



CHIPHoola EXAMINATIONS BOARD

2025 STANDARD 8 ASSESSMENT TEST

ENGLISH

(100 Marks)

Wednesday, 5 March

Time Allowed: 2h 15 min
8:00 – 10: 15 am

SECTION A (30 Marks)

1. Imagine that you are absent from school because you are sick. Write a letter to your class teacher telling him or her about your being absent from school.

In your letter include the following points:

Paragraph 1

- when you fell sick.
- what you are suffering from.
- symptoms or signs of the disease you are suffering from.

Paragraph 2

- what you did when you fell sick.
- how you are feeling now.
- one way in which the sickness has affected you.

Paragraph 3

- when you think you will come back to school.
- what you will do to catch up with your fellow classmates.

Blank lined writing area with 25 horizontal lines.

SECTION B (20 Marks)

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

Mussa village is near Likangala river. People in this village are farmers. They grow vegetables and maize on both sides of the river. They also do some fishing.

One day two children from Mussa village, Misonzi and Munyapa removed the road sign post which indicated a bridge ahead. Misonzi and Munyapa also removed the rails and iron sheets which protected the bridge. When the rains came, the soil on both sides of the bridge was eroded. The bridge became weak and was washed away by the rainy water.

One night Munyapa's aunt fell sick. People in Mussa village called for an ambulance. The ambulance driver did not know that he was approaching a bridge and worse still that part of the bridge had been washed away. Suddenly the ambulance fell into the river. Although the driver survived, the ambulance was badly damaged.

Munyapa's aunt was not taken to hospital. The same night, she died. News about the accident spread fast in Mussa village. Chief Mussa called his people to a meeting.

When the villagers had gathered, Chief Mussa stood up and, after greeting the people he said, "I hope you are all aware that the bridge on Likangala river was vandalized. The sign post which showed that there is a bridge ahead was removed. The rails and iron sheets which held the bridge were also removed. Who removed these things? It must have been people from this village."

"You have seen the consequences of removing sign posts. An ambulance which was coming to pick a patient from this village fell into the river. We need to repair our bridge immediately. However, when you go back, talk to your children about the importance of road signs and the bridge on Likangala River. In future anyone found removing these sign posts will be punished".

Questions

a. Where is Mussa village?

_____ (1 mark)

b. How do people in Mussa village earn their living? Give **two** points.

_____ (2 marks)

c. What did Misonzi and Munyapa do one day?

_____ (2 marks)

d. What happened to the ambulance?

_____ (2 marks)

e. Give **one** reason why Munyapa's aunt was not taken to hospital when she fell sick?

_____ (2 marks)

f. What did Chief Mussa do when the news about the accident spread?

_____ (1 mark)

- g. State **one** reason why sign posts are important on the road.

 (2 marks)
- h. In your opinion, who is responsible to take care of sign posts?

 (1 mark)
- i. What advice did Chief Mussa give his people?

 (2 marks)
- j. Find a word in
- i. **paragraph 2** of the passage that means “showed”

 (1 mark)
- ii. **paragraph 4** of the passage that means “passed away”

 (1 mark)
- iii. **paragraph 6** of the passage that means “bad results”

 (1 mark)
- k. Give the title of the story.

 (2 mark)

SECTION C. (10 Marks)

Change the following sentences from **active** to **passive** voice.

3. **Active:** She understands the questions.
Passive: _____
 (1 mark)
4. **Active:** The teacher gave me the money.
Passive: _____
 (1 mark)
5. **Active:** Mr Ngwata has taught Life skills.
Passive: _____
 (1 mark)

Change the following sentences from **direct** to **indirect** speech.

6. **Direct:** “We grew some maize in our garden”, Mervis said.
Indirect: _____
 (1 mark)
7. **Direct:** “Pigs are good animals”, the farmer said.
Indirect: _____
 (1 mark)

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

8. fetched: _____
 (1 mark)
9. back: _____
 (1 mark)
10. large: _____
 (1 mark)
11. fool: _____
 (1 mark)
12. against: _____
 (1 mark)

SECTION D (40 Marks)

Encircle a letter representing the right answer to each question.

Questions 13 to 25.

