

# MAJALIRO EXAMINATION BOARD

2025 PSLCE MOCK EXAMINATIONS

## ENGLISH

(100 marks)



Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2025

Time allowed: 2hrs

08:00 – 10:00 am

LEARNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(Surname first)

NAME OF SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions:

1. This paper contains 10 printed pages. Please check.
2. Write your name (Surname First) and name of the school in spaces provided above.
3. This paper consists of 4 sections: A, B, C and D.
4. You are expected to answer only one question from section A .Write between 100 and 150 words.
5. Write your answers in spaces provided in sections A, B and C. In section D, encircle the letter representing the correct answer.
6. Tick against the question number you have answered in the table provided on this page.
7. Hand in your completed question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Question numbers	Tick the questions if answered	Do not write in these column	
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## SECTION A (30 MARKS)

Answer one question only on the lined answer sheets on pages 3 and 4. Write between 100 and 150 words

### **EITHER**

1. Imagine that you are a shop Assistant .Recently ,thieves broke into the shop and stole some items .Write a report to the police informing them about the incident .In your report include the following points

#### **Paragraph 1**

- ❖ When the theft happened
- ❖ How the thieves entered the shop
- ❖ How you found out about the theft

#### **Paragraph 2**

- ❖ Items stolen from the shop
- ❖ Other damages done in the shop

#### **Paragraph 3**

- ❖ What you did to ensure security
- ❖ How you want the police to assist

### **OR**

2. Imagine that you read an advertisement that appeared in Tikhoza Newspaper in which Chisomo Company is looking for a shopkeeper .Write a letter applying for the job using the following address; The General Manager, Chisomo Company , P.O.Box 2129, Chokwanira .In your letter include the following points;

#### **Paragraph 1**

- ❖ The date you read the advertisement
- ❖ Indicate wether you are a male or female
- ❖ Indicate your age
- ❖ Qualification you have

#### **Paragraph 2**

- ❖ Two reasons why you want the job
- ❖ The responsibility you had at school related to this job

#### **Paragraph 3**





***Read the passage and answer the questions that follows***

Once upon a time all the animals lived together in a jungle .No animal lived in villages with people .However, life in the jungle was tough. The animals fought against one another all the time .The weaker animals especially the birds were always losing their family members in the fights. As a result, the animals kept moving from one place to another in search of safe place to live. However, cock and his family were never attacked

Soon news spread that cock had some magic .That was why his family was not being attacked .The birds called for a meeting .They wanted to know why cock was not being attacked.Cock told them that it is was the fire that he carried everywhere he went that made the animals afraid of him .The animals were afraid of him because they feared fire more than anything else.Cock said that the fire he carried could burn whoever came closer to him and his family

At the meeting, the birds agreed to make cock their leader .All the birds moved into one part of jungle .Cock placed his children at every entry point in the jungle. When the other animals tried to enter the jungle, they saw Cock`s children with their burning fire. No animal dared to come near this part of the jungle. Therefore, the birds were safe and happy. They went about their daily duties freely and happily

3. (a)Where did all the animal live?

\_\_\_\_\_1 mark

(b) What main problem did the animal have?

\_\_\_\_\_1 mark

(c)Why did the animals choose Cock as their leader?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_2marks

(d) What reason did cock give for his family not being attacked by other animals

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_2marks

(e) Why is it that other animals did not dare to enter the jungle?

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2marks

(f) What news was spreading about cock?

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1mark

(g) Why did the birds call for a meeting?

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2marks

(h) Why were the birds always losing their family members in the fights?

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2marks

(i) Were the birds right in choosing cock to be their leader? Give a reason for your answer

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2marks

(j) Find a word in

**Paragraph 1** of the passage that means “hard”

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1mark

**Paragraph 2** of the passage that means “invaded”

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1mark

**Paragraph 3** of the passage that means “gathering”

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1mark

(k) Suggest a title for the story

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2marks

**SECTION C (10 MARKS)**

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

4. Direct: “I am playing netball,” she said

Indirect: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Direct: “We went to town yesterday,” they said

Indirect: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Direct: “Come here,” the teacher said

Indirect: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Direct: "I will finish this work tomorrow," John said

Indirect: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Direct: "What are you looking for?" she asked

Indirect: \_\_\_\_\_

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

9. Escort: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Always \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Receive \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12. Door \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Decided \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D 14-26**

