

**EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA**

**Examination for General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level**

**English Language**  
**Paper 1**

**1121/1**

**Friday**

**1 JULY 2016**

Additional materials:

Answer Booklet:

**Time: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**MARKS: 40**

**Instructions to Candidates**

- 1** Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the **Answer Booklet**.
- 2** There are **two** sections in this paper. Answer **both** sections.
- 3** Write your answers in the **Answer Booklet** provided.
- 4** 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 not be considered as part of your composition.**

1 Write a story with **one** of the following titles:

**Either**

(a) When One Door Closes, Another Opens.

**Or**

(b) A Bird in Hand is Worth Two in the Bush.

2 Describe a village or town that never ceases to amuse you.

3 Parents should choose careers for their children. **Argue for** or **against** this statement.

4 Early marriages should **not** be condoned in our society. Discuss.

5 Write a letter to your friend in another school telling him or her what things have been done to improve your school.

6 Write a story starting: 'Only after she had died did people know who she really was.'

**SECTION 2 [20 Marks]**

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

You are a motivational speaker and have been invited to give a motivational speech to grade twelve school leavers at your former school on career choice. You have the following notes to help you give the speech.

- spend all your time on leisure
- have a dream
- good use of career guidance teachers
- no need for career guidance teachers
- be alert in class
- relevant subjects in relation to your dream or career
- know area of interest
- well paying jobs
- concentrate on studies
- give teachers headaches
- aim at obtaining a merit in all subjects
- work hard
- set goals and priorities
- allow time wasters to disturb you
- be focussed
- join bad company at school
- ignore bad company at school
- research on difficult subjects at school
- be a party cadre
- befriend call boys
- read widely
- seek advice from would-be employers
- aim at obtaining a degree

Using the **relevant points only** and **presented in a logical order**, write the speech. The length of your speech should be between **250** and **350** words. **Any words written beyond the word limit will not be considered as part of your composition.**

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