



CHIRADZULU DISTRICT EXAMINATION BOARD

2024 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE MOCK EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

(100 marks)

Time allowed: 2h 15min
8:00 am – 10:15 am

Monday, 18 March

Name of candidate _____

(Surname First)

Name of School _____

Instructions

- This paper contains **9** printed pages. Please check.
- Write your **Name** and Name of your school in the Spaces provided above.
- This paper consists of 4 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**. You should answer all questions in sections **B, C** and **D**.
- The first **10** minutes are for the reading the question and choosing the questions to answer from **section A**.
- Write all your answers to the questions in sections **A, B** and **C** in the spaces provided on the question paper. In section **D** encircle the letter representing the right Answer to each question.
- In the table on this page, tick against the question number you have answered apart from questions **14** to **53**
- Hand in your worked paper** to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

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 you are a parent and that your child got ill and is admitted to a hospital. Write a letter to the head teacher informing him / her about the sickness of your child. Include the following points in your letter.

Paragraph one

- The name of your child
- In which class is your child
- What the child is suffering from

Paragraph two

- When the child was admitted to the hospital
- The name of the hospital where the child is admitted to
- For how long the child has been in the hospital
- When you expect the child to be discharged

Paragraph three

- Two things which you promise to do when the child is discharged from the hospital for him / her to catch up

OR

2. Imagine that a certain animal is killing goats in your village. Write a composition about this animal. In your composition you may include the following points:

Paragraph one

- When the animal started killing goats
- Who first took note of this animal
- The number of goats that has been killed

Paragraph two

- What the villagers did after the first incident
- What the village head said when he was told about the incident.
- Where the animal hide

Paragraph three

- What the villagers are doing to try and stop this animal from killing their goats.
- What safety measures have been put in place by the government in order to protect its citizens

SECTION B (20 marks)

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

People in Chabwera village developed a habit of washing their clothes at Kanjeza River. Even the children liked washing as well as swimming in the river because they used to steal mangoes along the way.

Malita and her mother could also go to the river and wash their clothes too. However, Mrs. Bwana never allowed her children Malita and Kate to go swimming on their own. She feared that they might drown or be bitten by crocodiles.

One day, Malita and her two friends from the neighbouring houses agreed to go to the river. These girls were best friends because they had similar interests.

“Let’s use this shortcut route,” Chisomo whispered to her friends. “Yeah! I was thinking about the same thing,”

Whispered Annie. The mangoes must be ripe by now. They used the shortcut so that they could steal mangoes from Mrs Phiri’s garden. Annie saw that the route was blocked with a thorny bush. So they decided to jump over the thorny bush.

The other girls jumped very well but Malita accidentally stepped on a thorn and started crying. Her friends attempted to remove the thorn but they failed. They went back home without mangoes. Her friends helped her walk. When they arrived, they explained what had happened. Her mother removed the thorn. Then she warned Malita, “should you go and try to steal those mangoes again, and then you will face me here.” Malita knew what her mother meant.

Questions

- a) In which village did Malita and her friends live?
_____ (1 mark)
- b) Why did the children like going to the river?
_____ (2mark)
- c) Who were the two best friends of Malita?

_____ (2mark)
- d) What made these girls to become best friends?
_____ (2marks)
- e) Why did Mrs. Bwanali never allow her children to go to the river on their own?
_____ (2marks)
- f) What strange thing did the children find on their way to Mrs Phiri’s garden
_____ (2marks)
- g) Who brought the idea of using the shortcut?
_____ (1mark)
- h) Why did the children use the shortcut?
_____ (2marks)
- i) Give reason why did Malita start crying
_____ (2marks)
- j) Find words from the passage whose meaning is the same as follows:

- (i) Path _____ (1 mark)
 (ii) nearby _____ (1 mark)

SECTION C (10 marks)

Make sentences using the given words to show that you understand meaning

4. neither _____ (1 mark)
 5. by _____ (1 mark)
 6. pleased _____ (1 mark)
 7. strange _____ (1 mark)
 8. under _____ (1 mark)

Punctuate the following sentences appropriately:

9. He bought the following items mangoes tomatoes and onions _____ (1 mark)
 10. where were you yesterday Orama asked _____ (1 mark)
 11. alas my father no more _____ (1 mark)
 12. many learners do not work hard these days _____ (1 mark)
 13. Lilongwe the capital city of malawi is found in central region _____ (1 mark)

SECTION D (40 marks): MULTIPLE CHOICE

In Questions 14-26 choose the letter (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentences

