



EXAMINATION NO: _____
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2020 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE MOCK EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

(100 Marks)

Subject Number: P052
Time Allowed: 2h 15 min
8:30 – 10:45 Pm

Name of Candidate; _____
(Surname First)

Name of School: _____

Date: _____

Instructions

1. This Paper contains 11 pages. Please check
2. Write your **Name** and **Name of your school** on top of this question paper
3. This paper consists of 4 sections: **A, B, C** and **D**
4. You are expected to answer **one** question only from section **A**. Your composition should be between **100** and **150** words. You should answer **all** questions in sections **B, C** and **D**.
5. The **first 10 minutes** are for reading the questions and choosing the questions to answer from Section **A**
6. Write **all** your answers to the questions in sections **A, B** and **C** in the spaces provided on the question paper. In section **D**, encircle the letters representing the right answer to each question.
7. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered apart from question **14** to **53**.
8. Hand in your worked question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Question Number	Tick 1 – 13 if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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SECTION: A COMPOSITION (30 marks)

Answer **one** question only from this section. Write between **100** and **150** words

EITHER

1. Imagine that you are library Assistant at your school. Recently, thieves broke into the library and stole some important books. Write a letter to the head teacher of your school. Telling him/her about the incident.

In your letter include the following points:

Paragraph 1

- When the theft happened?
- How the thieves entered the library?
- How you found out about the theft?

Paragraph 2

- Books missing in the library
- Other damages done in the library

Paragraph 3

- What you did to ensure security?
- How you want the head teacher to assist?

OR

2. Write a story entitled "My favourite club".

In your story you may include the following points:

Paragraph 1

- Name of the club
- When the club meets
- Activities which the club carries out.

Paragraph 2

- What you enjoy most in your club.
- The unforgettable things that your club has done.

Paragraph 3

- What you think the club can also do.
- The support you would like to get from other people.

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SECTION: B (20 marks)

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

COMPREHENSION

Mrs Chakadza and her husband lived with Tadala and Madalo, their twin sons. The two eleven-year-old boys had everything they wanted. This family of four lived near Thanzi Hospital. In many ways, the two brothers looked alike. However, they were very different in character. Tadala was often in trouble but his twin brother never got into trouble.

Madalo was his mother's favourite. He never did anything wrong. Everyday, Madalo brought his mother presents. One day he gave her avocado pears, the next day, some oranges or peaches or bananas. There were always different kinds of fruits in the cupboard or in the fridge.

One Saturday morning, Tadala wanted to go and play football. He played for silver bullets. As he was leaving, his mother gave him K3000.00 to buy medicine from Tachirani shop.

After the game, Tadala hurried to his shift and a pair of shorts in order to buy the medicines. He looked for his bag in which he had put his clothes. Alas! It was not there. Someone had taken it. He was told that a big man in big boots had taken it. Suddenly, the man appeared with a stick in one hand and Tadala's bag in one hand and Tadala's bag in the other. Tadala run for his life to his home.

Tadala got home at around five o'clock in the evening. He did not know what to do. He was very hungry. He had lost his shirt. He had also lost his shorts and he had not bought the medicine. What was he going to tell his mother? He wondered.

Later, Tadala reported to his mother what had happened. Suddenly, they heard a loud knock. It was the big man in his big boots. "I am a gardener at the hospital. Your son is a thief. Everyday he steals fruits from my garden," he said.

Tadala replied, "I think you have made a mistake, I think you want my brother not me."

The gardener looked at Tadala, then Madalo.

"You look the same! He looked in surprise.

Adapted from: Twins in Trouble by Amu Djoletto.

Questions

- (a). Where did Madalo and Tadala live?

_____ (1 Mark)

- (b). In what way did Tadala differ from Madalo?

_____ (2 Mark)

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(c). Why was Madalo favoured by his mother? (2 Mark)

(d). Why did Tadala hurry to change his clothes after the game? (2 Marks)

(e). Give one reason why Tadala failed to buy medicine from Tachirani shop? (2 Mark)

(f). Which of the two boys was a thief? (1 Mark)

(g). Give a reason for your answer in (f) above. (2 Marks)

(h). Why did the gardener fail to identify the boy who always stole fruits from the garden? (2 Marks)

(i). Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage.

(i) alike (1 Mark)

(ii) replied (1 Mark)

(j). What was Tadala worried about as he arrived home in the evening? (2 Marks)

(k). Suggest a title for this story. (2 Marks)

SECTION: C (10 Marks)

Change the following sentences from active to passive.

4. Active: Mrs Chiswe teaches Mathematics.

Passive: _____

5. Active: Naughty children made noise in churches.

Passive: _____

6. Active: Mr Kaliwo wrote the composition.

Passive: _____

7. Active: My uncle will bring the food.

Passive: _____

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8. Active: Are the boys writing a test?

Passive: _____

Make sentences using each of the following words to show that you know its meaning.

