



**ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL**  
**General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 1**

**4005/1**

**JUNE 2019 SESSION**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional materials:  
Answer paper

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/booklet.

Read the paper carefully before answering the questions.

Answer **two** questions.

Answer **one** question from Section A and the **one** from Section B.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question.

You are advised to spend **50 minutes** on Section A and **40 minutes** on Section B.

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### SECTION A (30 MARKS)

Write a composition on **one** of the following topics. You should not treat question 7 as a character's name. Your answer should be between 350 and 450 words in length. You are advised to spend **50 minutes** on this section.

1. The most important invention the world has ever had. [30]
2. Write a story based on **one** of the following statements:
  - (a) He sighed with relief and realised that his life would never be the same again. [30]
  - (b) The priest had no option but to cancel the wedding. [30]
3. 'Most splits among church members are caused by greed.' Discuss. [30]
4. Write an account of yourself in ten years' time. [30]
5. What can be done to stop the taking of bribes? [30]
6. 'Parents should play a role in the choice of their children's friends.' Do you agree? [30]
7. Commitment. [30]

### SECTION B (20 MARKS)

Answer the following question. You are advised to spend **40 minutes** on this section. Begin your answer on a fresh page.

8. You are an officer in the Environmental Management Agency (EMA). There have been heavy floods leading to loss of lives and property for two consecutive seasons. Write a report to your supervisor suggesting ways in which losses due to floods can be avoided. Using the following notes and adding any of your own, write the report:

- building homes on high ground
- awareness campaigns
- setting up Disaster Risk Management Committees
- building bridges at all crossing points
- relocation of people to safer areas

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