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2024 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE

MOCK EXAMINATIONS

ENGLISH

(100 MARKS)

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DATE: _____

TIME ALLOWED: 08:00 – 10:15

(2 hrs 15 min)

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

(Surname First)

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. **This paper contains 8 printed pages please check.**
2. Write your **name** and **name of your school** in the Spaces provided above and your examination Number.
3. This paper contains **4** sections **A, B, C** and **D**.
4. Answer one question only from section **A** and **all** Questions in sections **B, C** and **D**.
5. Write all your answers from section **A, B, C** in the Spaces provided on the question paper. In **Section D** encircle the letter representing the Right answer to each question.
6. The **first ten minutes** are for reading questions.
7. In the table provided on this page, tick against The question number you have answered apart from Questions **14 to 53**.
8. Hand in your question paper to the invigilator When time is called stop writing.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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SECTION A (30 MARKS)

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

EITHER

1. Write a report on a successful farmer in your area. In se the following guidelines to write your report.

Paragraph 1

- What is the name of the successful farmer?
- What type of farming is he or she practicing?
- For how long has he or she been in this type of farming?

Paragraph 2

- What type of crops or animals is he or she keeping?
- What things make his or her farming prosper?

Paragraph 3

- What problems do you think the owner face?
- What successes has the owner achieved?

OR

2. Imagine that you are a Life Skills club member at your school. You have noticed high school dropout rate among girls due to early marriages. Write a letter to the District Social welfare Officer, P.O. 5454, Thyolo, entitled “Impacts of early Marriages.” In your letter, include the following points.

Paragraph 1

- Where is the location of your school?
- What causes early marriages in your area?
- What do you think are the roles of Life Skills club at your school?

Paragraph 2

- Mention the effects of early marriages in your area.
- State ways of avoiding early marriages.

Paragraph 3

- What advice can you give to the girls who indulge in pre-marital sex?
- What kind of help do you need from Social welfare Officer?

SECTION B (20 MARKS)

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

Once upon a time in a country far away from Malawi, there were two thieves, Chimphona and Mangawa. One day, Chimphona heard about the rich chief called Mwaramoyo. He had a lot of wealth. Among other things, he had gold, silver, copper and diamond. Chimphona wanted to steal them. The other chief heard about the mineral too. He also decided to steal them. On their way to chief Mwaramoyo's village, the two thieves met. Although they were strangers they decided to make a rest together because the journey was too far. On the way, each found out why the other was going to the said village. They laughed and decided to work together. They would share the gold, silver, copper and diamond together. However, neither of them could be trusted. Secretly, Mangawa meant to cheat Chimphona. Secretly Chimphona meant to cheat Mangawa.

When the two thieves reached chief Mwaramoyo's village, they pretended to be poor blind men. Chief Mwaramoyo was a good man. He took them to his compound. He gave them food and a hut to sleep in. In the middle of the night, the compound was quiet. Mangawa wanted to steal the gold and silver and run away. Chimphona had a good plan. They would steal and hide them in an old dry well in the compound. In the morning, they would still be blind men in their hut. No one would suspect that they were thieves.

Mangawa agreed to the plan. They stole the gold and silver, put them in a big box and dropped them down the well. The next day, chief discovered that his gold and silver is gone. He sent men to look everywhere. But Chimphona was right no one suspected the two blind men.

QUESTIONS

a. Who are the thieves mentioned in the story?

_____ (2 marks)

b. Why did Mangawa and Chimphona decided to go to the village?

_____ (2 marks)

- c. Who was the chief of the compound?
_____ (1 mark)
- d. What did each of them secretly planned to do?
_____ (2 marks)
- e. Why did Chimphona and Mangawa planned to be poor blind men?

_____ (2 marks)
- f. Name any **one** thing the two thieves wanted to steal.
_____ (1 mark)
- g. What did the chief do after he discovered that his gold and silver is gone?

_____ (2 marks)
- h. Where did the thieves hide the stolen items?
_____ (2 marks)
- i. Why did the thieves decided to rest before they reached the compound? Give **one** reason.
_____ (2 marks)
- j. Find the word in the story which means the same as;
 - i. Silent _____
 - ii. Fence _____ (2 marks)
- k. Suggest a suitable tittle for the passage.
_____ (2 marks)

SECTION C (10 MARKS)

Change the following sentences from active to passive voices.

- 4. Standard 8 learners sing beautiful songs.

- 5. Anabel gave Esther a pair of trousers.

- 6. The hunter hide the dead goat in the house.

- 7. Our teacher won the prize.

- 8. Gracious drove the car too fast.

Make sentences using each of the following words to show that you understand their meanings.