9. Carefully: _____

10. report: _____

11. light: _____

12. games: _____

13. start: _____

SECTION D (40 marks)

Questions 14-26.

In each of the following questions choose the letter (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentence.

14. The teacher is looking _____ his lost pen.
A. at
B. for
C. after
D. over
15. The dog is running _____ the cat.
A. to
B. for
C. after
D. at
16. She leaves _____ Blantyre this evening.
A. to
B. for
C. at
D. in
17. Madaio is older _____ Ekari.
A. than
B. to
C. with
D. from
18. I would rather die _____ lose my property.
A. to
B. than
C. from
D. for
19. Mrs Mambala is _____ her way to the market.
A. on
B. down
C. off
D. at
20. If I had had enough money, I _____ a car.
A. Will buy
B. Would buy
C. Would have bought
D. bought
21. You cannot sleep here, unless we _____ you.
A. would know
B. know
C. knew
D. had known
22. We are going _____ a walk.
A. to
B. at
C. for
D. from

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23. You can't board a plane _____ you have an air ticket.

- A. unless
- B. if
- C. but
- D. since

24. The thief has stolen a _____ of keys.

- A. heap
- B. bunch
- C. bundle
- D. group

25. Benson _____ on the phone at the moment.

- A. had talked
- B. was talking
- C. has talked
- D. is talking

26. My uncle as well as my aunt _____ present at the meeting last night.

- A. were
- B. are
- C. was
- D. have been

Questions 27 – 39

In each of the following questions, choose the correct part of speech (A, B, C or D) for each of the underlined words

27. The desk was near the window.

- A. preposition
- B. noun
- C. conjunction
- D. verb

28. If you run fast, you will find him.

- A. adverb
- B. conjunction
- C. preposition
- D. article

29. The little girl is very excited.

- A. preposition
- B. adverb
- C. verb
- D. adjective

30. Which of these houses is yours?

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

31. I forget about the plan completely

- A. adjective
- B. adverb
- C. verb
- D. article

32. She is one of the best teachers at our school

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

33. They forgot the importance of the journey.

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

34. Ouch! It's painful.

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

35. This is the girl who won the prize.

- A. article
- B. verb
- C. preposition
- D. conjunction

36. Nobody was outside the hall.

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

37. Although he was not well, he decided to go ahead with the meeting.

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

38. "He names this baby John," said Mercy.
 A. noun
 B. conjunction
 C. adverb
 D. verb

39. I saw him yesterday.
 A. adverb
 B. adjective
 C. noun
 D. pronoun

Questions 40 – 44:

In each of the following questions, choose the correct question tag (A, B, C or D) for the statement.

40. Mrs Phiri teaches English, _____?
 A. doesn't she
 B. does she
 C. isn't she
 D. did she
41. She won't come for the meeting, _____?
 A. won't she
 B. is she
 C. will she
 D. can she
42. Mary is a polite girl, _____?
 A. is she
 B. wasn't she
 C. isn't she
 D. was she
43. We could wait for him, _____?
 A. could we
 B. couldn't we
 C. should we
 D. shouldn't we
44. They seldom eat meat, _____?
 A. don't they
 B. do they
 C. did they
 D. didn't they

Questions 45 – 46:

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

45. She is as brave as a _____.
 A. tiger
 B. leopard
 C. crocodile
 D. lion
46. It was as _____ as a morning star.
 A. shiny
 B. bright
 C. clear
 D. light

Questions 47 to 48:

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

47. The stitch in time saves, _____.
 A. many
 B. nine
 C. two
 D. one
48. You can lead a horse to a _____ but you can't force it drink.
 A. lake
 B. well
 C. dam
 D. river

Questions 49 to 53:

In each of the following questions, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that gives the correct type of clause and its function. The clause has been underlined.

49. The girl who is in a red dress is my friend.
 A. Noun clause, subject of "friend".
 B. Noun clause, in opposition to "friend".
 C. Adjective clause, qualifying noun "girl".
 D. Adverb clause, modifying verb "is".

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50. He walks as if he is ill.
- A. Adverb clause modifying "as if"
 - B. Noun clause, subject of the verb "walks".
 - C. Adverb clause, modifying verb "walks".
 - D. Noun clause, object of verb "walks".
51. The rumour that he had failed shocked his friends.
- A. Adjective clause qualifying a noun "rumour"
 - B. Adverb clause modifying verb "shocked"
 - C. Noun clause complement of noun "rumour"
 - D. Noun clause in apposition to noun "rumour"
52. When they found her, she was extremely happy.
- A. Noun clause, object of "happy".
 - B. Noun clause subject of "was".
 - C. Adverb clause modifying "was extremely happy".
 - D. Adjective clause qualifying she.
53. Tina said that she had passed the examinations.
- A. Noun clause, object of "said".
 - B. Adverb clause, modifying "said".
 - C. Adjective clause, qualifying Tina.
 - D. Noun clause, subject of said.

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