



# ST. ANTHONY ZONE

2024 Primary School Leaving Certificate EXAMINATION

## ENGLISH

(100 MARKS)

Time allowed: 2hours

8.00 – 10.00 am

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

(Surname First)

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Write your name and name of your school on top of this paper
2. This paper has 6pages
3. Stop writing and Surrender your paper to invigilator once told to do so.

### SECTION A (30MARKS)

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

1. Imagine that you lost a cell phone. write a letter to the police informing them about the cell phone you reported lost, but is now found.

#### Paragraph 1

- Tell them about the lost phone you reported
- Tell them what you did to find it.

#### Paragraph 2

- Tell them that you found the phone
- Where you found it

#### Paragraph 3

- Tell them who the phone was found with
- Tell them how you found it
- Thank them for the assistance they gave you

OR

2. Imagine that your parents/guardians were giving you some health tips on how to take care of yourself. Write a composition on the importance of caring for yourself. In your composition, include the following information

#### Paragraph 1

- The food you need to eat
- How often do you need to eat per day?
- How do you care for food?

#### Paragraph 2

- How many times do you need to take a bath everyday?
- What do you need to do with your clothes?
- What sporting activities do you need to do?



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

Rafick is physically impaired. His legs were paralyzed while he was young. Rafick is now confined to a wheel chair and can not go a long distance on his own. His brother, Mwayi, helps him by pushing the wheel chair.

Although Rafick was paralyzed, his parents sent him to school, where he worked hard. He passed his form four examinations very well. However, he was not selected to go to university. He decided to start a business in his area. He opened a small shop at Bwerani Trading Centre.

At first, Rafick was making a lot of money because there were very few shops at the trading centre. After sometime, other people came to open similar businesses. As a result, there was a lot of competition among the traders. So Rafick did not make a lot of money from his shop as he used to.

Rafick decided to acquire some skills for running his business. He enrolled for a course in business management at Thoyodo Skills Development Centre where he learned skills such as business planning, advertisement, customer care and monitoring of business activities through recording of purchases and sales.

When Rafick completed the course he became a skilled businessman and made a lot of profit from his shop. His business grew and he needed other people to assist him. Therefore, Rafick employed two people. Rafick monitored and recorded the sales everyday.

After three years, Rafick opened poultry and transport businesses. He kept both layers and broilers. He also had a big truck for carrying goods. He made a lot of money.

### QUESTIONS

- A. When did Rafick's legs get paralyzed? \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
- B. Who helped him to move around? \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
- C. How did Rafick perform at school? \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- D. How did Rafick earn a living? \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- E. After failing to secure a place at university, what did he do? \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- F. Why was Rafick able to make a lot of profit in his business at first? \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- G. What did Rafick do to improve his business? \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- H. Why did he decided to acquire some skills for running his business? \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Write down any two business skills he acquired at Thoyodo skills Development Centre \_\_\_\_\_

- J. Find a word in \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) Paragraph 4 of the passage that means 'get' \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
- (ii) Paragraph 5 of the passage that means 'help' \_\_\_\_\_ (1mark)
- K. Suggest the title of this story \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)

**Change the following sentences from Active to passive voice**

4. Active : Do you eat oranges?  
Passive \_\_\_\_\_
5. Active : The earthquake killed thirty people  
Passive: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Active : My wife will bring the food  
Passive: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Active: She ate all the food  
Passive: \_\_\_\_\_

Punctuate the following sentence correctly

8. John Magwaya a famous football player died last year  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

9. Steal \_\_\_\_\_
10. Fashion \_\_\_\_\_
11. Neat \_\_\_\_\_
12. Rich \_\_\_\_\_
13. Or \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D (40MARKS)**

**QUESTIONS 14 to 26**

In each of the following questions choose the word (A,B,C or D) that best completes the sentence

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| <p>14. She with her brothers _____ able to participate in the developmental activities of the area<br/>A. Are            C. Is<br/>B. Were         D. Was</p> <p>15. Every member of the netball team _____ fit for the game<br/>A. Was           C. Are<br/>B. Have been D. Were</p> <p>16. There has been a decrease _____ the price of tobacco</p> | <p>A. Of            C. About<br/>B. In            D. For</p> <p>17. I was terrified _____ dogs when I was young<br/>A. For           C. Of<br/>B. Against     D. At</p> <p>18. You are supposed to write your examinations _____ black ink.<br/>A. With         C. On<br/>B. By            D. In</p> <p>19. Either the pupils or the teacher _____ responsible for the damage<br/>A. Are           C. Were</p> |
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B. Is            D. Have been

