

EXAMINATION: _____
ZOMBA RURAL DISTRICT EXAMINATING BOARD

2024 PSLCE MOCK EXAMINATION



ENGLISH

(100 marks)

Date: 3rd April, 2024

Time allowed: 2hrs

08:00 – 10:00 am

LEARNERS NAME: _____

(Surname first)

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____ ZONE: _____

Instructions:

1. This paper contains 8 pages. Please check.
2. You are expected to answer one question from **Section A**. Your composition should be between **100** and **150** words. You should answer **all** your questions in sections **B, C** and **D**.
3. The first ten minutes are for reading the questions.
4. Write all your answers to the question in sections **A, B** and **C** in the spaces provided on the question paper. **Section D** should be answered by encircling the correct answer.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
14 – 53			

5. IMPORTANT

- Please, make sure you have written your name, school name and zone on the question paper.

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- Please, hand in your filled in question paper to the **invigilator** at the end of the examination.

SECTION B (30 marks)

150 Answer **one** question only from this section on the lined space below. Write between **100** and **150** words.

EITHER

1. Imagine that you have been selected to Blantyre Secondary School, Post Office Box 128, Blantyre and your parents have failed to source money for your fees and other materials. Write a letter to the head teacher of the school and ask him/her to keep your place till the following year.

In your letter include the following points;

Paragraph 1

- Introduce yourself to the head teacher
- When you were selected
- Which School, Zone and district are you from

Paragraph 2

- Explain why you have failed to go to the school
- Tell him/her your plans

Paragraph 3

- Express your gratitude if he/she accepts your request.
- Any promise to him/her about your performance

OR

2. Write a composition of a journey you made. The title of the composition should be "THE JOURNEY I MADE" In your composition include the following points:

Paragraph 1

- When was the journey
- Where you went
- Means of transport you used

Paragraph 2

- How you prepared for the journey
- What you carried on that journey

Paragraph 3

- How did you enjoy the journey
- When you returned from the journey

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Section B (20 marks)

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

When a family has a sick person in hospital they try their best to give any assistance required by health personnel so as to save life of the sick. In case of an operation, the patient must be given blood. Some of the cases that require blood transfusion are emergencies and may not wait for family members to come and donate blood. For this reason, hospitals usually have blood stored in special bags under suitable conditions to ensure safety. A person who donate blood is called a recipient. Once a certain amount of blood is withdrawn from the blood bank it must be replaced. You are encouraged regularly to donate blood even though blood transfusion has no effects. A person can donate a pint of blood once every three months one time you donate a pint of blood, the body replaces the same in about three months.

Due to unwillingness of people to donate blood, hospitals place conditions to the family of the sick that at least somebody should donate blood to save their kin if he/she must receive blood. In this case if the hospital has compatible blood, they use it for transfusion and family member to replace the donated blood. Once the blood is free from diseases like HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and even malaria.

Questions

a. Why do family members give assistance to a sick person? (Give one reason) (2 mark)

b. Under what two situation a patient should be given blood? (2 marks)

c. Give a reason why blood is stored in a special bags (2 marks)

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d. What is the name given to the following people

(i) A person who receives blood _____ (1 marks)

(ii) A person who donates blood _____ (1 mark))

e. After how many months can a person donates blood for the next time? (2 marks)

f. Why do hospitals put a condition for family members to donate blood for their sick relatives?

(2 mark)

g. Mention three diseases the blood is screened against

_____ (1 mark)

_____ (1 mark)

_____ (1 mark)

h. Find a word in

(i) Paragraph 1 of the passage that means

"rescue" _____ (1 mark)

(ii) Paragraph 2 of the passage that means

"kept" _____ (1 mark)

(iii) Paragraph 3 of the passage that means

"do nothing" _____ (1 mark)

i. Give the tittle for the story (2 marks)

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SECTION C (10 marks)

Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech.

4. "What is your favourite food?" The teacher asked. (1 mark)
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5. John said, "I will go to school tomorrow." (1 mark)
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6. "I work hard at school," Chifundo said. (1 mark)
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7. "Sun rises in the east," he said. (1 mark)
-

8. "You answered correctly," Khama said.
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Make sentences using each of the following words to show that you understand its meaning.

