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STANDARD 8

ENGLISH

(100 MARKS)

Subject number: P052

Time allowed: 2 hr.

Date: ____ / ____ / 2025

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____
(Surname first)

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

Instructions

1. This paper contains **8 pages** please check.
2. Write your **name** and **examination number** on space provided above.
3. This paper has four sections **A, B, C** and **D**
4. Follow instructions for each section Carefully.
5. You are expected to answer **one** question only from section **A**, composition or later should have **100 to 150** words. You should answer all questions in Section **B, C** and **D**.
6. Hand in your question paper to the invigilators when the time is called to stop writing.

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Lined paper for writing, consisting of 30 horizontal lines.

Section B (20 marks)**3.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dalitso learned at Gwangwa primary school. It was far from Dowa township. One morning, the head teacher of the school said "there will be a National Cross-Country championship in Dowa next month" Dalitso went home and meet Gibo, the wiseman. He told him about the race, "I want to be the fastest runner in the school" he said "I need some magic to help me." The wiseman gave Dalitso a necklace to wear around his neck.

"It is full of magic for you to make you strong, get up at five o'clock every morning, run to big tarmac road and back before the sun rises," the wiseman advised him.

The following morning, he ran to the tarmac road. it was a long way. His legs ached; his feet had sores. He ran back to the village before the sun had risen. He repeated this for many days. The day of the race at his school came. It was a long race. His two friends ahead of him got tired and he passe them.

"I have won! I am going to Dowa"

Dalitso went back to the wiseman, "will the magic work in Dowa?" "yes" Gibo said. Wake up at four o'clock, ran to the road and back twice before the sun rises"

Although it was dark, Dalitso ran. The magic grew stronger

As the day to go to Dowa approached, his farther gave him K1,000 to buy food. Dalitso could not sleep. He was too excited. He travelled by mini-bus to Dowa where he met other runners. Upon arrival, a stranger welcomed them. He told them that the winner would go to Tanzania for Africa cross-country championship. They would fly to Tanzania the following month.

"Go to Tanzania by aeroplane! I have magic necklace, I must win." Dalitso thought. The following morning, he woke up early to go for a run where he come across three strange men who were in front of him. They took away K1,000 his farther had given him. They also took away the necklace. Dalitso lost hope of winning.

Then the big day come, He had no magic to make his legs strong. As they started the race a strange thing happened. He felt his legs growing stronger and stronger. He ran fast and faster. He come level with the leader then passed him. He ran even faster. He saw the finishing line ahead of him and he come first. He then realized that his success was due to frequent practice and not the necklace.

It was announced that Dalitso Phiri will fly to Tanzania.

Questions.

- a. Name the school where Dalitso learned?
_____ (1 mark)
- b. What made Dalitso to take part in Dowa competition?

_____ (2 marks)
- c. Mention two things that happened when Dalitso practiced running on the first day
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____ (2 marks)
- d. Explain how Dalitso prepared the competition which was held in Dowa.

_____ (2 marks)
- e. Give one reason why Dalitso didn't sleep as the day of the race approached.

_____ (2 marks)

- f. What gave Dalitso confidence that he would fly to Tanzania
 _____ (2 marks)
- g. How did Dalitso lose the money his farther gave him?
 _____ (2 marks)
- h. Who gave Dalitso the magic?
 _____ (2 marks)
- i. Find a word or phrase in the passage that means:
 (i) Competition (paragraph 1) _____ (1 mark)
 (ii) Next (paragraph 3) _____ (1 mark)
 (iii) Victory (paragraph 3) _____ (1 mark)
- j. Give the title of the story.
 _____ (2 marks)

SECTION C. (10 MARKS)

Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech.

4. "I will finish this homework" Chikondi said.
 _____ (1 mark)
5. "Why did you close the window?" the teacher asked.
 _____ (1 mark)
6. "I am playing netball." She spoke
 _____ (1 mark)
7. He said, "I have lived in Blantyre for five years"
 _____ (1 mark)
8. "I was absent yesterday." He said.
 _____ (1 mark)

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

9. Work
 _____ (1 mark)
10. Until
 _____ (1 mark)
11. Reckless
 _____ (1 mark)
12. Start
 _____ (1 mark)
13. Passenger
 _____ (1 mark)

SECTION D (40 marks)

Question 14 to 23. In each of the following question choose the word (**a, b, c & d**) that best complete the sentence.

- 14.** The team will leave _____ boat.
 a. On
 b. With
 c. In
 d. By
- 15.** That book was _____ to Jane.
 a. Borrowed
 b. Stolen
 c. Lent
 d. Snatched
- 16.** By the time she came her mother _____ gone.
 a. Was
 b. Would have
 c. Will have
 d. Is
- 17.** I take a bath _____ going to bed
 a. After
 b. Between
 c. Before
 d. Unless
- 18.** If I had known, I _____ had.
 a. Can work
 b. Will have worked
 c. Would have worked
 d. Would work
- 19.** I bought a _____ of flowers
 a. Bunch
 b. Group
 c. Banquet
 d. Bundle
- 20.** The president proceeded _____ his speech.
 a. On
 b. With
 c. In
 d. Over
- 21.** If you _____ Lake Malawi, you would enjoy.
 a. Visit
 b. Have visited

- c. Visted
 d. Had visited

- 22.** My sister is ashamed _____ her failure.
 a. Of
 b. At
 c. About
 d. With

- 23.** After her parents had died, she was _____ by her auntie.
 a. Brought in
 b. Brought on
 c. Brought up
 d. Brought of

Question 24-33. In each of the questions choose the correct part of speech (**a, b, c or d**) for each of the underlined words.

