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ENGLISH

(100 MARKS)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- This paper contains 8 printed papers. Please check.
- Write your name and the name of your school in the spaces provided and your examination number on top of each page of this question paper
- This paper consists of 4 sections. **A, B, C** and **D**. You are expected to answer all questions

IMPORTANCE

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

Questions number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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Turn Over

Answer one question from this section. Write between **100** and **150** words.

EITHER

1. Imagine that the head teacher's office at your school was damaged by strong winds. Write a report to the Member of parliament of your area asking him / her for assistance.

In your report include the following points:

❖ **Paragraph 1**

- ✓ Name of school where the incident took place.
- ✓ When the incident took place.
- ✓ Any two friends you were with at the time of the incident.

❖ **Paragraph 2**

- ✓ What you were doing during the incident.
- ✓ Any two things that were damaged by the winds at the school

❖ **Paragraph 3**

- ✓ Any two ways in which the incident has affected activities at your school
- ✓ What people did to protect property during the incident.
- ✓ Any two ways in which you want the Member of parliament to assist the school

OR

2. Imagine that you had preparing holiday. Write a composition entitled "**MY HOLIDAY PLANS**" In your composition include the following information:

❖ **Paragraph 1**

- ✓ When are you going on holiday?
- ✓ Where are you going to spend your holiday?
- ✓ With whom are you going?

❖ **Paragraph 2**

- ✓ Why do you want to go there?
- ✓ Explain other things you want to do there?

❖ **Paragraph 3**

- ✓ What type of transport are you going to use?
- ✓ State reasons why you have chosen that type of transport

SECTION B (20 MARKS)**COMPREHENSION**

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

Madalo walked home from school with her brother Sayile. They talked and laughed together. It was Friday and they were looking forward to the weekend. Their uncle, Thoko promised to come and take them to the lake. They looked forward to seeing Lake Malawi. Their friends at school admired them. They were all excited as it would be their first time to see the lake.

When the day came, they woke up very early. Their parents told them to go back to sleep but they were busy preparing for the journey. They packed their brushes, brushed their teeth and later had a bath. Their mother prepared special breakfast for them. By the time they finished taking their breakfast, their uncle arrived. "Are you ready to go?" Uncle asked them. "Yes!" They responded.

They got into the car. Uncle Thoko asked them to fasten their seat belts and he started off. When they reached Liwonde, Uncle Thoko stopped the car. He told them that they would buy some drinks while seeing Shire River. Sayile, the eldest brother, said that he wanted to swim. He told his uncle that he knew how to swim saying he had learnt it while at school. Uncle Thoko allowed him to swim.

Sayile started swimming and he enjoyed himself and did not want to stop. His uncle called him to proceed with the journey. Instead of coming back, Sayile waved at them and went on swimming. Little did he know that the weather had changed. It was now windy. When Sayile noticed the change of weather, he thought of returning. As much as he tried to return, the waves pushed him back. He was tired. He shouted for help.

Uncle Thoko and Madalo were worried. Uncle Thoko rushed to a nearby police station where he reported the incident. A group of police officers came. Immediately they jumped into the water to look for him. After some minutes they found Sayile. He was tired and weak. They took him to the police station where he was given some first aid. The police officers asked them to rest for a day there. The following day, they started off the lake.

Questions

- a) Where were Madalo and her brother coming from on Friday? (1 mark)

- b) Why were Madalo and Sayile eagerly looking forward to the weekend? (2 marks)

- c) Give a reason why Madalo and her brother woke up very early on that day? (1 mark)

- d) Why did friends at school admire Madalo and Sayile?? (2 marks)

- e) Mention any two things they did at Liwonde. (2 marks)
 (i) _____
 (ii) _____
- f) Why did Sayile shout as he swam? (2 marks)

- g) Why did Sayile’s uncle rush to a nearby police station? (2 marks)

- h) How did the men manage to help Sayile? (2 marks)

- i) Give a reason why Sayile was given first aid? (2 marks)

- j) Find a word in :
- (i) Paragraph 2 of the passage that means “answered” (1mark)

- (ii) Paragraph 4 of the passage that means “continue) (1 mark)

SECTION C (10 MARKS)

Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech.