20. Mrs Gama \_\_\_\_\_ her resignation letter  
A. Has withdrawn    C. Is withdraw  
B. Have withdrawn    D. Has withdrew
21. May I \_\_\_\_\_ one of your pens, please  
A. Lend            C. Borrow  
B. Borrowing    D. Lends
22. Mrs Kaumphawi is going to Blantyre \_\_\_\_\_ bus  
A. Using        C. On  
B. In            D. By
23. Janet is engaged \_\_\_\_\_ a European man  
A. By            C. For  
B. Into          D. To
24. Our headteacher speaks English fluently and so \_\_\_\_\_ our teacher.  
A. Did            C. Is  
B. Does          D. Is speaking
25. When I first met Janet, she \_\_\_\_\_ in Lilongwe for four years  
A. Had lived    C. Live  
B. Lived        D. Was living
26. We saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of birds in the sky  
A. Swarm        C. Gang  
B. Flock        D. Crowd

### QUESTIONS 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. You must fire him from work  
A. Verb        C. Adjective  
B. Noun        D. Adverb
28. The cook tasted the soup  
A. Pronoun    C. Noun  
B. Verb        D. Adjective
29. The school bus has just arrived  
A. Verb        C. Noun  
B. Preposition    D. Adjective
30. She will help you tomorrow  
A. Noun        C. Adverb

B. Adjective    D. Verb

31. We do most of our work during day time  
A. Adverb      C. Preposition  
B. Noun        D. Adjective
32. She ate an egg for breakfast  
A. Article      C. Preposition  
B. Adjective    D. Noun
33. She was called before she was ready  
A. Preposition    C. Verb  
B. Conjunction    D. Adverb
34. He went there to cheer the sick  
A. Verb        C. Adverb  
B. Preposition    D. Pronoun
35. Her mother is a teacher  
A. Pronoun      C. Adverb  
B. Preposition    D. Adjective
36. All were asked to attend the meeting  
A. Adjective     C. Verb  
B. Preposition    D. Pronoun
37. The bag I carried was so heavy  
A. Adjective    C. Verb  
B. Adverb        D. Preposition
38. Oops! The house has caught fire  
A. Interjection    C. Preposition  
B. Verb            D. Adjective
39. After she had finished working, she went home  
A. Conjunction    C. Pronoun  
B. Preposition     D. Noun

### QUESTIONS 40 TO 44

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

40. You eat too much these days, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Do you      C. Doesn't you  
B. Isn't it      D. Don't you
41. They barely play games at their school, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Does they    C. Aren't they  
B. Do they      D. Don't they

42. You must stay silent, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Musn't you C. Isn't it  
B. Do you D. Must you
43. They took a bath before going to bed, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Do they C. Didn't they  
B. Doesn't they D. Did they
44. Bring me a cup of tea, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Can you C. Can't you  
B. Do you D. Will you

#### QUESTIONS 45 and 46

In each of the following questions, choose the letter (A,B,C or D) that best complete the simile

45. Her dress is as clean as \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Water C. Sky  
B. A new pin D. Food
46. He is as dangerous as a \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Lion C. Fox  
B. Machine gun D. Tiger

#### QUESTIONS 47 and 48

In each of the following questions, choose the letter (A,B,C or D) that best completes the proverbs

47. A friend to all is a \_\_\_\_\_ to none  
A. Enemy C. Friend  
B. Coin D. Choice
48. An apple a day keeps the \_\_\_\_\_ away  
A. Doctor C. Food  
B. Disease D. Infection

#### 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.

49. It was so hot that we decided to stay in the water  
A. Noun clause, object of 'was'  
B. Adjective clause, qualifies, 'hot'  
C. Noun clause, in apposition to 'hot'  
D. Adverb clause, modifies, 'hot'
50. This is the place where I was born  
A. Adverb clause, modifies, 'place'  
B. Adjective clause, qualifies, 'place'  
C. Noun clause, object of, 'is'  
D. Noun clause, subject of the verb, 'was'
51. Have you decided what you will tell her?  
A. Adverb clause, modifies, 'decided'  
B. Noun clause, subject of, 'decided'  
C. Noun clause, object of, 'decided'  
D. Adjective clause, qualifies, 'you'
52. This is what our teacher taught us.  
A. Noun clause, complement of, 'is'  
B. Adjective clause, qualifies, 'teacher'  
C. Adverb clause, modifies, 'is'  
D. Noun clause, object of, 'is'
53. I called you so that we may discuss the matter fully  
A. Noun clause, object of, 'called'  
B. Adjective clause, qualifies, 'you'  
C. Noun clause, subject of, 'called'  
D. Adverb clause, modifies, 'called'

END OF QUESTIONS