



**VAZALA ZONE EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**2023 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS**  
**ENGLISH**  
 (100 mark)

Subject number: P052  
 Time allowed: 2h 15mins  
 (8:00-10:15am)

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

(Surname first)

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions

1. **This paper contains 12 printed pages. Please check.**
2. Write your name and name of your school in the spaces provided above.
3. This paper consists of 4 sections: **A, B, C and D.**
4. You are expected to answer one question only from section A. Your composition should be between 100 and 150 words. You should answer all questions in section B, C and D.
5. The first 10 minutes are for reading the questions and choosing the question to answer from section A.
6. Write all your answers to the questions in all section (A, B, C and D)
7. In the table provided on this page, tick against the question number you have answered.
8. Hand in your worked question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

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**Section A (30 marks)**

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

**EITHER**

1. Imagine that you are absent from school because your sister whom you are staying with is sick. Write a letter to your class teacher telling him or her about your being absent from school.

**Paragraph 1**

- when your sister fell sick
- what she is suffering from
- where you were when your sister fell sick

**Paragraph 2**

- what you did when you found out that your sister was sick
- two activities you are doing at home following your sister's sickness

**Paragraph 3**

- one way in which the sickness has affected you
- when you think you will come back to school

**OR**

2. Imagine that there is a vandalism activity going on at your school. As a head boy or head girl, you have been asked to speak to school stakeholders about it. Write a speech which will be presented during the stakeholders meeting.

In your speech, include the following points:

**Paragraph 1**

- things which are being vandalized
- time when these things are being vandalized
- how many people are affected the problem

**Paragraph 2**

- problems which learners are facing because of vandalism
- people who are involved in the vandalism
- how people manage to damage school property

**Paragraph 3**

- any two things that have been done to stop the theft
- two pieces of advice to learners on how they should take care of their property

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

Chifundo learned at Pakaya Primary School, which was far from Jenda Township. One morning, the headteacher of the school said, 'There will be a National Cross - Country Championship at Jenda next month.'

Chifundo went home and meet Masamba, the Wiseman. He told him about the race. "I want to be the fastest runner in the school," he said. "I need some magic to help me." "The Wiseman gave Chifundo the necklace to wear around his neck." "It is full of magic. For you to make it strong, get up at five o'clock every morning. Run to big tarmac road and back before the sun rises," the Wiseman advised him.

The following morning, he ran to the tarmac road. It was a long way. His legs ached and his feet had sores. He ran back to the village before the sun had risen. He repeated this for many days.

The day of the race at his school came. It was a long race. His two friends ahead of him got tired and he passed them. I have won- "I am going to Jenda."

Chifundo went back to the Wiseman. "Will the magic work at Jenda?" "Yes," Masamba said. Work up at four o'clock, run to the road and back twice before the sun rises." Although it was dark, Chifundo ran. The magic grew stronger.

As the day to go to Jenda approached, his father gave him K500 to buy Food. Chifundo could not sleep. He was too excited and happy. He travelled by a motorcycle to Jenda where he met other runners. Upon arrival in the city, a strange man welcomed them. He told them that the winners would go to the Republic of South Africa for African Cross - Country Championship. They would fly to the Republic of South Africa the following month.

"Go to the Republic of South Africa! By an aeroplane! I have my magic necklace, I must win," Chifundo thought. The following morning, he woke up early to go for a run where he came across three strange men who stood in front of him. They took away K500 his father had given him. They also took away the necklace. Chifundo lost the hope of winning. Then the big day came. He had no magic to make his legs strong. As they started the race, a strange thing happened. He felt his legs growing stronger and stronger. He ran faster and faster. He came level with the leader then passed him. He ran even faster. He saw the finishing line ahead of him and he came first, He then realized that his success was due to frequent practice and not the necklace. It was announced that Chifundo Kabavo would fly to Republic of South Africa.

Adapted from: Jenny Robson.

### **Questions**

- a. **Whom did Chifundo visit soon after announcing the championship journey?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
- b. Why did Chifundo purposed to see the Wiseman? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- c. Give a reason why Chifuno was confident that he would fly to the Republic of South Africa? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
- d. What advice did Masamba offer to Chifundo? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- e. Mention two things which Chifundo get from the Wiseman \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- f. Why Chifundo did not sleep the night before the competition? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- g. Where did the money from his father go? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- h. What was Chifundo's habitual activity as he was preparing for the championship? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- i. Who took K500 and necklace from Chifundo? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- j. Find a word in \_\_\_\_\_
- (i). paragraph 2 of the passage which means "charm" \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
- (ii). paragraph 6 of the passage which is the opposite of the \_\_\_\_\_  
weaker
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
- k. Give a title for the story. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)

**Section B (20marks)**

**Section C (10marks)**

Change the following sentences from active to passive voice

4. Active: She makes cake every Sunday.  
Passive: \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
5. Active: Mr Phiri dodged the dog.  
Passive: \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
6. Active: James discovered the energy of steam.  
Passive: \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)

- (1mark)
7. Active: They greet me cheerfully every morning  
 Passive: \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
8. Active: He has kicked the ball.  
 Passive: \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)

Make sentences with the following words to show that you understand their meanings.

