

EXAMINATION NO: _____

THE CHIMUNGU ZONAL EXAMINATION BOARD 2025

PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE MOCK EXAMINATION



ENGLISH

(100 marks)

Subject Number: P052

Time Allowed: 2 h 15 mins

8:00 – 10:15 am

Date: 19/02/2025

Name of Candidate: _____
(Surname First)

Name of School: _____

Instructions

1. This paper contains 7 printed pages. Please check.
2. Write your **Name** and **Name of your School** in the spaces provided above and your **Examination Number** on top of each page of the question paper.
3. This paper consists of sections: **A, B, C** and **D**
4. You are expected to answer **one** question only from section **A**. your composition/letter should be between **100** and **150** words. You should answer **all** questions in Section **B** and **C** in the spaces provided.
5. The **first 10 minutes** are for reading the questions and choosing the question to answer from Section **A**.
6. Write **all** your answer to the questions in section **B**, and **C** in the spaces provided on the questions paper. In Section **D**, encircle the letter representing the right answer to each question.
7. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answer apart from questions **14** to **53**.
8. Hand in your worked question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Question number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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SECTION A: (30Marks)

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

Either

1. Imagine that you have gone on a transfer to a new school. Write a letter to your friend of the school you were. **In your letter include the following points:**

Paragraph 1

- The name of your new school
- Where the school is found
- When you arrived at the new school

Paragraph 2

- The number of classrooms the new school has
- The number of teachers at the school
- Any three interesting things at the new school

Paragraph 3

- When you expect to visit your friend
- Any two pieces of advice you can give your friend

OR

2. Write a composition entitled “MY FAVOURITE TRADITIONAL DANCE” In your composition include the following points

Paragraph 1

- Name of the dance
- Number of people who take part in the dance
- The occasions when the dance is performed

Paragraph 2

- How the dance is performed?
- State whether or not the dancers wear any attire when performing the dance
- Two instruments used in the dance

Paragraph 3

- State three reasons why you like the dance

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SECTION B (20 Marks)

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

When Zayekha was in standard Eight, there was a teacher called Mr Zalira. Zayekha liked the teacher very much and tried hard to please him. Apart from his teaching career, Mr Zalira also grew some cassava. Sometimes, when the teacher was in his garden, Zayekha would stand and watch him working.

One day, when the cassava were matured, the teacher invited his standard eight learners to his house. He said to them, “Could you please go into my garden and carry the cassava that I am going to sell at the market?”

Some of the learners raced into the garden, Zayekha was one of the first children to bring a load of cassava to fill the teacher’s basket. He didn’t find any problem working in that hot sun since he was used to helping his parents at home. He knew that he was helping his teacher at that moment. He brought several loads of cassava one after other several times. The other children were lazy and brought only small loads. Some simply played along the way and did not bring any. Finally, the teacher requested them to bring one more load each. This time all the children came out of the garden with cassava. Instead of having dump the cassava into his basket, he told them to stand in a queue. Each learner had his/her cassava with him/her. The teacher walked up down the queue. Some had only one cassava, some had two and others had many.

Then the teacher said, “You do not need to put these cassava into my basket, you may take them home,” Good work, Zayekha! Said Mr Zalira. Zayekha had a big smile on his face. He had brought the most cassava of all. He had so many that he could hardly carry them without dropping.

When Zayekha arrived home, his parents were very happy to see him with the cassava. They said to him, “We are proud of you.” You have learnt to work hard and to be helpful, this is your reward.

Questions

- a. In which class was Zayekha?
_____ (1mark)
- b. Mention two careers of Mr Zalira as read in the passage
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____ (2marks)
- c. Why did Zayekha find it easy to do the job?

_____ (2marks)
- d. Explain any two things to show that some of the children were lazy
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____ (2marks)
- e. What show that all the children obeyed their teacher’s final request?

_____ (2marks)

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- f. What did the teacher tell the learners to do with the last load of cassava? State any two things
- i. _____
- ii. _____ (2marks)
- g. Why did Zayekha had a big smile on his face?
- _____
- _____ (2marks)
- h. According to the passage what was the behaviour of Zayekha? State any two
- i. _____
- ii _____ (2marks)
- i. Find a word in the passage that means
- a. Ready for consumption (paragraph 2)
- _____ (1mark)
- b. Standing in arrow (paragraph 3)
- _____ (1mark)
- c. Ran very fast (paragraph 5)
- _____ (1mark)
- j. Suggest a title for the story
- _____
- _____ (2marks)

SECTION C (10Marks)

Choose the following sentences from active to passive voice

4. **Active:** The watchman keeps the keys.
- Passive:** _____ (1mark)
5. **Active:** Children cut many trees yesterday.
- Passive:** _____ (1mark)
6. **Active:** The chief will welcome the minister.
- Passive:** _____ (1mark)
7. **Active:** They have eaten all the mangoes.
- Passive:** _____ (1mark)
8. **Active:** Girls are playing netball.
- Passive:** _____ (1mark)

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

9. Quickly _____ (1mark)
10. Dream _____ (1mark)

11. Take _____ (1 mark)
12. Farmer _____ (1 mark)
13. Behind _____ (1 mark)

SECTION D (40 MARKS)

Questions 14 to 26. In each of the following questions, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentence.

