



EXAMINATION NO: _____

BOMA ZONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD

2024 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE MOCK EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

(100 Marks)

Thursday, 28 February 2024

Time allowed: 2 hours

8:00 – 10:00 am

Name of Candidate: _____
(Surname First)

Name of School: _____

Instructions

- Please check that the paper has 9 printed pages.
- Write your **name** and **Name of your school** in the spaces provided.
- This paper contains **four** sections, sections **A, B, C** and **D**.
- You are expected to answer one question only from section **A**. your composition should be between **100** and **150** words.
- Encircle the letter represents the correct answer in this section **D** and write your answer in the space provided in Section **A, B** and **C**.
- Tick against the question number that you have answered, apart from question **1** up to **40**.
- Please hand in your filled-in paper to the invigilator at the end of the examination.

Question Number	Tick if Answered	Do not write in these columns	
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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 thieves came and store several items at your school. The police have asked you to give them information about the incident. Write a report which you would send to the police. In your report, you may include the following points:

Paragraph 1

- When thieves came to your school
- Number of thieves who came
- Any two dangerous weapons they used stealing

Paragraph 2

- Two school materials they stole
- How they carried the school materials away
- Direction they took when going away

Paragraph 3

- Two things you did when the theft took place
- Two problems that the theft has caused to your school

OR

2. Imagine that you like a certain dance in your area. Write a composition entitled 'My favourite dance'

Paragraph 1

- Name of the dance
- Number of people who take part in the dance

Paragraph 2

- How the dance is performed
- State whether or not the dancers wear costumes when performing the dance
- How are the best dancers identified

Paragraph 3

- Two reasons why you like the dance

SECTION B (20 MARKS)

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

We walked home. The pleasure and the pride which we had felt earlier in the afternoon were gone. In their place we had regret and sorrow but we didn't blame anyone. Our main worry was to get well and fit by the following morning because our classmates were likely to ask questions. What answer would we give? What would the teacher do? Perhaps they would beat us for going honey-hunting when we should be doing our homework. We were sad indeed. While we were still thinking of this, my sister Martha came out of the house and saw our appearance. She was shocked and quickly went back to the mother. I feared the worst. Then we heard from Yankho's house, "Help! Dimingu has fainted." I thought I could faint too. I would have my mother's sympathy but I did not.

I was laid on the mat and covered with a blanket. My grandmother, Nyamiti came and gave me some medicine. The medicine was mixed with honey. Every part of my body was rubbed with medicine and I felt kicky. A little time after, I fell asleep. I woke up in the morning feeling quite well. All the swelling on my face and body had disappeared.

I got ready for my school, I wondered what had happened to Dimingu. Just then he came in looking happy and well. We were sure that nobody at school would know about our story.

The news had gone to school already before us. As soon as the boys and girls saw us they burst into laughter and mocked us. " You two, tell us how sweet is the honey and hard do the bees sting?" We bent our heads in shame.

QUESTIONS

- a. What had the two children gone out to do that afternoon? (2 Marks)

- b. How do you know that the afternoon activity was not successful? (2 Marks)

c. What worried the children most? (2 Marks)

d. What punishment did the children think they were going to be given by their teacher (2 Marks)

e. Why did the other child wish she had fainted just as Dimingu?

f. Find a word in

i. Paragraph 1 that means Happiness (2 Marks)

ii. Paragraph 2 that means Vanished (2 Marks)

g. How did the medicine help?(2Marks)

h. Why were the children sure that nobody knew about their story? (2 Marks)

i. How did the two children know that all boys and girls already got the news about them? (2 Marks)

j. Give a title of the story. (2 Marks)

SECTION C (10 MARKS)

Change the following sentences from active to passive voice

4. Mercy rang the bell everyday

5. Are you holding a meeting today?

6. The school will pay a lot of money to the watchman

7. Do you really love me?

8. Samson cuts unproductive fruit trees from the gardener.

Make a sentence using each of the following words to show that you know the meaning

9. Abstain

10. Reach

11. Opportunity

12. Behind

13. Modern

SECTION D (40 MARKS)

Question 14 to 26. In each of the following questions, choose the correct word (s) (A, B, C, or D) that best complete(s) the sentences