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

13. The clothes were packed _____ a black box
A. at C. on
B. in D. off
14. They can go _____ they want.
A. unless C. although
B. if D. however
15. Many children left school _____ of poverty.
A. because C. in spite
B. in case D. despite
16. We have no money to pay _____ the bus fare.
A. for C. with
B. upon D. about
17. Where did you _____ yesterday?
A. goes C. go
B. went D. going
18. _____ the three boys were punished.
A. Both C. Neither
B. Either D. All
19. The lorry fell _____ the river.
A. on C. into
B. at D. over
20. A bird flew _____ my head.
A. on C. over
B. at D. from
21. The thief jumped _____ the window.
A. through C. on
B. over D. at
22. Do not go to school _____ the rain stops.
A. if C. until
B. although D. because
23. A nurse cares _____ sick people in a hospital.
A. from C. after
B. for D. at
24. He laughs _____ me every time we meet.
A. at C. with
B. to D. for
25. Mr Chomanika _____ in an accident.
A. involves

- B. is involved
C. has being involved
D. has been involved

Questions 26 to 37

Choose the correct part of speech for each of the underlined words.

26. He looks after his father's cattle.
A. pronoun C. preposition
B. adverb D. conjunction
27. The books were on the table.
A. verb C. preposition
B. adverb D. adjective
28. Chisomo's parents died when he was two years old.
A. conjunction C. noun
B. pronoun D. adverb
29. I forgot about the plan completely.
A. pronoun C. noun
B. adjective D. adverb
30. She arrived at the village after dusk.
A. pronoun C. preposition
B. adverb D. noun
31. Mr Bakayawo doesn't know what to do.
A. noun C. adverb
B. conjunction D. pronoun
32. Janet broke her leg yesterday.
A. pronoun C. preposition
B. adjective D. conjunction
33. Will you come with me to the market?
A. conjunction C. verb
B. adverb D. pronoun
34. Atipatsa plucked tea leaves
A. adverb C. conjunction
B. noun D. adjective
35. Chikalasa sat down under a tree.
A. preposition C. adverb
B. pronoun D. adjective
36. She cuts her own hair.
A. adjective C. pronoun
B. adverb D. preposition
37. What he did has put us to shame.
A. noun C. interjection
B. adverb D. pronoun

Questions 38 to 42.

Choose the correct question tag for each of the following statements.

38. He is a rich man, _____ ?
A. is he C. does he
B. isn't he D. doesn't he

39. She helps her parents at home,
_____ ?

- A. does she C. isn't she
B. doesn't she D. is she

40. Snakes aren't good animals, _____ ?

- A. aren't they C. do they
B. are they D. don't they

41. A snake has no legs, _____ ?

- A. does it C. has it
B. hasn't it D. doesn't it

42. The cat ate the rat, _____ ?

- A. didn't it C. wasn't it
B. did it D. was it

Questions 43 and 44

Choose the word that best complete the simile

43. Her teeth are as _____ as flour.

A. strong C. beautiful

B. useful D. white

44. The girl is as fat as a _____ .

A. cow C. lion

B. pig D. zebra

Questions 45 to 47

Choose the word that best completes the proverb.

45. Don't cry over spilt _____ .

A. oil C. milk

B. paraffin D. water

46. One word is _____ to the wise.

A. useful C. enough

B. important D. necessary

47. _____ hay while the sun shines.

A. Cut C. Prepare

B. Make D. Dry

Questions 48 to 52

Choose the answer that gives the correct type of clause and its function. The clause has been underlined

48. Ligo is the boy I was telling you about.

- A. adverb clause, modifying "is"
B. noun clause, in apposition to "boy"
C. adjective clause, qualifying "boy"
D. noun clause, complement of "is".

49. We found the thief where he was hiding.

- A. adjective clause, qualifying "thief".
B. adverb clause, modifying "found"
C. noun clause, in apposition to "thief".
D. noun clause, object of "found".

50. Caroline was sent out of the room because she was making noise.

- A. noun clause, in apposition to "room"
B. adverb clause, modifying "was sent"
C. noun clause, object of "was sent"
D. adjective clause, qualifying "room"

51. The hospital which is near Namikango market has experienced doctors.

- A. adverb clause, modifying "has"
B. noun clause, subject of "has"
C. adjective clause, qualifying "hospital"
D. noun clause, in apposition to "hospital"

52. The message that Wonderful won a mini bus in the competition made his parents happy.

- A. noun clause, in apposition to "message"
B. adjective clause, qualifying "message"
C. noun clause, object of "made"
D. adverb clause, modifying "made"

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