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| <p>14. If all goes well, we _____ for America next month.
 A. Are leaving
 B. Would leave
 C. Will leave
 D. Would have left</p> <p>15. The aeroplane disappeared _____ thick clouds.
 A. In
 B. Into
 C. On
 D. Over</p> <p>16. Her case was heard by a _____ of five judges.
 A. Group
 B. Panel
 C. Team
 D. Crew</p> | <p>17. The captain, not the supporters _____ responsible for instigating violence.
 A. Was
 B. Were
 C. Are
 D. Have been</p> <p>18. This stone is _____ heavy to be lifted by one man.
 A. very
 B. so
 C. too
 D. more</p> <p>19. Our head boy _____ good English.
 A. Speak
 B. Spoken
 C. Speaking
 D. Speaks</p> <p>20. The won not only the super league, _____ also the Airtel Top Eight.
 A. And</p> |
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- B. With
C. But
D. Including
21. The month of June is associated _____ cold weather.
A. With
B. By
C. For
D. At
22. Watipatsa did her household chores _____ the day.
A. In
B. By
C. During
D. For
23. A _____ of thieves was intercepted by the police.
A. Team
B. Gang
C. Club
D. Group
24. I saw them running _____ the corner.
A. At
B. Round
C. Around
D. On
25. Whenever Talandira comes, he always _____ us.
A. Sees
B. See
C. Will see
D. Would see
26. My aunt as well as your brothers _____ here waiting for you.
A. Are
B. Was
C. Were
D. Have been

In Question 27-39 choose the letter A, B, C or D that represents part of speech.

27. They gave us was too hot to drink.
A. Adverb
B. Verb
C. Adjective
D. Preposition

28. The learners were working during the day at school.
A. Verb
B. Conjunction
C. Preposition
D. Adverb
29. This is winding and bumpy.
A. Adjective
B. Verb
C. Noun
D. Conjunction
30. Much has been said already by our teacher.
A. Adjective
B. Noun
C. Pronoun
D. Verb
31. This is a government building that was destroyed by Cyclone Freddy.
A. Noun
B. Verb
C. Adverb
D. Adjective
32. Every move he made was painful.
A. Noun
B. Verb
C. Pronoun
D. Adjective
33. She looked worried after we had a talk.
A. Noun
B. Preposition
C. Verb
D. Adverb
34. Her voice was very lovely.
A. Noun
B. Adjective
C. Adverb
D. Verb
35. Her teacher accused him of being troublesome.
A. Conjunction
B. Adjective
C. Verb
D. Adverb

36. When they get together, all they talk about is football.

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

37. The young man looked disturbed by what he saw.

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

38. I'm not sure if you are ready for exams.

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

39. Are you sleeping now?

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

In questions 40-44, choose the letter (A, B, C or D) that best completes the question tag.

40. You must wash these clothes, _____?

- A. Should you
- B. Shouldn't you
- C. Must you
- D. Mustn't you

41. He hardly ate anything, _____?

- A. Doesn't he
- B. Does he
- C. Didn't he
- D. Did he

42. There are many noise makers in this class, _____?

- A. Aren't they
- B. Don't they
- C. Aren't there
- D. Are there

43. Yankho put her books here last night, _____?

- A. Did she

- B. Doesn't she
- C. Does she
- D. Didn't she

44. One good turn deserves another, _____?

- A. Will they
- B. Wont it
- C. Doesn't it
- D. Don't they

In questions 45-46, choose the letter (A, B, C or D) that best completes the proverb.

45. By other's _____, wise men correct their own.

- A. Attitudes
- B. Faults
- C. Mistakes
- D. Skills

46. Call a _____ by its name.

- A. Dog
- B. Deer
- C. Spade
- D. Spoon

In questions 47-48, choose the letter (A, B, or D) that best completes the simile

47. I did not know that the box was as _____ as a feather.

- A. Right
- B. Light
- C. Tight
- D. Bright

48. Her teeth are as _____ as razor that can cut anything.

- A. White
- B. Shiny
- C. Blunt
- D. Sharp

In questions 49-53, choose the letter that represents the correct type and function of the underlined clauses.

49. I was in the room when I saw a snake.

- A. Adverb clause, modifying 'was'
- B. Noun clause, object of 'was'
- C. Adjective clause, qualifying 'room'
- D. Noun clause, in apposition to 'room'

50. The rumour that we heard is completely false.

- A. Noun clause, in apposition to 'rumour'
- B. Adverb clause, modifying 'is'
- C. Adjective clause, qualifying 'rumour'
- D. Noun clause, subject of 'is'

51. The police officer knew where the thieves had hidden their stolen items.

- A. Adverb clause, modifying 'knew'
- B. Noun clause, object of 'knew'
- C. Noun clause, complement of 'knew'
- D. Adjective clause, qualifying 'police officer'

52. The belief that we will all die shocks everyone.

- A. Adjective clause, qualifying 'belief'
- B. Adverb clause, modifying 'shocks'
- C. Noun clause, subject of 'shocks'
- D. Noun clause in apposition to 'belief'

53. He stopped where he had dropped his wallet.

- A. Noun clause, object of 'stopped'
- B. Adverb clause, modifying 'stopped'
- C. Noun clause, complement of 'stopped'
- D. Noun clause, subject of 'stopped'

THE END OF QUESTIONS

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