- 9. Action
_____ (1 mark)
- 10. Across
_____ (1 mark)
- 11. Wonderful
_____ (1 mark)

12. Appear

(1 mark)

13. Audience

(1 mark)

SECTION: D**Questions 14 to 26**

In each of the following questions choose the words (A, B, C, D) that best complete (s) the sentence.

14. If I _____ rich enough, I would build a school.
 A. were C. have been
 B. had been D. am
15. As I am talking now, Alinafe is _____ bed.
 A. at C. on
 B. into D. onto
16. We are very sure we _____ win the game.
 A. can C. may
 B. will D. must
17. He usually _____ money from Mary.
 A. lend C. borrows
 B. lends D. borrow
18. The patient was admitted _____ Balaka district hospital.
 A. at C. into
 B. in D. to
19. John is trying to cope _____ modern life.
 A. up C. to
 B. with D. by
20. He looks after a large _____ of cattle.
 A. group C. herd

- B. crowd D. flock
21. Whenever he _____ home, he brings a gift.
 A. came C. will come
 B. has come D. comes
22. They _____ here for two years.
 A. lived C. live
 B. are living D. were living
23. Ley is very good _____ drawing.
 A. at C. in
 B. to D. on
24. I have some doubts _____ his honesty.
 A. about C. for
 B. to D. on
25. The car broke _____ on the way to the hospital.
 A. away C. down
 B. up D. off
26. All the students _____ Gerald speaks good English.
 A. accept C. expect
 B. except D. aspect

Questions 27 to 39

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

27. An Eagle swooped down on a chicken.

- A. noun C. pronoun
B. verb D. article
28. Have you sent someone to the party?
A. pronoun C. interjection
B. verb D. noun
29. Chikondi likes running although she is old.
A. article C. adverb
B. pronoun D. conjunction
30. A bird with a broken wing fell off the tree.
A. verb C. adjective
B. adverb D. noun
31. Hey! You can't go there.
A. interjection C. preposition
B. noun D. adjective
32. Honesty protects citizens.
A. noun C. adjective
B. pronoun D. article
33. They did most of the work during the day.
A. pronoun C. preposition
B. noun D. interjection
34. She is going home today.
A. adjective C. adverb
B. noun D. verb
35. The entrance to the cave was narrow.
A. interjection C. verb
B. preposition D. article
36. The swarm of locusts destroyed the crops.
A. pronoun C. noun
B. preposition D. conjunction
37. Mandevu wants to water the seedlings.
A. verb C. pronoun
B. noun D. preposition
38. I shall go where they go.
A. adjective C. conjunction

B. adverb D. preposition

39. Either John or Stella is sick.
A. adverb C. pronoun
B. preposition D. conjunction

Questions 40 to 44

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

40. Cheating does not pay. _____ ?
A. is it? C. doesn't it
B. isn't it D. does it
41. We could come early to school. _____ ?
A. should we C. couldn't we
B. could we D. shouldn't we?
42. Farmers sell their crops at the market. _____ ?
A. do they
B. don't they
C. does they
D. doesn't they
43. She will never fight back. _____ ?
A. won't she C. will she
B. isn't she D. can't she
44. Open the window. _____ ?
A. won't you C. wouldn't you
B. would you D. will you

Questions 45 and 46

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

45. There is no _____ without fire.
A. smoke C. wood
B. charcoal D. kitchen
46. Late comers always eat _____

- A. bread C. bones
B. meat D. rice

Questions 47 and 48

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

47. The waiter was as proud as _____.
A. hen C. duck
B. peacock D. pigeon
48. His luggage was as light as _____.
A. stone C. pillow
B. feather D. leaf

Questions 49 to 53

In each of the following choose the answer (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. adverb clause modifying "was."
B. noun clause object of "was."
C. noun clause object of "that."
D. noun clause complement of "was."
50. That was a place where I saw him.
A. adjective clause qualifying noun "place."
B. adverb clause modifying verb "was."

- C. noun clause complement of the verb "was."
D. noun clause object of the verb "was."

51. They are sleeping where I slept yesterday.

- A. adjective clause qualifying sleeping.
B. noun clause used as complement of a verb "are sleeping."
C. adverb clause modifying the verb "are sleeping."
D. noun clause in apposition to a noun "sleeping."

52. What he did surprised my sister.

- A. noun clause subject of the verb "surprised."
B. noun clause in apposition to "sister."
C. adjective clause qualifying "sister."
D. adverb clause modifying "surprised"

53. Daisy looks as if she is intelligent.

- A. noun clause subject of the verb "looks."
B. adverb clause modifies verb "looks."
C. adjective clause qualifies noun "Daisy."
D. adverb clause modifies noun "intelligent."

END OF QUESTION PAPER!!!!!!