9. suspect \_\_\_\_\_ (1marks)
10. damage \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
11. agreement \_\_\_\_\_ (1marks)
12. always \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
13. almost \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)

**Section D (40 marks)**

**Questions 14 -26**

In each of the following questions choose the (A, B, C or D) that **best completes** the sentences

14. It was Madam Banda who presided \_\_\_\_\_ the initiation ceremony.  
 A. for  
 B. with  
 C. of  
 D. over
15. They gathered a \_\_\_\_\_ of stones for the construction of a toilet.  
 A. hip  
 B. bundle  
 C. bunch  
 D. heap
16. The soldier \_\_\_\_\_ his leg during civil war.  
 A. war  
 B. hurt  
 C. damaged

- D. injured
17. If I had known that you wanted this book I \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. will send  
 B. had sent  
 C. would send  
 D. would have
18. The chairman came \_\_\_\_\_ visit us.  
 A. on  
 B. for  
 C. about  
 D. to
19. It is the culture of Black people to live \_\_\_\_\_ harmony.  
 A. in  
 B. of  
 C. on  
 D. for
20. This term will \_\_\_\_\_ in April.  
 A. end  
 B. ended

- C. ends  
D. be ending
21. I saw him as he walked \_\_\_\_\_ the gate.  
A. into  
B. to  
C. through  
D. in
22. The chief did not \_\_\_\_\_ at the meeting because he was sick.  
A. turn down  
B. turn after  
C. turn up  
D. turn over
23. The team \_\_\_\_\_ their at 7:00am,  
A. started off  
B. begin on  
C. started on  
D. started after
24. The old woman put her knife \_\_\_\_\_ the sack  
A. over  
B. with  
C. under  
D. in
25. If you do not know what the word means, look it \_\_\_\_\_ dictionary.  
A. into  
B. at  
C. in  
D. for
26. Your decision \_\_\_\_\_ by the committee at that time.  
A. was discussed  
B. is discussed  
C. was being discussed  
D. is being discussed

**Questions 27- 37**

In each of the following questions, choose the correct part of speech (A, B, C or D) for each of the underlined words.

27. They borrow those ideas from Africa.

- A. preposition  
B. pronoun  
C. adverb  
D. adjective
28. He will air out the programme tonight.  
A. noun  
B. verb  
C. adverb  
D. adjective
29. What do you want?  
A. pronoun  
B. verb  
C. noun  
D. adjective
30. We gradually began to follow the chief's advice.  
A. verb  
B. noun  
C. pronoun  
D. adverb
31. He drove the down the street.  
A. adjective  
B. adverb  
C. preposition  
D. conjunction
32. Those belong to us.  
A. noun  
B. adjective  
C. pronoun  
D. interjection
33. Although James is sick, he will go to the market.  
A. noun  
B. verb  
C. conjunction  
D. preposition
34. Hurry! He is still alive.  
A. adjective  
B. noun  
C. interjection  
D. preposition
35. The sum is rather difficult.

- A. verb
- B. adverb
- C. adjective
- D. noun

36. Honestly protects citizens in the country.

- A. noun
- B. verb
- C. adverb
- D. adjective

37. The headteacher will table the matter during staff meeting.

- A. noun
- B. verb
- C. adjective
- D. adverb

#### Questions 38- 42

In each of the following questions, choose the correct question ta (A, B, C or D) for the statement.

38. Gloria will not come for the cerebation, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. will she
- B. won't she
- C. willn't she
- D. would she

39. He has never gone to the church, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. didn't he
- B. hasn't he
- C. has he
- D. did he

40. He usually repairs his bicycle under this tree, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. didn't he
- B. did he
- C. does he
- D. doesn't he

41. They are doing well in class, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. are they
- B. aren't they
- C. doesn't they

D. do they

42. Martha, Tamala and Jane went to the church, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. did she
- B. are they
- C. didn't they
- D. aren't they

#### Questions 43 - 45

In each of the following questions, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the similes.

43. The house is as quiet as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mouse
- B. dove
- C. church
- D. graveyard

44. Chimwemwe is as playful as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. kitten
- B. child
- C. doer
- D. puppy

45. Akim is as proud as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. hen
- B. lion
- C. peacock
- D. cock

#### Questions 46 – 48

In each of the following questions, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that **best completes** the proverb.

46. One man cannot fight a \_\_\_\_\_

- A. gross
- B. unit
- C. set
- D. dozen

47. A wall has \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mouth
- B. sight



C. ears

D. eye

48. Barking dog never \_\_\_\_\_.

A. always

B. bite

C. likely

D. often

**Questions 49 – 53**

In each of the following questions, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that gives the **correct type of clause and its function**. The clause has been underlined.

B. adverb clause modifies verb “went”

C. adjective clause qualifies noun “garden”

D. noun clause in apposition to noun “garden”

51. The fact is that they do not really try.

A. noun clause complement of the verb “is”

B. noun clause object of the verb “is”

C. “room

D. noun clause in apposition to the noun “room

E. adverb clause modifies the verb “entered”

53. This is the ship which sailed down the river.

49. That he is a doctor, we don’t know.

A. noun clause, subject of the verb “don’t know”

B. adverb clause, modifies verb “know”

C. adjective clause object of verb “don’t know”

D. noun clause object of verb “don’t know”

50. The family went to the church although it was raining.

A. noun clause object of verb “went”

C. noun clause in apposition to the noun “fact”

D. adjective clause qualifies noun “fact”

52. Douglas entered the room before his classmate.

A. noun clause object of the verb “entered”

B. adjective clause qualifies noun

A. noun clause qualifying ship

B. adjective clause qualifying “ship”

C. adverb clause modifying verb is

D. noun clause in apposition to ship



