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THYOLO DISTRICT EXAMINATIONS

2023 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION MOCK EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

Monday, 20 March

Subject Number: M052/I

Time Allowed: 1hr 45 mn

2:00 – 3:45 pm

PAPER I (70 marks)

Instructions

1. This paper contains **8** pages. Please check.
2. This paper has **two** sections:
 - (i) **Section A** contains **30 compulsory** multiple choice questions. Answer **ALL** questions in this section.
 - (ii) **Section B** comprises two questions. Answer **one question**.
3. You should spend the first 10 minutes reading all the questions and planning your answers to the questions you choose.
4. You should make sure that you indicate very clearly the number of the question you are answering. Marks will be lost for failure to do so.
5. Write your **Name** on each page of your Answer Book.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
1. - 30			
31.			
32.			
TOTAL			

Section A (30 marks)

Answer ALL questions

Question 1 – 16

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

1. He barely indicated that the party compromised on respect for its senior members? _____
A. Isn't it?
B. don't they
C. doesn't it
D. did he
2. This year's awards were not devoid of rigging _____?
A. wasn't it
B. was it
C. were they
D. weren't they
3. He has to source funds for this unbudgeted for presidential prerogative _____?
A. hasn't he
B. shouldn't he
C. has he
D. does he
4. Isn't he always late for classes? _____ and _____
A. No, he isn't ; neither am I
B. Yes, he isn't ; neither am I
C. Yes , he is ; so am I
D. No, he isn't ; I am not either
5. _____ a child of his age, his knowledge of the subject was breath-taking.
A. For
B. Despite
C. While
D. With
6. _____ their different political views, they get on very well.
A. Notwithstanding
B. Regardless
C. In the meantime
D. In spite
7. Have you any experience of working _____ children who have learning difficulties?
A. for
B. with
C. at
D. among
8. If it were not for the spokeswoman, the company would _____ its evil plan to move the company to Mulanje District.
A. go through with
B. have got through with
C. get away with
D. make away with
9. My assistant has been organizing the filing cabinet. I wish he _____ on something more important.”
A. had been working
B. were working
C. has been working
D. were used to working
10. Do not bother trying to _____ Paul after seven o'clock; he will not be taking calls then.
A. get in touch
B. get a hold of
C. get a hold on
D. get a hold at

11. Please, don't leave before the classes resume. _____ it is raining and there is power outage at home.
A. Meanwhile
B. Moreover
C. at any rate
D. in case
12. On entering the consultation room, the doctor asked me a lot of questions about my medical _____.
A. story
B. history
C. background
D. symptoms
13. Contrary to our previous announcement, the store _____ five minutes.
A. would not be closing in
B. will not be closing in
C. could not be closing in
D. shall not be closing at
14. We could not help chickening out the visit, because Lilongwe seemed dull in comparison _____ London.
A. against
B. with
C. to
D. for
15. We rarely see _____ on most matters of business policy.
A. face to face
B. at loggerheads
C. eye to eye
D. on tenterhooks
16. Predicate adjectives are always part of the predicate _____ their name.
A. - hence
B. ; despite
C. , so too
D. ; but also

Questions 17 to 19

In each of the following questions, choose the a word (A, B, C or D) that best describes each of the underlined words

17. In the run up to this tournament, Iran's players had been trying to placate the Islamic leadership.
A. During
B. Before
C. After
D. In
18. Malawi is never short of exciting political controversies which culminate into economic nose-diving.
A. arguments....lead into
B. conflicts....lead to
C. disputes....caused by
D. intolerances.....lead to
19. That's what you get for sticking your nose into her affairs.
A. meddling in
B. interrupting in
C. intervening in
D. assisting with

Questions 20 to 23

In each of the following questions, choose the part of speech (A, B, C or D) that best describes each of the underlined words

20. The teachers made mention of the fact that neglected students react defiantly.
A. noun
B. preposition
C. verb
D. adverb
21. We need to resolve this quagmire in the best way possible.
A. preposition
B. pronoun
C. adjective
D. adverb

22. Unbelievable; you mean you have a bouncing baby girl for all the bad premonitions?!

- A. Adjective
- B. interjection
- C. noun
- D. conjunction

23. When they resumed to their seats the director said jackets left behind would be donated.

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

Questions 24 to 26

In each of the following questions, choose the order of adjectives (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentences.

24. He forgot about _____ time.”

- A. An important daylight saving
- B. A daylight important saving
- C. A saving important daylight
- D. An important saving daylight

25. The _____ teacher used to talk for hours!

- A. philosophy Octogenarian Mongolian boring
- B. boring Octogenarian Mongolian philosophy
- C. Octogenarian Mongolian boring philosophy
- D. Octogenarian philosophy Mongolian boring

26. The anthropologist found _____ gourds in the mummy's stomach.

- A. three strange tiny ancient striped transparent dry religious
- B. three tiny strange ancient striped transparent dry religious

- C. strange three ancient tiny striped transparent dry religious
- D. transparent tiny strange ancient three striped dry religious

Questions 27 to 30

In each of the following questions choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best describes and gives the function of the underlined phrases or clauses.

27. I did not like the way he spoke to me.

- A. Adverb phrase, modifying 'did not like'
- B. Adjective clause, qualifying 'way'
- C. Noun clause in apposition to 'way'
- D. Noun phrase subject of the verb 'did not like'

28. What excuse will you give for to your kleptomaniac?

- A. Adverb phrase, modifying 'will give'
- B. Noun phrase object of the verb 'will give'
- C. Adjective clause, qualifying 'you'
- D. Noun phrase subject of the verb 'will give'

29. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread

- A. noun clause, complement of verb "rush"
- B. noun phrase, object of 'in'
- C. adverb clause, modifying 'rush'
- D. noun clause, in opposition to 'Fools'

30. We were curious why they decided to leave before us.

- A. Noun phrase, object of 'were curious'
- B. Adverb phrase, modifying 'were curious'
- C. Adverb clause, modifying 'were curious'
- D. Noun clause, complement of 'were curious'

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SECTION B (40 mark)

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

Marks will be awarded for layout, language. You are expected to write between **350** and **500** words for the question you have chosen in the space provided.

(40 marks)

EITHER

31. The Ministry of Youth and Community Services has organised a youth awareness campaign on cybersecurity. As a youth ambassador, you have been asked to make a speech on cases of teasing and bullying via social media among the youth. Prepare a speech to be delivered on the occasion.

OR

32. Imagine that your community natural mountain forest has been registering cases of poaching of pangolins, mining and charcoal burning. Write a report to the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Forestry Mining and Natural Resources expressing concern and citing ways the situation can be mitigated.

(40 marks)

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