9. before (1 mark)
-

10. excited (1 mark)
-

11. understood (1 mark)
-

12. neatly (1 mark)
-

13. decision (1 mark)
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SECTION D (40 marks)

Questions 14 to 46

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

14. If you _____ the flooded areas of the country, you would have felt pity.
- A. visit C. will visit
B. had visited D. have visited
15. they are accused _____ being thieves
- A. of C. at
B. with D. by
16. Whenever he _____ home, he brings his sisters gifts
- A. came C. comes
B. had come D. will come
17. In 2022 Mr. Banda _____ taught for twenty years
- A. Have been C. has been
B. Had been D. had
18. He is so tall _____ he can reach the roof.
- A. by C. that
B. can D. for
19. Emmanuel failed to build the house _____.
- A. because C. though
B. although D. therefore
20. You should inform the teacher _____ you are absent from school.
- A. if C. or
B. as D. and
21. Chilungamo saw a big canoe full _____ fish.
- A. with C. of
B. for D. by
22. _____ Malangoluka and Chiukepo are in Standard one.
- A. among C. between
B. neither D. bth
23. Soon I will be leaving _____ Chikhwawa.
- A. for C. to

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B. from

D. at

B. noun

D. pronoun

24. Today, a lot of people are talking _____ going back to school

A. over

C. about

B. of

D. on

25. I have _____ children in my class.

A. many

C. little

B. much

D. a little

26. This is my _____ of cattle.

A. swarm

C. group

B. herd

D. fleet

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. We eat quietly in the classroom.

A. Preposition

C. conjunction

B. adjective

D. adverb

28. Share these books among those girls

A. preposition

C. adverb

B. adjective

D. conjunction

29. Can I see you now?

A. verb

C. adverb

30. Wow! This dress is nice.

A. preposition

C. verb

B. interjection

D. pronoun

31. These men were laughing at me.

A. adverb

C. adjective

B. noun

D. preposition

32. A rabbit ran across the road

A. noun

C. conjunction

B. verb

D. preposition

33. Why did you do that?

A. pronoun

C. adverb

B. verb

D. adjective

34. Life really is interesting in the village.

A. adverb

C. noun

B. adjective

D. pronoun

35. The drivers body was smashed beyond recognition.

A. adjective

C. noun

B. conjunction

D. pronoun

36. Since he was sick, he didnt write the test.

A. Verb

C. preposition

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B. conjunction D. adverb

A. dont we C. are

B. do we D. arent we

37. The patient was given drugs every two hours.

A. Noun C. conjunction

B. adverb D. adjective

38. Make hay while the sun shines.

A. noun C. adverb

B. verb D. adjective

39. He will air the radio program tonight.

A. noun C. adverb

B. verb D. adjective

43. Trained players are needed, _____?

A. didnt they C. arent they

B. are they D. did they

44. There was nobody in the room, _____?

A. was there C. isnt there

B. wasnt there D. is there

Question 45 and 46

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

45. Atipatsa runs as faster as a _____.

A. lion C. zebra

B. cheetah D. giraffe

46. The waiter was as proud as a _____.

A. hen C. duck

B. pigeon D. peacock

Question 47 and 48

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

47. _____ beaten twice shy.

A. twice C. once

B. thrice D. five

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

40. The seldom go to church, _____?

A. doesnt they

B. does they

C. do they

D. dont they

41. I am a teacher, _____?

A. are I C. arent I

B. amnt I D. isnt I

42. We eat sugar every day, _____?

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48. One mans _____ is another mans poison.

- A. shirt C. fish
- B. guavas D. meat

Question 49 to 53

In each of the following questions, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that gives the correct type of the underlined clause and its function.

49. We shall cerebrate if our team wins the match.

- A. Noun clause, in apposition to noun "man"
- B. Adjective clause, qualifying noun "man"
- C. Adverb clause modifying "shall cerebrate"
- D. Noun clause, subject of "shall"

50. Why I do this is completely reasonable.

- A. Noun clause, subject of "is"
- B. Adverb clause, modifying "is"
- C. Noun clause complement of verb "is"
- D. Noun clause, object of "is"

51. I fell asleep as soon as I lied on the bed.

- A. Noun clause, object of "asleep"
- B. Adverb clause, modifying "fell"
- C. Noun clause, object of "fell asleep"
- D. Adverb clause, modifying "fell asleep"

52. The story I heard about Tatha was not true

- A. Adjective clause, qualifying "story"
- B. Noun clause, subject of "was not"
- C. Adverb clause, modifying "was not true"
- D. Noun clause, in apposition to "story"

53. When he got to Mzuzu he wrote me a letter.

- A. Noun clause, subject of "wrote"
- B. Adjective clause, qualifying "letter"
- C. Adverb clause, modifying of "wrote"
- D. Noun clause, complement of "wrote"

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End of Question Paper