4. Direct : “We will escort you tomorrow,” said the children. (1mark)
 Indirect: _____
5. Direct : “The learners wrote good letters,” the teacher said. (1mark)
 Indirect: _____
6. Direct : “I am playing football,” he said. (1mark)
 Indirect: _____
7. Direct : “I have eaten some food today,” the patient said. (1mark)
 Indirect: _____
8. Direct : “Sit down,” the teacher told Takondwa. (1mark)
 Indirect: _____

23. Ladies prefer singing _____ dancing.
 A. At C. For
 B. Than D. To
24. The robbers entered into the room _____ the window.
 A. Down C. Through
 B. Into D. Cross
25. The dog _____ bitten me if I had not seen it.
 A. Should have C. May have
 B. Will have D. Would have
26. They _____ to plant trees in time last year.
 A. Have failed
 B. Fail D. Has failed
27. The sick child leaned _____ the wall.
 A. Against C. Around
 B. Besides D. Towards
28. We will pass the exams _____ good grades.
 A. By C. On
 B. With D. At

Question 29– 41; In each of the following questions, choose the correct part of speech(A,B,C or D) for each of the underlined words

29. He was always troublesome in class.
 A. Preposition C. Adjective
 B. Verb D. Adverb
30. We rushed towards the lake to see the new ship
 A. Adverb C. Adjective
 B. Preposition D. Conjunction
31. Blessings went to cheer the sick.
 A. Article C. Adverb
 B. Adjective D. Noun
32. This dress is too big for my sister.
 A. Conjunction C. Adverb
 B. Adjective D. Preposition
33. Alas! I 'll never see her again.
 A. Conjunction C. Adverb
 B. Preposition D. Interjection

34. The day it rained , I was in class.
 A. Verb C. Noun
 B. Adverb D. Adjective
35. The work was so exhausting that we could not finish it.
 A. Noun C. Article
 B. Adjective D. Verb
36. Lumbani has a lovely voice.
 A. Adjective C. Preposition
 B. Verb D. Adverb
37. His uncle is a driver.
 A. Pronoun C. Adjective
 B. Noun D. Preposition
38. Though she was sick, she came to school.
 A. Preposition C. Adverb
 B. Adjective D. Conjunction
39. Her mother is eating unripe mangoes.
 A. Adverb C. Preposition
 B. Conjunction D. Adjective
40. The sun rises from the east.
 A. Adverb C. Adjective
 B. Verb D. Preposition
41. Share these mangoes among those girls.
 A. Conjunction C. Preposition
 B. Adjective D. Adverb

Question 42 – 44. In each of the following questions, choose the correct question tag (A,B,C or D)for the statement.

42. They asked us to forgive her, _____?
 A. Didn't they C. Did they
 B. Do they D. Don't they
43. They have never met before _____?
 A. Did they C. Didn't they
 B. Haven't they D. Have they
44. He hardly believes what I say, _____?
 A. Do he C. Didn't he
 B. Does he D. Doesn't he

Questions 45 – 46. In each of the following question. Choose the word (A,B,C or D)that best completes the smile.

45. It looked as huge as _____
 A. a chimpanzee C. an elephant
 B. a buffalo D. an giraffe
46. The panga was sharp as _____
 A. a sickle C. an axe
 B. b Slasher D. an knife

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

47. A sleeping _____ never catches a rat.
 A. Pig C. Snake
 B. Cat D. Dog
48. An apple a day keeps the _____ away.
 A. Doctor C. Nurse
 B. Matron D. Patient

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.

49. We found the boy where he was hiding.
 A. Adjective clause, qualifying “boy”
 B. Noun clause, object of “found”

- C. Adverb clause, modifying “found “
 D. Noun clause, in apposition to “ boy”
50. All things which had been stolen were recovered.
 A. Noun clause, object of “were recovered”
 B. Adverb clause, modifying “were recovered”
 C. Noun clause, in apposition to “ things”
 D. Adjective clause, qualifying things”
51. What he does worries his parents.
 A. Adverb clause, modifying “worries”
 B. Noun clause, subject of “worries”
 C. Adjective clause, qualifying “parents”
 D. Noun clause, in apposition to “parents”
52. I have bought a dress so that I can give it to my mother.
 A. Adjective clause, qualifying “dress”
 B. Noun clause, modifying “have bought”
 C. Noun clause, object of “have”
 D. Adverb clause, modifying “have bought”
53. The accusation that I am lazy is baseless.
 A. Adjective clause, qualifying “accusation”
 B. Adverb clause, modifying the verb “is”
 C. Noun clause, in apposition to “accusation”
 D. Noun clause, object of “is “

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