14. Our teacher is dressed _____ blue today.
 A. With C On
 B. By D In
15. Many children in Africa dies _____ malaria.
 A. With C Of
 B. From D By
16. _____ Simeon and Gift are in standard eight
 A. Among C Between
 B. Neither D Both
17. Florence is sitting _____ the tree.
 A. In C Under
 B. On D At
18. Everyone is aware _____ the danger of smoking.
 A. Of C On
 B. About D To
19. He passed the examinations _____ good grades.
 A. By C On
 B. With D At
20. Children must always be obedient _____ their parents.
 A. To C For
 B. At D From
21. As I am talking now, Takondwa is _____ bed.
 A. On C In
 B. At D Into
22. He looks after a large _____ of cattle.
 A. Group C Flock
 B. Crowd D Herd
23. The dog _____ bitten me if I had not seen it.
 A. Should have C May have
 B. Would have D Will have

24. You can't board a plane _____ you have an air ticket.
 A. Unless C But
 B. If D Since
25. He usually _____ money from Mary
 A. Lend C Borrow
 B. Lends D Borrows
26. He _____ a teacher for ten years before he became the headmaster of our school.
 A. Has been C Was
 B. Had been D Were

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. Honesty protects citizens in a country
 A. Noun C Adjective
 B. Adverb D Preposition
28. I will go if you tell me what to do
 A. Pronoun C Adverb
 B. Preposition D Conjunction
29. A ruler is used for drawing straight lines
 A. Adverb C Adjective
 B. Verb D Noun
30. The sun rises from the east
 A. Adverb C Adjective
 B. Noun D Verb
31. He is sometimes troublesome in the class.
 A. Preposition C Verb
 B. Adverb D Adjective
32. Hey! What are you doing there?
 A. Adverb C Verb
 B. Noun D Interjection
33. Tamandani gave something to keep for her
 A. Pronoun C Adverb
 B. Noun D Verb
34. His uncle is a driver.

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- A. Pronoun C Adjective
B. Adverb D Preposition
35. You must go to the hospital today for check – up.
A. Adjective C Preposition
B. Noun D Adverb
36. Some learners took part in the competition
A. Preposition C Adjective
B. Pronoun D Adverb
37. All the men were asked to farm most of the arable land.
A. Noun C Adverb
B. Verb D Adjective
38. Nobody will agree to what you are saying
A. Adjective C Adverb
B. Pronoun D Noun
39. Ridging along the slope encourages soil erosion.
A. Preposition C Noun
B. Conjunction D Verb

Questions 40 to 44. In each of the following questions, choose the correct question tag (A, B, C or D) for the statement

40. Mrs Phiri went abroad, _____?
A. Didn't she C Wasn't she
B. Did she D Was she
41. She hardly speaks English, _____?
A. Didn't she C Does she
B. Doesn't she D Did she
42. I am like a sister to her, _____?
A. Am I C Can't I
B. Can I D Aren't I
43. The leaders told us to stay indoors yesterday, _____?
A. Didn't they C Hadn't they
B. Did they D Aren't I
44. I do not like gossip, _____?
A. Did I C Do I
B. Don't I D Didn't I

Questions 45 to 46. In each of the following, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that completes the simile.

45. Misheck runs as fast as a _____
A. Lion C Zebra
B. Giraffe D Cheetah

46. The child is as _____ as a sleep
A. Quiet C Shy
B. Beautiful D Nice

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

47. A stitch in time saves _____
A. Many C Two
B. Nine D One
48. Late comers always eat _____
A. Bread C Poorly
B. Fast D Bones

Questions 49 to 53. In each of the following questions, choose the letter (A, B, C or D) that gives the correct type of clause and its function

49. All things which he had stolen were recovered
A. Noun clause objective of "were recovered"
B. Adjective clause qualifying "things"
C. Adverb clause, modifying were recovered
D. Noun clause in apposition to "things"
50. You must not depend on what she says
A. Noun clause object of "on"
B. Adverb clause modifying "must not"
C. Noun clause object of "depend not depend"
D. Adverb clause modifying "must"
51. This is not what the doctor advised him
A. Adverb clause, modifying "is"
B. Noun clause, object of "is not"
C. Adverb clause, modifying "is not"
D. Noun clause, complement of "is not"
52. He was sent out of the room because he was making noise
A. Adjective clause, qualifying "room"
B. Noun clause, in apposition to room
C. Adverb clause, modifying "was sent"
D. Noun clause, object of "was"
53. The suggestion that we should write the test pleased us
A. Adjective clause, qualifying "suggestion"
B. Adverb clause, modifying "pleased"
C. Noun clause, subject of "pleased"
D. Noun clause in apposition to "suggestion"

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