

ZOMBA URBAN DISTRICT EXAMINATIONS



2025 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE ASSESSMENT EXAMINATION

ENGLISH (100 MARKS)

DATE: Wednesday, 29th January, 2025

Subject Number: P054

Time allowed: 2 ¼ HRS

From 8:00 – 10:15 AM

Name of candidate: _____

(Surname First)

Name of School: _____

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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 **Examinations Number** on top of each page of the question paper.
3. This paper consists of **4** 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 sections **B,C** and **D**.
5. The **first 10 minutes** are for reading the questions and choosing the question to answer from section **A**.
6. Write **all** your answers to the questions in sections **A,B** and **C** in the spaces provided on the question 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 answered apart from questions **14** to **53**.
8. Hand in your worked question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Turn Over**SECTION A ((30 MARKS)**

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

EITHER

1. Imagine that you are the head prefect at your school and you attended a quiz competition with a neighbouring school. Write a report to your head teacher. In your report include the following points.

Paragraph 1.

- When was the quiz competition held
- Which schools participated in the quiz competition
- Who was the quiz master or mistress.

Paragraph 2:

- Which school won the quiz competition.
- Mention two prizes given to the winning school
- How the learners of the winning school

celebrated

Paragraph 3.

- What lessons did you learn from the quiz competition.

OR

2. Write a composition about an important event you still remember. The title of the composition should be "An important event I still remember". Use the following points to guide you.

Paragraph 1.

- What is the event you still remember?
- When did it happen?
- Where did it take place?

SECTION B (20 MARKS)

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

Long time ago, there lived a poor hunter called Sauzika. He lived in Mtalikhosi village. One day, he went hunting to the forest, he saw horsemen coming his way. They were shouting, making a loud noise. He climbed up the nearest tree and hid among the branches.

As they passed close to the tree, Sauzika counted forty men in total. Suddenly, they stopped and got off their horses. The leader of the group walked forward and struck the face of the great rock with his hand. Strangely, the rock opened and the men entered what seemed to be a large cave. He watched and waited until they came out. He saw that each man looked very happy and was carrying a heavy bag.

When they had all gone, Sauzika climbed down the tree and went forward to peep inside the cave. His eyes and mouth opened wide at what he saw. There were bags of gold, silver and heaps of jewels piled on the floor. Sauzika entered the cave and carried some of the sacks outside and went back home.

Questions:

- a. What was the name of the poor hunter?
_____ (1 Mark)
- b. Where did the poor hunter live?
_____ (1 Mark)
- c. Why did the hunter go to the forest?

_____ (2 Marks)
- d. Mention two things Sauzika did when he saw the men?

_____ (2 Marks)
- e. How many men were there?
_____ (1 Mark)
- f. What did each man come with, out of the cave?
_____ (1 Mark)
- g. How did the men enter the cave?

_____ (2 Marks)
- h. Name three things that Sauzika found in the cave?

_____ (3 Marks)
- i. Find a word in the passage which means
 - (i). "closest" (Paragraph 1)
_____ (1 Mark)
 - (ii). "departed" (paragraph 2)
_____ (1 Mark)
 - (iii). "look" (Paragraph 4)
_____ (1 Mark)
- j. What shows that Sauzika was fearless?

_____ (2 Marks)
- k. Suggest a suitable title of the story.
_____ (2 Marks)

SECTION C (10 Marks)

Change each of the following sentences from direct to indirect speech.

4. Direct: "I am cooking nsima," Tadala said.
Indirect : _____ (1 Mark)
5. Direct : " We have written a letter," they said.
Indirect: _____ (1 Mark)
6. Direct : " Why did you lock the door," her mother asked.
Indirect: _____ (1 Mark)
7. Direct: "The match will start at three o'clock," the referee declared.
Indirect: _____ (1 Mark)
8. Direct: " Do not make noise in class," the teacher told the learners.
Indirect : _____ (1 Mark)

Make sentences using the following words to show that you understand their meanings.