***In each of the following questions, choose the word A, B, C or D that best completes the sentences***

14. No sooner had we taken our dinner \_\_\_ the rains started.

- A. Then
- B. While
- C. Than
- D. That

15. Neither the plumbers nor the electrician \_\_\_ here yet.

- A. Is
- B. Are
- C. Was
- D. Were

16. All the \_\_\_ will serve a jail term of five years.

- A. Plaintiffs
- B. Convicts
- C. Suspects

D. Prospects

17. Everyone is aware \_\_\_ the dangers of smoking.

- A. About
- B. On
- C. Of
- D. To

18. Our teacher \_\_\_ us a present every week.

- A. Gives
- B. Has given
- C. Had given
- D. Gave

19. Michael was sorry \_\_\_ being rude.

- A. For
- B. At
- C. With
- D. To

20. I'm bad \_\_\_ remembering faces.

- A. In
- B. At
- C. With

- D. On
21. John and Mary ate rice \_\_\_ the same plate.
- A. By  
B. From  
C. With  
D. In
22. I was eager to participate \_\_\_ the competition.
- A. In  
B. For  
C. At  
D. On
23. He watched the game \_\_\_ silence.
- A. With  
B. In  
C. At  
D. By
24. \_\_\_ Maria had worked hard, she would have done well.
- A. If  
B. Unless  
C. Even though  
D. Although
25. If I went to secondary school, I \_\_\_ be very happy.
- A. Could  
B. Will  
C. Can  
D. Would
26. He was given a \_\_\_ of keys to keep
- A. Bunch  
B. Flock  
C. Bundle  
D. Shoal

*Question 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 sleep under a mosquito net.
- A. Verb  
B. Noun  
C. Adverb  
D. Adjective
28. "Long walk to freedom" is a book written by Nelson Mandela.
- A. Adjective

- B. Noun  
C. Verb  
D. Conjunction
29. This story is interesting.
- A. Noun  
B. Pronoun  
C. Verb  
D. Adjective
30. The thief escaped through the window.
- A. Pronoun  
B. Adverb  
C. Conjunction  
D. Preposition
31. Either of them managed to pass.
- A. Preposition  
B. Conjunction  
C. Pronoun  
D. Article
32. Alpha came here and didn't find you.
- A. Adverb  
B. Adjective  
C. Preposition  
D. Interjection
33. I left home before he arrived.
- A. Verb  
B. Conjunction  
C. Preposition  
D. Adverb
34. Studying is a solution to success.
- A. Noun  
B. Verb  
C. Conjunction  
D. Preposition
35. There have been cases of indiscipline at this school.
- A. Verb  
B. Preposition  
C. Noun  
D. Adjective
36. Aaah! she exied.
- A. Article  
B. Pronoun  
C. Exclamation  
D. Interjection
37. They table the issues to the main committee.



- A. Verb
- B. Noun
- C. Adverb
- D. Adjective

38. I need someone to assist me.

- A. Preposition
- B. Adjective
- C. Pronoun
- D. Article

39. Uliwa trading centre is their meeting place.

- A. Noun
- B. Pronoun
- C. Adjective
- D. Verb

**Question 40-44, in each of the following, choose the question tag that best complete the sentence**

40. She speaks good English \_\_\_?

- A. Do she
- B. Does she
- C. Doesn't she
- D. Did she

41. They seldom go to church, \_\_\_?

- A. Did they
- B. Didn't they
- C. Do they
- D. Don't they

42. Mrs Moyo taught her children household chore, \_\_\_?

- A. Did she
- B. Had she
- C. Didn't she
- D. Hadn't she

43. He rarely brushes his teeth, \_\_\_?

- A. Doesn't he
- B. Did he
- C. Does he
- D. Didn't he

44. Let us go shopping, \_\_\_?

- A. Shouldn't we
- B. Shall we
- C. Don't we
- D. Should we

**Question 45 and 46, In each of the following question choose the word (A,B,C or D) that best completes the simile**

45. The bank manager is as \_\_\_ as a fox.

- A. Cool
- B. Cunning
- C. Black
- D. Brave

46. The little girl was as \_\_\_ as a kitten.

- A. Mischievous
- B. Lazy
- C. Stubborn
- D. Proud

**Question 47 and 48, In each of the following questions choose the word A, B, C or D that best complete the proverb**

47. \_\_\_ is the best policy.

- A. Stitch
- B. Privacy
- C. Honesty
- D. Actions

48. The apple doesn't fall far from the \_\_\_

- A. Ground
- B. Hall
- C. Window
- D. Tree

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

49. I know the reason why she always comes late.

- A. Noun clause in apposition to 'reason'
- B. Adjective clause qualifying 'reason'
- C. Adverb clause, modifying 'know'
- D. Noun clause complement of 'know'

50. I do not agree with what he said.

- A. Noun clause object of preposition 'with'
- B. Adverb clause modifies 'do not agree'
- C. Noun clause subject of 'do not agree'
- D. Noun clause object of 'do not agree'

51. Whoever answered that question should have been more intelligent.

- A. Noun clause, subject of the verb  
`should have been`
- B. Noun clause, object of the verb  
`should have been`
- C. Adjective clause, qualifies  
`intelligent`
- D. Adverb clause, modifies `should  
have been`

52. The fact **that she failed the examinations** made her parents to stop paying for school fees.

- A. Noun clause object of made
- B. Noun clause in apposition to noun  
`fact`

- C. Adjective clause qualifying `fact`
  - D. Adverb clause modifies `fact`
53. **Although they are rich** he dresses simply.
- A. Adverb clause modifies `dresses`
  - B. Noun clause subject of the verb  
`dresses`
  - C. Adjective clause qualifies noun  
`dresses`
  - D. Adverb clause modifies `rich`

*End of question paper!!!*