

EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA
Joint Examination for the School Certificate
and General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE **1121/1**

PAPER 1

Thursday

27 OCTOBER 2011

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:
Answer Booklet

1 hour 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.

There are **two** sections in this paper. Answer **both** sections.

Write your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.

If you use more than one Answer Booklet, fasten the booklets together.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

You should first read through the whole paper.

You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each section.

Cell phones are not allowed in the examination room.

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SECTION 1

You are advised not to spend more than 50 minutes on this section.

Write on **one** of the following topics. You should write between **250** and **350** words. **Any words beyond the word limit will be cancelled.**

- 1 Describe an occasion when success by either a husband or a wife brought problems to their family.
- 2 Write a story with one of the following titles:
 - (a) Mistaken IdentityOR
 - (b) I Stand Accused
- 3 Write an account of how you were able to rescue someone despite others failing.
- 4 Gender equality has brought more harm than good. Argue for or against this statement.
- 5 Your school volleyball team has qualified to the Coca-cola Championship. Write a letter to your friend telling him or her about the preparations the team is making and the challenges it is likely to face.
- 6 Some plants are used as medicine to cure different diseases. Write a feature article to a magazine discussing some plants that have medicinal properties and what diseases they cure.

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SECTION 2

You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on this section.

You are a teacher of English at Wawa High School and you have been assigned to write a speech for your Headteacher to be read at an Awards Giving Ceremony at your school. The guest of honour is the Minister of Education. Below are some of the points you have been given to write the speech.

- School Certificate results very good
- six streams each Grade
- cows graze near school
- proud- minister is a lady - good example to girls
- most teachers not accommodated
- Bursar's office broken into last Monday
- teachers and pupils very hardworking
- text books and desks not enough
- Deputy Headteacher married to two wives
- pupils fetch water from stream
- generator old – constantly breaking down
- very few beds
- two computers whole school
- P.T.A. Executive very hardworking
- thirty pupils got six points
- women stopped selling food stuffs
- no kitchen and dining hall
- critical shortage of Mathematics and Science teachers
- most pupils come from poor families
- bars near school
- some former pupils hold key positions in government and society

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Using the relevant points only and presented in a logical order, write the speech for the Headteacher. The length of your speech should be between **250** and **350** words. **Any words beyond the word limit will be cancelled.**