



MITEKETE ZONAL EXAMINATION BOARD (MIZEB)

2024 MOCK III EXAMINATIONS FOR STD 8

ENGLISH

(100 MARKS)

Subject Number: P143

Time Allowed: 2 hours 15 mins

9:00 – 11:15 am

NAME: (Surname First) _____

SCHOOL _____ DATE: _____

1. This Paper contains 7 pages. Please check

2. Write your Name and Examination number on top of this question paper

3. This paper consists of 4 sections: A, B, C and D

4. The first 10 minutes are for reading the questions and choosing the questions to answer from section A.

5. Write all your answers to the question in the spaces provided in sections A, B and C. in Section D encircle the letter representing the right answer in each question.

6. In the table provided on this page, tick against the question number you have answered apart from question 14 to 53.

7. Hand in your worked question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Question Number	Tick 1 – 5 if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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SECTION A (30 MARKS)

EITHER

1. Imagine that recently your area experienced a terrible drought and your Member of Parliament has visited your area. Write a speech you would make about the terrible drought in presence of the Member of Parliament, the village Headman and community members.

In your speech, include the following information:

Paragraph 1:

- When people planted their crops
- When the drought started being experienced
- For how long was the drought experienced

Paragraph 2:

- How the drought has affected farming in your area
- Two ways through which the drought has affected people in your area
- What people are doing to deal with the effects of the drought.

Paragraph 3:

- What else do you think should be done to reduce the suffering of the people due to the drought
- How you want the Member of Parliament to assist people in your area

OR

2. Imagine that your bag got lost in a bus and fortunately it was found after two days. Write a letter to your parents informing them about the incident.

Paragraph 1:

- name of the place where you were going
- where the bag was put in the bus
- how you discovered that the bag was missing

paragraph 2:

- Where the bag was found
- Name of the person who found the bag
- How the bag was found

Paragraph 3:

- How you felt when the bag was found
- What you plan to do so that your bag does not get lost again

SECTION B (20 MARKS)

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

Tisunge used to go and collect firewood with her friends in the nearby forest. Her grandmother, Nangondo, could not afford to buy charcoal for their cooking.

One day , as they went into the forest, they met one of the forest guards, who carried a long rope and a gun on his shoulders. He wore a camouflage attire. They could not recognise him at first because of the way he dressed. However, one of the girls saw him and whispered to her friends, “Look girls, there is a man hiding behind that big tree, lets run away.” They started immediately, but as they tried to save their lives, two more guards appeared from inside the bush and ran after them.

As they were running, Tisunge slipped and fell down. She was caught by the guards. She tried to cry for help with a loud voice , “Help! Help! Help!” but no one was around to assist. The other girls kept running to save their lives.

When the girls arrived home, they went straight to tell Tisunge’s grandmother what had happened. The grandmother jumped and ran around her house crying. She went to report the matter to the village head quickly, who immediately called for a gathering. When he reported the issue to the villager, they all agreed to go to the forest to search for Tisunge. They carried different weapons like panga knives, arrows, ropes and sharp knives.

After searching for almost a full day, they found her under a big tree very weak, undressed, tied with a rope on both her legs and hands. She was raped and her clothes were torn into pieces. The villagers untied her and clothed her with wrappers. They took her to the village clinic while others kept searching for the guards till dark. They later returned home tired and helpless without catching any of the guards.

Questions

- a. Where did Tisunge and her grandmother live?
_____ (1 mark)
- b. Who was Nangondo?
_____ (1 mark)
- c. Mention two things which were carried by the guard
 - i. _____ (1 mark)
 - ii. _____ (1 mark)
- d. Why did the girls fail to recognise the guard at first?

_____ (2 marks)
- e. Why was Nangondo using firewood for cooking?
_____ (2 marks)
- f. How many guards were chasing the girls?
_____ (1 mark)
- g. How did Nangondo react when she was told that Tisunge was left in the forest?

_____ (1 mark)
- h. Why was Tisunge taken to the clinic?
_____ (2 marks)

i. Mention **two** things which the villagers carried when they were going to the forest.

i. _____ (1 mark)

ii. _____ (1 mark)

j. In what condition did the villagers find Tisunge? Give **one**.

_____ (1 mark)

k. In the passage, find a word in

i. Paragraph 4 which means meeting

_____ (1 mark)

ii. Paragraph 5 which means “naked”

_____ (1 mark)

l. Give a title for the passage.

_____ (2 marks)

SECTION C. (10 MARKS)

Change the following sentences from active to passive voice.

4. Active voice: Thandi had seen the lion.

Passive voice _____ (1 mark)

5. Active voice: The teacher was reading out the names.

Passive voice _____ (1 mark)

6. Active voice: Mavuto chased the noisy birds away.

Passive voice _____ (1 mark)

7. Active voice: Are they eating mangoes.

Passive voice _____ (1 mark)

8. Active voice: Khawaleya wrote me the letter.

Passive voice _____ (1 mark)

Make a sentence using each of the following words to show that you understand its meaning.

