

# NEXUS EXAMINATIONS BOARD

PRIMARY LEAVING MOCK EXAMINATION 2023

## ENGLISH

*Time Allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes*

**Index Number:**

Random No.						Personal No.		

**Candidate's Name:** .....

**Candidate's Signature:** .....

**School Name:** .....

**District Name:**.....

**Read the following instructions carefully:**

1. Do not forget to write your **school** or **district name** on this paper.
2. This paper has two sections: A and B.  
Section **A** has **50** questions and Section **B** has **5** questions.
3. Answer **all** questions. **All** the answers to both sections **A** and **B** must be written in the spaces provided.
4. **All** answers must be written using a **blue** or **black** ball point pen or ink. Any work written in pencil will **not** be marked.
5. Unnecessary **changes** in your work and handwriting that cannot easily be read may lead to loss of marks.
6. Do not fill anything in the table indicated:  
**"For Examiners' Use only"** and boxes inside the question paper.

FOR EXAMINERS' USE ONLY		
Qn.No.	MARKS	EXR's NO.
1-10		
11-20		
21-30		
31-40		
41-50		
51		
52		
53		
54		
55		
TOTAL		

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## SECTION A: 50 MARKS

### Sub-Section I

Questions **1** to **50** carry one mark each

**In each of the questions 1 to 5, fill the spaces with a suitable word.**

1. My late sister was.....by lightning.
2. The man for.....we worked did not pay us.
3. Children are looking.....to writing PLE.
4. Kalire would have gone to school if he.....enough money.
5. What is the time.....your watch?

**In questions 6-15, use the correct form of the word given in brackets to complete the sentences.**

6. My father goes to school..... (regular)
7. Joshua.....travel by air if he had enough money. (will)
8. The.....girl in our class got aggregate 9. (forty)
9. His.....is not clear.(pronounce)
- 10.You should do this work by..... (you)
- 11.Kato is the.....of the twins.(fat)
- 12.Two.....were asked to pay their last respect to the dead. (mourn)
- 13.The lady who killed her husband was.....to life imprisonment. (sentence)

14.The.....are well-known for rice growing.(China)

15.The choir has beautifully.....the National Anthem. (sing)

**In questions 16-18, rewrite the sentences giving one word for the underlined group of words.**

16.Kasim did not remember to eat food.

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17.The person who draws cartoons was arrested yesterday.

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18.The triplets visit their uncle every year.

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**In questions 19-20, arrange the given words in alphabetical order.**

19.warn , wait , water , want

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20.correct , beggar, visitor, length

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**In questions 21 and 22, write the plural form of the given words.**

21.baker's

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22.equipment

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**In questions 23 and 24, use each of the given words on a sentence to show that you know the difference in their meaning.**

23.ship

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24. sheep

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**In questions 25 and 26, re-write the sentence giving the opposite of the underlined words.**

25.The parents agreed with the director to increase school fees.

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26.There is heavy traffic on Kampala Road.

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**In questions 27 and 28, re-arrange the words to form a correct story.**

27.white bull has black and a spots The.

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28.whom swept was the By house?

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**In questions 29 and 30, write the full form of the given abbreviation.**

29.Ltd

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30.don't

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## Sub-Section II

In each of the questions **31** to **50**, rewrite the sentences as **instructed** in brackets.

31.Saadah liked studying more than playing.

(Rewrite the sentence using:.....prefer .....)

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32.It is threatening to rain. We need to carry an umbrella.

(Rewrite as one sentence using:.....becuase.....)

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33.The carpenter made two tables. The carpenter also made chairs.

(Rewrite as one sentence using:.....besides.....)

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34." I shall spend my holiday in Mwima," Joshua said. (Rewrite the sentence beginning: Mwima said that.....)

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35.As you read hard, you can perform well. (Rewrite the sentence using: The .....the.....)

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36.Children should respect teachers. (Rewrite the sentence using .....ought to .....)

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37.A teacher is useful. A doctor is useful. (Rewrite the sentence using .....and so.....)

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38.Taxi drivers do not drive at a low speed.(Rewrite the sentence using .....hardly.....)

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39.Tina has not been to Nairobi. Safa has not been to Kampala. (Rewrite the sentences beginning: Neither .....)

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40.Our teacher usually advises us to revise our books. (Rewrite the sentence using:..... always .....)

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41.Tim is young. He cannot drive a vehicle. (Rewrite as one sentence using ..... enough .....)

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42.I will go to the market if I get money. (Rewrite the sentence using:..... would .....)

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43.Imam slept in the mosque. Pastor slept in the mosque. (Rewrite as one sentence beginning: Either .....)

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44.There is some money on the table. (Rewrite the sentence using:.....any.....)