- 24.** Some girls ran around the corner.

- a. Noun
 b. Pronoun
 c. Adjective
 d. Conjunction

- 25.** Although I had some money, I did not pay the rent.

- a. Adjective
 b. Preposition
 c. Adverb
 d. Conjunction

- 26.** Hurry! He is still alive

- a. Preposition
 b. Interjection
 c. Article
 d. Noun

- 27.** He will air the program tonight

- a. Noun
 b. Verb
 c. Adverb
 d. Adjective

- 28.** Someone must accompany me to the airport

- a. Pronoun
 b. Noun
 c. Adjective
 d. Adverb

- 29.**The greedy dog ate my food.
 a. Adjective
 b. Article
 c. Pronoun
 d. Noun
- 30.**The moon is shining today.
 a. Adjective
 b. Article
 c. Pronoun
 d. Noun
- 31.**A fleet of cars are waiting for fuel.
 a. Verb
 b. Noun
 c. Adjective
 d. Pronoun
- 32.**Zione sits behind me in class.
 a. Preposition
 b. Adverb
 c. Adjective
 d. Conjunction
- 33.**He was always troublesome.
 a. Verb
 b. Noun
 c. Adverb
 d. Preposition

Question 34 to 38. In each of the following questions choose the correct question tag (**a, b, c** and **d**) for the statement.

- 34.**The parents told us to stay indoors yesterday, _____?
 a. Didn't you
 b. Did they
 c. Don't they
 d. Do they
- 35.**Let us go to church, _____?
 a. Won't we
 b. Shan't we
 c. Will we
 d. Shall we
- 36.**They can hardly speak good English, _____?
 a. Aren't they
 b. Can't they
 c. Are they
 d. Can they
- 37.**Open the window, _____?
 a. Shall you
 b. Won't you

- c. Will you
 d. Don't you

- 38.**He will not make noise in class, _____?
 a. Don't he
 b. Did he
 c. Does he
 d. Didn't he

Question 39-43. In each of the following question choose (**a, b, c** or **d**) that has been changed from active to passive voice.

- 39.**Jacob speaks good English
 a. Good English spoken by Jacob
 b. Jacob is speaking good English
 c. Jacob spoke English
 d. Good English is spoken by Jacob
- 40.**Mr. Phiri had killed a leopard.
 a. A leopard is killed by Mr. Phiri
 b. A leopard had been killed by Mr. Phiri
 c. A leopard was killed by Mr. Phiri
 d. A leopard had been killed by Mr. Phiri
- 41.**The learners were singing the national anthem.
 a. The national anthem were being sang by the learners.
 b. The national anthem was sang by leaners
 c. The national anthem was being sang by the leaners
 d. The national anthem was being sang by the learners
- 42.**The traditional Authority accompanied the guest of honour.
 a. The guest of honour was accompanied by the Traditional authority
 b. The guest of honour is accompanied by Traditional authority
 c. The gust of honour will be accompanied by Traditional Authority
 d. The guest of honour is being accompanied by the Traditional authority
- 43.**Mwayi has eaten food
 a. Food was eaten by Mwayi
 b. Food has been eaten by Mwayi
 c. Food is eaten by Mwayi
 d. Food eaten by Mwayi

Question 44-46. In each of the following questions, choose the correct answer (**a, b, c** or **d**) that best completes the proverb.

- 44.** Every cloud has its _____ lining.
- Gold
 - Shining
 - Silver
 - Blue

- 45.** _____ is the best teacher.
- Qualified
 - Hard worker
 - Experience
 - Education

- 46.** Birds of the same feathers _____ together.
- Flew
 - Flock
 - Jump
 - Walk

Question 47-48. In each of the following question choose the word (**a, b, c** or **d**) that best completes the simile

- 47.** The panga knife was as sharp as _____.
- Glass
 - Grass
 - Tin
 - Razor blade

- 48.** The food is as hot as _____.
- Sun
 - Pepper
 - Paper
 - Boiling water

Question 49-53. In each of the following question choose the answer (**a, b, c** or **d**) that gives the correct type of clause has been underlined.

- 49.** The man whom you met yesterday is my father.
- Noun clause, in apposition to noun 'man'
 - Adverb clause, modifying 'is'
 - Adjective clause, qualifying 'man'
 - Adjective clause, qualifying 'father'

- 50.** We shall celebrate if our team wins the match.
- Noun clause, object of verb 'shall celebrate'
 - Noun clause, object of verb 'celebrate'
 - Adverb clause, modifies 'shall celebrate'
 - Adverb clause, modifies 'celebrate'

- 51.** What you say doesn't convince me.
- Noun clause, subject of verb "doesn't convince"
 - Noun clause, object of verb "doesn't"
 - Adverb clause, modifies verb "doesn't convince"
 - Adjective clause, qualifying "me"

- 52.** Although you hate me, I still love you
- Noun clause, subject of verb "love"
 - Adjective clause, qualifying "you"
 - Adverb clause, modifying "still love"
 - Noun clause, complement of verb "still"

- 53.** This is the season when we enjoy our selves
- Adverb clause, modifying "is"
 - Noun clause, in apposition to noun ""
 - Adjective clause, qualifying "season"
 - Adjective clause, in apposition to noun "season"

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