

Section A (30 marks)

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

In questions **1 – 18**, choose the answer (**A, B, C, or D**) that best completes the sentence.

1. Do not look down _____ anyone whatever the case. We all need one another.
A. over
B. at
C. to
D. on
2. After thorough investigations, it was established that the guards left their post _____ purpose.
A. with
B. by
C. on
D. at
3. The choir was praised because of singing songs fit _____ the occasion.
A. at
B. to
C. with
D. for
4. Limbikani says he is not scared _____ this year's examinations.
A. with
B. by
C. at
D. of

5. The club decided to relieve the coach _____ his duties following the team's poor performance.
A. of
B. from
C. on
D. over
6. Mapulanga was entrusted _____ the responsibility of keeping the organisation's funds.
A. for
B. with
C. of
D. to
7. The tourist was last seen walking _____ the beach of Lake Malawi.
A. at
B. over
C. on
D. down
8. "Do not be anxious _____ anything," the new head teacher advised us.
A. with
B. of
C. about
D. in

9. The two gentlemen parted ways because they failed to agree _____ the price of the commodity.
- A. on
 - B. at
 - C. with
 - D. to
10. The school management has expelled everyone who took part in _____ others to commit the crime.
- A. inciting
 - B. urging
 - C. encouraging
 - D. enticing
11. Most of the bridges have been washed away after two weeks of _____ rainfall.
- A. persevering
 - B. persistent
 - C. stubborn
 - D. tenacious
12. The mobile company is failing to provide quality services because it has too many _____.
- A. users
 - B. contributors
 - C. subscribers
 - D. accessors
13. If we find ourselves completely lost, we _____ you.
- A. will call
 - B. will be calling
 - C. would call
 - D. would be calling
14. The two _____ by the time they finish college.
- A. will have married
 - B. would have been married
 - C. will marry
 - D. would have been marrying
15. "You _____ the cup if you drop it," said the matron.
- A. would be breaking
 - B. would have been breaking
 - C. will be breaking
 - D. will break
16. We could not _____ as the bus was already full.
- A. get on
 - B. get in
 - C. get into
 - D. get up
17. Chilu did not want to assist her, so he _____ when she approached him.
- A. looked down
 - B. looked away
 - C. looked off
 - D. looked out
18. Matamando _____ with his colleagues in spite of the long time he missed lessons.
- A. caught over
 - B. caught on
 - C. caught up
 - D. caught through

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

19. The group decided to hold the meeting close to the office.
A. adverb
B. verb
C. conjunction
D. adjective
20. The candidate was just halfway through the paper when he collapsed.
A. noun
B. adjective
C. conjunction
D. adverb
21. The questions in this examination paper are surprisingly easier than expected.
A. adverb
B. noun
C. adjective
D. conjunction
22. "We must hurry; otherwise we will miss the bus," said grandmother.
A. adjective
B. conjunction
C. pronoun
D. adverb

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

23. Makala makes _____ stools at his workshop.
A. beautiful wooden rectangular
B. wooden beautiful rectangular
C. beautiful rectangular wooden
D. rectangular beautiful wooden
24. Nashawa bought a _____ stick for her grandfather.
A. long brown metal walking
B. brown long metal walking
C. metal walking long brown
D. brown walking metal long
25. Chikondi narrated to the children _____ stories.
A. exciting traditional moral
B. moral exciting traditional
C. traditional moral exciting
D. exciting moral traditional
26. The hunter built himself a _____ house.
A. simple mud round small
B. round small mud simple
C. simple small round mud
D. small simple round mud

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. What pleased the manager above everything else was how we met the target.
A. adjective clause, qualifying 'manager'
B. noun clause, object of 'was'
C. adverb clause, modifying 'pleased'
D. noun clause, complement of 'was'
28. The crop I bought from the young man was absolutely perfect.
A. adjective phrase qualifying 'crop'
B. adverb phrase, modifying 'was'
C. noun phrase, subject of 'was'
D. adjective clause, qualifying 'crop'
29. Children who work hard in school please their parents.
A. adverb clause, modifying 'please'
B. noun clause, in apposition to 'children'
C. adjective clause, qualifying 'children'
D. adverb phrase, modifying 'please'
30. The tenants totally disagreed with what the landlord said.
A. adverb clause, modifying 'disagreed'
B. adverb phrase, modifying 'disagreed'
C. adjective clause, qualifying 'tenants'
D. noun clause, object of 'disagreed'

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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 **penalized** 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 spaces provided on **pages 7 to 10**.

EITHER

31. Imagine that some unhygienic practises in your area are causing the spread of diseases. The District Health Office has organised a function to address the issue. Prepare a speech that will be delivered on the occasion, highlighting the situation. **(40 marks)**

OR

32. Write an original short story entitled “The ugly twist”. **(40 marks)**

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