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45.Mr Wanyama measured an angle of ninety degrees. (Rewrite the sentence ending ..... angle)

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46.Kabwa needn't have gone out during class time.(Rewrite the sentence using:..... necessary .....)

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47.Writing is an interesting activity. (Write the sentence beginning: What .....!)

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48. Matende went to the hospital. He wanted to get treatment. (Write as one sentence using: .....so that .....)

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49. All the teachers are present. (Rewrite the sentence beginning: Non.....)

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50. Let's go and explain to him.....? (Supply a suitable question tag)

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## SECTION B: 50 MARKS

Questions **51** to **55** carry ten marks each

51. Read the passage below and then answer, **in full sentences**, the questions that follow.

The day when pupils sit for examination is always different from other days. There is calmness at the place. Even the stubborn boys and undisciplined girls all change. Nobody can tell whether it is fear or not because it is this time when passing becomes a point to fight for. Idlers feel they should make miracles. Even the lazy ones line up for success. The competent children are firm during this time. They know they will pass and be promoted to other classes.

Teachers feel they have done enough, though not sure about the outcome will be. Play is necessary, but it should not be sighted at all on this day. If it is a final examination, especially the PLE, we expect a more special moment. New faces will be seen on the compound. These include the supervisor and invigilators. Sometimes the situation changes more when fellow pupils of other classes give way for candidates' settlement.

Even the children's welfare must change for the two days of the examinations. They may feed well, sleep well and are provided with the most conducive environment.

The above care comes late and it does not show any positive effect most especially when a pupil misses the main part of preparation for examinations which is revision. Pupils cannot pass with the last-hour care. Sometimes one who is expected to yield positive results comes out with the opposite as the last time care provided makes some candidates feel that they are going to face something extra ordinary. This, also, could be the cause of what most of us term as examination fever because instead of preparing the suitable mood for candidates, it increases tension.

Finally, preparation does not mean creating tension but putting pupils to favourable moods.

## Questions

(a) What makes the examination day different from other days?

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(b) Which girls change on the examination day?

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(c) What do the lazy children want on that day?

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(d) Why are the competent children firm?

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(e) When is a more special moment expected?

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(f) Which part of preparation should not be missed?

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(g) According to the passage, what shouldn't preparation create?

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(h) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

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(i) Write another word or group of words to mean the same as the underlined in the passage

i. misses

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ii. results

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**52.The sentences below are in wrong order, rearrange them to make a good composition.**

- a) This time should be after doing chores.
- b) On the timetable, include the subjects to revise.
- c) Start with the subject which don't do well.
- d) I mean chores like washing clothes, sweeping and cooking.
- e) These subjects should be balanced.
- f) It is not easy to pass without doing revision.
- g) Secondary, show the time when to revise.
- h) You may decide to sleep, then wake up to revise.
- i) Revision should be made using a personal timetable.
- j) And give less time to those you do well.

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53. The notice below appeared in Matex newspaper.  
Read it carefully and answer the questions that follow in full sentences

**SEMINAR SEMINAR SEMINAR**

**THEME:** PROPER USE OF INTERNET

**DATE:** 15th October, 2023

**VENUE:** Nsambya Sharing hall

**FEE:** Shs.50,000

**TIME:** 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

**FACILITATOR:** Mr. Batwala Dan (manager Josh ICT International)

**AGE GROUP:** 16-20 years

***Come and learn how to use internet***

**By** Tusabe Emma  
Secretary- National Youth Council

**Questions**

a) In which newspaper did the notice appear?

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b) What is the notice about?

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c) How much will three students pay?

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d) When will the seminar take place?

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e) Who will facilitate the seminar?

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f) What is the facilitator?

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g) How long will the seminar last?

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h) Who has written the noticed?

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i) Where will the seminar take place?

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j) Which people should attend the seminar?

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54. **Study the dialogue below carefully and complete it according.**

**Ronny:** Where are you going?

**Kamo:** .....

**Ronny:** What are you going to buy at the shop?

**Kamo:** .....

**Ronny:** Why are you going to the shop then if you aren't going to buy anything?

**Kamo:** .....

**Ronny:** Why are you returning your new DVD player?

**Kamo:** .....

**Ronny:** Why do you think it does not function well?

**Kamo:** .....

**Ronny:** What happened to the switch?

**Kamo:** .....

**Ronny:** If you don't know then what do you want the seller to do?

**Kamo:** .....

**Ronny:** Fine, if he is a mechanic too, he will do something. What will you do if he refuses to repair it?

**Kamo:** .....

**Ronny:** Did you see any other that he can give you instead?

**Kamo:** .....

**Ronny:** That is good. Alright we meet again.

**Kamo:** .....

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