



**DESHA EXAMINATION BOARD**  
**2024 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION**  
**MOCK EXAMINATION**  
**ENGLISH**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**Subject Number: M052/I**

**Time Allowed: 1h 45 mins**

**PAPER I**

(70 Marks)

**Instructions**

- 1. This paper contains 12 printed pages. Please check.**
- 2. The paper has **two** sections: A and B.**
- 3. Answer **all** questions in both sections.**
- 4. Use the spaces provided to answer questions in section B**
- 5. Follow the instructions for each section carefully.**
- 6. Write your examination number on all pages.**
- 7. At the end of the examination, hand in your paper to the invigilator.**

Question Number	Tick questions 31 & 32 if answered	Do not write in these columns	
<b>1 - 30</b>			
<b>31</b>			
<b>32</b>			

**Section A (30 marks)**

Answer **all** questions in this section by encircling the letter corresponding to the correct answer for each question.

In questions **1 - 18**, choose the option (**A, B, C or D**) that best completes the sentence,

1. Chimwemwe succeeded

\_\_\_\_\_ a little help due to her  
hard working spirit.

- A. by
- B. with
- C. in
- D. for

2. We were all stunned by how Mary

put the flowers \_\_\_\_\_ the  
window.

- A. by
- B. along
- C. for
- D. with

3. Patuma always turns \_\_\_\_\_ late  
for prayers.

- A. down
- B. out

C. back

D. up

4. Young boys and girls think they  
will lean \_\_\_\_\_ their parents  
forever.

- A. against
- B. on
- C. for
- D. to

5. They were all smiles when they  
met \_\_\_\_\_ the first time.

- A. by
- B. in
- C. for
- D. at

6. The parish priest was very happy \_\_\_\_\_ the performance of the new choir.
- A. at  
B. on  
C. to  
D. with
7. When we visited the police, the officers suggested that our relative should be bailed \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. in  
B. by  
C. out  
D. With
8. All students going for a free-outing this coming Saturday are advised to be \_\_\_\_\_ the campus by noon.
- A. in  
B. at  
C. by  
D. on
9. They promised to return \_\_\_\_\_ a week's time from the vacation.
- A. before  
B. in  
C. by  
D. on
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ bad behaviour and ended up being disliked by everyone.
- A. displayed  
B. demonstrated  
C. portrayed  
D. revealed
11. After a week of recovering well, the patient suddenly had a serious \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. change  
B. misfortune  
C. concussion  
D. Relapse

12. She knew that I was unwell, so it was \_\_\_\_\_ of her to leave me alone in the hostel.

- A. immoral
- B. illegal
- C. inconsiderate
- D. selfish

13. My cousins \_\_\_\_\_ in Gowampingo Village since 1984.

- A. stayed
- B. were staying
- C. have stayed
- D. have been staying

14. I \_\_\_\_\_ at Chambo Secondary School for few weeks before learning at Chidewere.

- A. was learning
- B. have learned
- C. learned
- D. have been learning

15. If Dalitso had known that her brother was unhappy, she \_\_\_\_\_ him up.

- A. would have cheered

- B. could have cheered
- C. will have cheered
- D. might have cheered

16. After the launch of this year's youth games, there was a music performance to \_\_\_\_\_ the day's activities.

- A. round off
- B. round in
- C. round on
- D. round up

17. The learners \_\_\_\_\_ each other just to cover up their own wrong doings.

- A. stand for
- B. stand to
- C. stand against
- D. stand by

18. The country will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the devaluation problems.

- A. get out
- B. get by
- C. get off
- D. get over

In questions **19 – 22**, choose option **(A, B, C or D)** that best describes the underlined part of speech.

**19.** The radio station will air out a new programme at two o'clock today.

- A. adverb
- B. noun
- C. verb
- D. pronoun

**20.** If Chisomo decides to re-do her form four class, I believe she will do better.

- A. conjunction
- B. pronoun
- C. adjective
- D. adverb

**21.** The teacher went ahead teaching despite numerous disturbances.

- A. adverb
- B. adjective
- C. conjunction
- D. pronoun

**22.** What surprised many was that Nachisale walked majestically despite being sick for weeks.

- A. noun
- B. adjective
- C. adverb
- D. pronoun

In questions **23 – 26**, choose the order of adjectives **(A, B, C or D)** that best completes the sentences.

**23.** Galeta has a \_\_\_\_\_ tooth.

- A. shiny short silver-plated
- B. short shiny silver-plated
- C. short silver-plated shiny
- D. shiny silver-plated short

**24.** She has brought in a \_\_\_\_\_ bag.

- A. New leather brown
- B. leather brown new
- C. new brown leather
- D. brown new leather

**25.** Kumbukani lost her \_\_\_\_\_ coat.

- A. khaki very beautiful rain
- B. very beautiful khaki rain
- C. khaki rain very beautiful
- D. very beautiful rain khaki

26. The shop has in stock \_\_\_\_\_ plates.

- A. numerous precious new golden
- B. new numerous precious golden
- C. golden precious numerous new
- D. new golden precious numerous

In questions 27 - 30, choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best describes and gives the function of the underlined phrase or clause.

27. I thank you for the assistance you have given my daughter.

- A. noun clause, object of the verb “thank”
- B. adverb clause, modifying “thank”
- C. noun phrase, object of verb “thank”
- D. adverb phrase, modifying “thank”

28. The head teacher told me never to come late again.

- A. adjective clause, qualifying “headteacher”
- B. adjective phrase, qualifying “headteacher”
- C. noun phrase, object of “told”
- D. noun clause, object of “told”

29. Ashly went to the gym where Maganizo takes karate lessons.

- A. adverb phrase, modifying “went”
- B. adjective clause, qualifying “gym”
- C. adjective phrase, qualifying “gym”
- D. adverb clause, modifying “went”

30. The mug on the counter had a beautiful design on it.

- A. noun phrase, in apposition to ‘mug’
- B. noun clause, in apposition to ‘mug’
- C. adjective clause, qualifying “mug”
- D. adjective phrase, qualifying “mug”

**Section B** (40 marks)

Answer **one** question only. Spend the first **10 minutes** reading the questions and planning your answer to the question chosen. Planning may include writing rough notes. **Cross out** your rough notes before you hand in your script.

Marks will be awarded for layout, language, content and creativity. Candidates will be **penalised** for mechanical errors and writing answers that are short and/or off-point.

You are expected to write between **350** and **500 words** for the question you have chosen in the space provided on **pages 7** to **10**.

**EITHER**

**31.**Imagine that people of your area are doing practices that are leading to persistence in gender disparities. As a concerned citizen, write a report to the District Social Welfare Officer on the problem.

**(40 marks)**

**OR**

**32.**Write an original short story entitled “The Silent Pain”

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