14. John exchanges salt _____ wool

- A. with
- B. from
- C. for
- D. against

15. By the time he left our school, he _____ standard 8 for three years

- A. has taught
- B. will be teaching
- C. taught
- D. had taught

16. I would have told you if I _____ a full information

- A. had
- B. have had
- C. had had

D. will have

17. Either of the learners _____ not selected to secondary school.

- A. or
- B. nor
- C. Was
- D. Were

18. If I went to school, I _____ learn English

- A. Would
- B. Will
- C. Could
- D. May

19. The boy is _____ weak to lift a cage

- A. Very
- B. Too
- C. So
- D. Much

20. The doctor advised them to abstain _____ premarital sex
 A. From
 B. About
 C. For
 D. Against
21. She _____ a lot of money from her farm
 A. Get
 B. Have got
 C. Gets
 D. Was got
22. Of all the learners in class, Bauti is the _____ one
 A. Intelligent
 B. More intelligent
 C. Most intelligent
 D. Much more intelligent
23. Loveness _____ the examination next year
 A. Will write
 B. Could be writing
 C. Would be writing
 D. Would write
24. I came _____ my former teacher in Blantyre
 A. On
 B. After
 C. Over
 D. Across
25. Mellina saw a _____ of cars passing by.
 A. Bundle
 B. Fleet
 C. Crowd
 D. Group
26. The dog _____ bitten me if I had not seen it
 A. Should have
 B. Will have
 C. May have
 D. Would have

Question 27 to 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. He is going to his **fruit** garden
 A. Noun
 B. Adjective
 C. Adverb
 D. Pronoun
28. **Reading** is my hobby
 A. Noun
 B. Verb
 C. Adjective
 D. Pronoun
29. They will **air** the programme tonight
 A. Noun
 B. Adjective
 C. Verb
 D. Adverb
30. Emmanuel is **rather** slow
 A. Verb
 B. Pronoun
 C. Adjective
 D. Adverb
31. **Besides** teaching, he does farming
 A. Conjunction
 B. Verb
 C. Adverb
 D. Preposition
32. She got **off** the bus at the crossroads
 A. Adverb
 B. Preposition
 C. Verb
 D. Adjective
33. Tina has a **lovely** voice
 A. Adverb
 B. Preposition
 C. Interjection
 D. Preposition

34. **Alas!** He was my only friend
 A. Adjective
 B. Conjunction
 C. Interjection
 D. Preposition
35. Give her **whatever** she wants
 A. Pronoun
 B. Noun
 C. Conjunction
 D. Adverb
36. All late comers were asked to remain **behind**
 A. Preposition
 B. Noun
 C. Conjunction
 D. Adverb
37. Remember to mop the house **while** I am away
 A. Preposition
 B. Conjunction
 C. Adjective
 D. Adverb
38. The **boarding** master has resigned
 A. Noun
 B. Adjective
 C. Verb
 D. Pronoun
39. The shoes are **too** big for her
 A. Conjunction
 B. Preposition
 C. Adverb
 D. Adjective

Question 40 to 44. In each of the following questions, choose the correct question tag (A, B, C or D) for the statement

40. Let's all work hard this term _____?
 A. shall we

- B. don't we
 C. do we
 D. aren't we

41. Jacob won't come tomorrow _____?
 A. doesn't she
 B. wont she
 C. will he
 D. doesn't she
42. They hardly speak French _____?
 A. didn't they
 B. do they
 C. doesn't she
 D. did they
43. Jeremiah often repairs his bicycle under the tree _____?
 A. does he
 B. don't he
 C. doesn't he
 D. do he
44. Maria read a lot of articles _____?
 A. didn't she
 B. doesn't she
 C. don't she
 D. did she

Question 45 to 46. In each of the following questions, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the simile

45. Duwe is as _____ as wasps
 A. hungry
 B. afraid
 C. angry
 D. happy
46. As brief as _____
 A. noonday
 B. shilling
 C. devil
 D. dream

Question 47 and 48. In each of the following questions, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the proverb

47. Don't count your _____ before they are hatched

- A. chicks
- B. doves
- C. money
- D. ducks

48. Blood is _____ than water

- A. red
- B. thicker
- C. thinner
- D. important

Question 49 to 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.

49. If you don't get him in class, check at the ground

- A. Noun clause, object of preposition "at"
- B. Noun clause subject of "check"
- C. Adverb clause modifying "check"
- D. Adjective clause qualifying "ground"

50. He hasn't heard that Yankho left for school

- A. Noun clause object of "hasn't heard"
- B. Adjective clause qualifying "school"
- C. Adverb clause modifying "hasn't heard"
- D. Noun clause complement of "hasn't heard"

51. That was what the team deserved

- A. Noun clause object of "was"
- B. Adverb clause modifying "was"
- C. Noun clause object of "that"
- D. Noun clause complement of "was"

52. The rumour that is now everywhere in the village is not true

- A. Noun clause in apposition to noun "rumour"
- B. Adjective clause qualifying noun "rumour"
- C. Adverb clause modifying "is"
- D. Noun clause complement of "is"

53. As soon as it stopped raining, the sun blazed down once

- A. Noun clause subject of "blazed"
- B. Adjective clause qualifying noun "sun"
- C. Adverb clause modifying "stopped"
- D. Adverb clause modifying "blazed"

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