifying “was”
- C. Noun clause, object of “was”
- D. Adverb clause, modifying “was”

50. This is the boat which sailed down the river.

- A. Noun clause, object of “is”
- B. Adverb clause, modifying “is”
- C. Adjective clause, modifying “boat”
- D. Noun clause, in apposition to “boat”

51. What he does worries his parents.

- A. Adverb clause, modifying “worries”
- B. Adjective clause, qualifying “parents”
- C. Noun clause, in apposition to “worries”
- D. Noun clause, subject of “worries”

52. Our teacher taught us what you have said.

- A. Adverb clause, modifying “taught”
- B. Noun clause, object of “taught”
- C. Adjective clause, qualifying “teacher”
- D. Noun clause, object of “us”

53. The good thing is that we have won the match.

- A. Noun clause, object of “is”
- B. Adverb clause, modifying of “is”
- C. Noun clause, complement of “is”
- D. Adjective clause, qualifying of “this”

END OF QUESTION PAPER!!!