

**EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA**

Joint Examination for the School Certificate  
and General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**1121/1**

**PAPER 1**

Thursday

1 November 2012

Additional materials:  
Answer Paper

**TIME: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**Marks: 40**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

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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.**

**SECTION 1 [20 Marks]**

**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 written beyond the word limit will be cancelled.**

1 Your friend has been performing badly in school work due to some social problem. Write a letter to advise her on how to resolve the problem and make suggestions on how to improve in school work.

2 Write an imaginary or true story with **one** of the these titles:

(a) 'The First Experience'

**OR**

(b) 'Experience is the Best Teacher'

3 'The use of cellphones has brought more harm than good to married couples.' Argue for **or** against this assertion.

4 Describe a family fight that you witnessed. State how the fight affected the family afterwards and how the problem was resolved.

5 The problem of street children is like a time bomb about to explode. Write a feature article explaining what this problem is and provide solutions to prevent the explosion.

6 Write a story which ends with the following words: '... safe at last. Thank goodness I had remembered to carry a compass.'

**SECTION 2 [20 Marks]**

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

A big government institution advertised the position of Director General and after a week of interviews, the position went to Monica Chirwa. However, some of the interviewees petitioned the outcome of the interviews. You, being Head of Investigations at the Anti-Corruption Commission, were assigned to interview Monica Chirwa again so that you establish whether she got the position on merit or not.

Your interview was based on the advertisement below which appeared in both the 'Times of Zambia' and the 'Zambia Daily Mail' newspapers of 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.

**SHARP WAVES BROADCASTING CORPORATION LIMITED**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**POSITION: DIRECTOR GENERAL**

Sharp Waves Broadcasting Corporation Limited is inviting applications from suitably qualified and experienced Zambians for the position of Director General.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelor of Mass Communication from a recognised University
- Masters Degree in Mass Communication from a recognised University

**EXPERIENCE**

Must have a minimum of 5 years relevant administrative experience in a senior position in a reputable organisation.

Must be able to work in an intense deadline driven environment.

Must have excellent communication and writing skills.

Must have relevant experience in broadcasting and production of programmes.

Must not be less than 45 years old.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

The appointment will be on a three year contract with option for renewal.

A competitive remuneration package commensurate with the seniority of the position will be offered to the successful candidate.

**APPLICATIONS**

Applications with photocopies of academic and professional certificates together with a detailed curriculum vitae and names of three traceable referees should reach the undersigned not later than 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

The Personnel Manager,  
Sharp Waves Broadcasting Corporation Limited,  
P O Box 00330,  
**LUSAKA.**

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## THE INTERVIEW

*Head of Investigations:* Good afternoon to you, Madam.

Please sit down. I am very impressed with your punctuality. You said you would come at 14 00 hours and it is exactly 14 00 hours. There are not many Zambians as punctual as you are.

*Director General:* Well, it is the type of training I did. There was much emphasis on punctuality and it has really become part of me.

*Head of Investigations:* Now, tell me your full names and age.

*Director General:* I am Monica Dube Chirwa and forty-two years old.

*Head of Investigations:* You are married, of course and have children.

*Director General:* Yes, I am and have four handsome sons.

*Head of Investigations:* Good. Are you a Zambian?

*Director General:* No, I am a Zimbabwean but married to a Zambian. I came to Zambia in 1974 with my parents who were teachers.

*Head of Investigations:* That sounds interesting. Can you tell me about your education background?

*Director General:* I went to Kaminza Primary School in 1976 where I did my Grade 1 to 7 studies and then in 1983 went to Chipemba Girls' Secondary School for my secondary education. I was at Chipemba until Form 5 in 1987 and obtained a very good Cambridge School Certificate.

*Head of Investigations:* Form 5 is what is now Grade 12, isn't it?

*Director General:* You are right. Then, I went to the University of Zambia in 1989 and graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts with Education. Geography was my major and English minor. It was while at the University that I met my husband, Mr Chirwa. He was in the School of Engineering.

*Head of Investigations:* So you are a teacher!?

*Director General:* Certainly. Once a teacher, always a teacher. I was a very good teacher.

*Head of Investigations:* Were you Head, Deputy Head or Senior Teacher by the time you got this big position of Director General?

*Director General:* I was nowhere nearer any of these positions. It was too difficult to get such positions in the Ministry of Education due to so many teachers eyeing these same positions.

*Head of Investigations:* Do you have a Masters Degree?

*Director General:* No, I don't. I was about to go for one when I saw the advertisement for the position of Director General in the 'Times of Zambia' newspaper and eventually got it.

*Head of Investigations:* Have you ever worked for any media organisation other than this one?

*Director General:* No, apart from the education tours of Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC), Times of Zambia and Zambia Daily Mail offices I used to organise for my Grade 12 classes.

*Head of Investigations:* Before I leave, can I have a look at the original academic and professional certificates as well as the curriculum vitae?

*Director General:* Certainly.

As Head of Investigations, write a report on your findings to the Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission using the relevant information from the conversation in relation to the advertisement. The report should prove beyond any doubt whether Monica Dube Chirwa got the position of Director General on merit or not. Ensure to make recommendations in your report.

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Your report should be between **250** and **350** words. **Any words written beyond the word limit will be cancelled.**