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LIFE SKILLS

(100 marks)

Subject Number: M124

Wednesday, 5 July

Time Allowed: 2 h 30 mins

1:30 – 4:00 pm

Instructions

1. This paper contains 10 printed pages. Please check.
2. This paper has **three** sections, A, B and C.
3. Follow the instructions for each section carefully.
4. In the table provided on this page, tick against the question number you have answered.

IMPORTANT

Make sure you write your **Examination Number** in the spaces provided on all the pages of this paper before you **start** answering the questions.

Question Number	Tick Questions 21 – 28 if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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Section A (20 marks)

There are **20** Multiple Choice Questions in this section. You should answer **all** the questions by **encircling** the letter that corresponds to the correct answer.

The **Figure** below shows a man harassing a school girl. Use it to answer questions 1 to 3.



1. Which of the following is a cause of conflict between the man and the school girl?
 - A. bad relationship
 - B. indecent dressing
 - C. lack of self control
 - D. poverty
2. What could be the effects of the man's action?
 1. rape
 2. imprisonment
 3. being beaten up
 4. becoming popular
 - A. 1, 2 and 4
 - B. 1, 2 and 3
 - C. 2, 3 and 4
 - D. 1, 3 and 4
3. How **best** could the conflict be resolved?
 - A. negotiation
 - B. arbitration
 - C. tolerance
 - D. compromise
4. Which of the following is **not** a global problem?
 - A. refugees
 - B. trade
 - C. depletion of ozone layer
 - D. natural disasters
5. The following are the effects of sexuality problems on teenagers **except**
 - A. being ex-communicated from the community.
 - B. dropping out of school.
 - C. contracting sexually transmitted diseases.
 - D. a feeling of guilt.
6. Which of the following is the best life skill that could be used to prevent sexuality problems?
 - A. entrepreneurship
 - B. tolerance
 - C. budgeting
 - D. critical thinking

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7. Which of the following is a psychological change that occurs at puberty?
- sexual curiosity
 - deepening of voice
 - enlargement of breasts
 - increase in body height

In Ngolozi village, everybody **does what** he or she wants. Youths do **not respect** elders. The majority of the **elders engage** in prostitution. Use this **information to** answer questions 8 and 9.

8. Which of the following could be the causes of **such behavior** in Ngolozi village?
- negative peer pressure
 - lack of parental guidance
 - availability of money
 - drug and substance abuse
- 1, 2 and 3
 - 1, 2 and 4
 - 1, 3 and 4
 - 2, 3 and 4
9. Which of the following are ways which could improve the moral standards of Ngolozi village?
- guidance and counselling
 - civic educating the people
 - building a hospital to treat the victimised people
 - resolving conflicts peacefully
- 1 and 2
 - 1 and 4
 - 2 and 3
 - 3 and 4

10. Which of the following factors affect core values and ethics of the Malawian society?
- experience
 - age
 - level of education
 - sex

James is a form two student at a certain **secondary school**. His brother died last **year**. His parents want him to marry his **late brother's wife**. Use this **information to** answer questions 11 and 12.

11. Which of the following cultural practices is being promoted by James' parents?
- death cleaning
 - bonus wife
 - hyena
 - widow inheritance
12. What would be the **negative** effects of the cultural practice on James? He would
- drop out of school.
 - enjoy sex.
 - ease the problems facing his brother's wife.
 - contract HIV and AIDS.
- 1 and 2
 - 1 and 4
 - 2 and 3
 - 3 and 4

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13. Which of the following is **not** a possible solution to the problems of dilution and erosion of values and ethics?
- A. giving corporal punishment
 - B. educating the people
 - C. choosing the right peer group
 - D. sensitizing
14. Which of the following are the benefits of self awareness?
Helps one to
- 1. assess oneself
 - 2. assess others
 - 3. emulate positive role models
 - 4. avoid risky behaviour
- A. 1, 2 and 3
 - B. 1, 2 and 4
 - C. 1, 3 and 4
 - D. 2, 3 and 4
15. Which of the following factors causes small scale business to collapse?
- A. paying school fees for children
 - B. poor customer relations
 - C. selling different kinds of products
 - D. conducting market survey
16. Which of the following customer services informs customers about the image of the product and its value?
- A. customer care
 - B. advertisement
 - C. delivery
 - D. after sales services
17. The good side of the tolerance and empathy in a global village is that
- A. the vulnerable people receive help in time.
 - B. poverty is wiped out completely.
 - C. the gap between the rich and the poor widens.
 - D. promotes criminal activities.
18. Which of the following are examples of print media?
- A. electronic mail, newspapers and cell phones
 - B. films, newspapers and fax
 - C. pamphlets, posters and letters
 - D. fax, cell phones and televisions
19. Which of the following is a **major** cultural reason why many Malawians are against electronic media?
- A. It is expensive to acquire.
 - B. It contributes to moral decadence.
 - C. It requires electricity to function.
 - D. It is accessed only by literate people.
20. Which of the following is the **correct** definition of self awareness?
- A. putting value on oneself
 - B. how one views others
 - C. knowing your friends better
 - D. how individuals view themselves

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Section B (35 marks)

Answer **all** the **four** questions in this section in the spaces provided.

21. a. Give any **two** examples of morally unacceptable entrepreneurship.

(2 marks)

- b. Explaining any two negative effects associated with mismanagement of resources at national level.

(i) _____

(2 marks)

(ii) _____

(2 marks)

- c. Give any **two** sources of values.

(2 marks)

- d. (i) Give any **two** factors that may lead to conflict in a country.

(2 marks)

- (ii) Explain any **two** ways in which resolving conflict peacefully in a country is important.

1. _____

(2 marks)

2. _____

(2 marks)

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22. a. Define the term "globalisation".

(1 mark)

- b. (i) Explain any **three** problems associated with globalisation and rapid urbanisation.

(6 marks)

- (ii) Give any **two** solutions to the problem of acute shortage of housing in urban areas.

(2 marks)

23. Maria is a form 4 girl who lives in a rural community. She would like to inform her father who works in town about school fees. Use this information to answer questions that follow.

- a. Identify any **two** examples of forms of media Maria would use to send the message.

(2 marks)

- b. State any **two** disadvantages of using the examples of forms of media in (a).

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24. a. Give any **two** roles Parents Teachers Association (PTA) plays in a school.

(2 marks)

- b. Explain how each of the following can affect **negatively** the quality of education in Malawi.

(i) distance to school

(2 marks)

(ii) lack of teaching and learning resources

(2 marks)

(iii) foreign cultural practices

(2 marks)

Section C (45 marks)

Essays

Answer any **three** questions from this section in the spaces provided on **pages 8 to 10**. Your answers should be in an essay form. Each question carries **15 marks**.

25. Explain any **five** ways of improving morals in the society.

(15 marks)

26. Explain any five possible solutions to bias in media.

(15 marks)

27. Explain any **five** sexuality problems associated with adolescents in Malawi.

(15 marks)

28. Discuss any **five** duties of a citizen in a democratic society.

(15 marks)

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