9. suddenly _____ (1 Mark)
10. across _____ (1 Mark)
11. ask _____ (1 Mark)
12. into _____ (1 Mark)
13. opposite _____ (1 Mark)

SECTION D. (40 Marks)

QUESTIONS 14 – 26

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

14. We rushed _____ the lake to see the new ship.
A. Besides C. Towards
B. Between D. Behind
15. The girl is _____ weak to walk a long distance.
A. Much C. Too
B. So D. Very
16. Since last week, Mrs Khama _____ at this office.
A. Is working
B. Has been working
C. Was working
D. Had been working
17. The school has also benefited _____ the new project.
A. Between C. To
B. On D. From
18. The manager _____ for the meeting in Lilongwe currently
A. Is leaving C. Had left
B. Has left D. Will leave
19. Five kilometres _____ a long distance for a school child
A. Were C. Will
B. Is D. Has
20. It would be better if your father _____ to see the head teacher himself.
A. Go C. Went
B. Is going D. Goes
21. _____ being rude, she is an intelligent girl.
A. In spite C. Although
B. Despite D. Since
22. She usually _____ money to her friends.
A. Borrows C. Borrow
B. Lends D. Lend
23. They bought a _____ of flowers for the graduation ceremony.
A. Bundle C. Bunch

B. Heap D. Bouquet

24. We are looking _____ to another event of a similar nature.

A. Forward C. For
B. Up D. Down

25. Do not turn _____ the papers until you are told to do so.

A. Off C. Up
B. Over D. Across

26. Mr. Guzani has been _____ as a member of parliament for kalimtulo constituency.

A. Chosen C. Elected
B. Selected D. Appointed

QUESTIONS 27 – 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. They are listening to sports news now.

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

28. He has thrown the bag away.

A. Conjunction C. Adverb
B. Pronoun D. Adjective

29. The boy will call you when he comes.

A. Pronoun C. Preposition
B. Conjunction D. Adverb

30. They take either of the two routes.

A. Conjunction C. Pronoun
B. Adjective D. Preposition

31. We searched for a place to house their guests

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

32. Swimming is what I like most.

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

33. They will air the programme on the radio tomorrow.

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

34. The Nigerian Musicians sang and danced

throughout the night.

A. Verb C. Pronoun
B. Preposition C. Conjunction

35. Today's activities are interesting.

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

36. All were asked to remain in the room.

A. Adjective C. Pronoun
B. Conjunction D. Adverb

37. Mercy ran away and hasn't been seen since.

A. Pronoun C. Preposition
B. Conjunction D. Adverb.

38. Hey! She has arrived now.

A. Preposition C. Interjection
B. Pronoun D. Adverb

39. He has brought an empty bottle.

A. Pronoun C. Adjective
B. Article D. Adverb

QUESTIONS 40 – 44

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

40. He won't be able to come next week, _____?

A. Isn't he C. Is he
B. Won't he D. Will he

41. None of the boys go home, _____?

A. Haven't they C. Don't they
B. Do they D. Are they

42. We needed to buy more writing materials, _____?

A. Do we C. Didn't we
B. Don't we D. Did we

43. Stand up every body, _____?

A. Will you C. Don't you
B. Shall we D. Won't you

44. I am writing English assessment, _____?

A. Am I C. Do I
B. Aren't I D. Don't I

QUESTIONS 45 and 46

Choose the word (A,B, C or D)

That best completes the simile.

45. It was as costly as _____

- A. A Car C. Education
- B. An aeroplane D. An election

46. The writer is as _____ as a peacock

- A. Clever C. Busy
- B. Proud D. Beautiful

QUESTIONS 47 and 48

Choose the word (A,B, C or D) that best complete the proverb.

47. One eyed man is a _____ among the blind.

- A. Chief C. King
- B. Master D. Queen

48. Do not cry over spilt _____

- A. Milk C. Tea
- B. Water D. Coffee

Questions 49 – 53

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. The man asked when the bus would arrive

- A. Adverb clause, modifying "would arrive"
- B. Adjective clause, qualifying "man."
- C. Noun clause, object of "asked"

D. Adverb clause, modifying "asked"

50. They found the thief where he was hiding.

- A. Adjective clause, qualifying "thief"
- B. Adverb clause, modifying "found".
- C. Noun clause, object of "found"
- D. Noun clause, in apposition to "thief"

51. I know the reason why he works hard

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

52. The knowledge that he was right gives us satisfaction.

- A. Noun clause, object of "was"
- B. Adverb clause, modifying "gives"
- C. Adjective clause, qualifying "knowledge"
- D. Noun clause, in apposition to "knowledge"

53. As we entered the hall, the choir started singing.

- A. Noun clause, object of "started."
- B. Adverb clause, modifying "started".
- C. Adjective clause, qualifying "choir"
- D. Noun clause, subject of "started".

END OF QUESTION PAPER.