9. ready

_____ (1 mark)

10. enter

_____ (1 mark)

11. wealth

_____ (1 mark)

12. real

_____ (1 mark)

13. near

_____ (1 mark)

SECTION D (40 MARKS)

Questions 14 to 26

Choose the word(s) (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentence.

14. The aeroplane disappeared _____ thick cloud

A. over

B. in

C. at

D. into

15. Madalo and Tiwonge are _____ ill.

A. both

B. all

C. either

D. each

16. Mr. Phiri worked _____ the clock to become rich.
 A. throughout B. along
 C. around D. during
17. The sun was _____ hot that we decided to sit under the tree.
 A. too B. rather
 C. so D. very
18. I would have been able to meet him if he _____
 A. called B. calls
 C. would have called D. had called
19. _____ working hard, he harvested very little.
 A. although B. despite
 C. unless D. unlike
20. You _____ write your examinations this year, won't you?
 A. will B. can
 C. will not D. would
21. Dan is not ashamed _____ his behaviour.
 A. at B. of
 C. on D. with
22. John owns a large _____ of sheep.
 A. flock B. herd
 C. fleet D. pack
23. The teacher praised him _____ his hard work.
 A. about B. on
 C. over D. for
24. We did not find Tiwonge at his home because he _____ to play.
 A. went B. would go
 C. had gone D. goes
25. Thoko did not want to be reminded _____ his past.
 A. about B. of
 C. for D. on
26. The ministers saw _____ the president at the airport yesterday.
 A. at B. of
 C. off D. on

Questions 27 to 39

Choose the correct part of speech (A, B, C or D) for the underlined words.

27. We must help ourselves first.
 A. adjective B. pronoun
 C. noun D. adverb

28. I haven't seen him since yesterday.
 A. conjunction B. noun
 C. preposition D. adverb
29. We usually fish at night.
 A. adjective B. adverb
 C. noun D. verb
30. They agreed to follow classroom rules.
 A. preposition B. adjective
 C. noun D. verb
31. Are you sure you have had enough?
 A. noun B. pronoun
 C. preposition D. adverb
32. The two athletes run across the field.
 A. adverb B. adjective
 C. preposition D. noun
33. After she had eaten, she slept.
 A. conjunction B. adverb
 C. preposition D. verb
34. All late comers were told to remain behind.
 A. noun B. conjunction
 C. preposition D. adverb
35. Oranges taste nice.
 A. adverb B. adjective
 C. interjection D. verb
36. Josaya has a lovely voice.
 A. verb B. conjunction
 C. adverb D. adjective
37. We have no say in this matter.
 A. verb B. noun
 C. adverb D. preposition
38. This dam is not deep.
 A. adverb B. adjective
 C. conjunction D. verb
39. We kept waiting until late in the afternoon.
 A. preposition B. conjunction
 C. verb D. adverb

Questions 40 to 44

Choose the correct question tag (A, B, C or D) for the statement.

40. We caught him red handed, _____?
 A. didn't we B. don't we
 C. did we D. do we
41. There was nobody in the room, _____?
 A. wasn't there B. is there

- C. was there D. isn't there
42. That's not true, _____?
 A. does it B. is it
 C. doesn't it D. isn't it
43. She hardly speaks English, _____?
 A. didn't she B. does she
 C. doesn't she D. did she
44. Chimwemwe and I are friends, _____?
 A. aren't they B. are they
 C. are we D. aren't we

Question 45 to 46

Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the proverb.

45. Late comers always eat _____
 A. bread B. bones
 C. fast D. poorly
46. Practice makes _____
 A. training B. easy
 C. perfect D. a win

Questions 47 to 48

Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the simile.

47. The animal was as harmless as a _____
 A. goat B. water
 C. star D. baby
48. He was as wet as a _____
 A. dog B. cat
 C. fish D. rat

Question 49 to 53

Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) that gives the correct type of clause and the function of the underlined clause.

49. He gets up so early that we hardly see him in the morning.
 A. adverb clause, modifying 'gets'
 B. adjective clause, qualifying 'he'
 C. adverb clause, modifying 'so early'
 D. noun clause, object of 'gets'
50. It happened during the period when the electricity was cut off.
 A. adjective clause, qualifies 'period'
 B. adverb clause, modifies 'was'
 C. noun clause, object of 'period'
 D. adverb clause, modifies 'happened'
51. The news that he had failed shocked his friends.
 A. adjective clause, qualifying 'news'
 B. adverb clause, modifying 'shocked'
 C. noun clause, in apposition to 'news'
 D. noun clause, subject of 'shocked'
52. How he behaved angered them all.
 A. adjective clause, qualifying 'them'
 B. noun clause, subject of 'angered'
 C. adverb clause modifying 'angered'
 D. adverb clause, modifying 'behaved'
53. Though he was late, he came at last.
 A. noun clause, subject of 'came'
 B. adverb clause, modifying 'was late'
 C. adjective clause, qualifying 'he'
 D. adverb clause, modifying 'came'

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