



EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Examination for School Certificate Ordinary Level

English Language Paper 1

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Additional Material(s):
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**.

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Information for Candidates

- 1 All questions in this paper carry equal marks.
- 2 You should first read through the whole paper.
- 3 You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each section.
- 4 **Do not use pencil. Only blue or black ink should be used.**
- 5 **Dictionaries and textbooks are not allowed in the examination room.**
- 6 **Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the examination room.**

SECTION A [20 Marks]

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

Write on **one** of the following topics. You should write between **250** and **350 words**. **Words written beyond the word limit will not be considered to be part of your composition.**

- 1** Write a story with the following statement: "Surely, good people still exist".
- 2** Your friend has problems with her fourteen year old daughter who seems to be spending a lot of time with older boys and always going home late. Write a letter to your friend to explain some factors that lead to teenage pregnancy.
- 3** Describe an incident in which one of your relatives was sexually abused.
- 4** Write a story with one of the following titles:

Either

(a) The Unfair Judgement

Or

(b) Every Dog has its Day

- 5** Payment of bride-price (dowry) in the African society should be abolished. **Argue for** or **against** this statement.
- 6** Explain how agriculture can be a solution to the country's problems.

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SECTION B [20 Marks]

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

Your uncle intends to establish a private secondary school in his area as one of his businesses. Write a letter to advise him on what type of a school to establish. You have written down the following notes to help you write the letter:

Boarding or Day school

Boarding

- market wide
- easy to control learners
- expensive to run
- difficult to build and maintain dormitories
- easy to organise sports
- difficult to sustain the kitchen and dining hall
- good results due to the evening preparation (Prep)
- not easy to provide entertainment

Day

- cheaper to run
- learners easily distracted
- market limited
- no need to build and maintain dormitories, kitchens and dining hall
- difficult to organise sports and entertainment
- easier for learners to do sports and entertainment

Co-education or Single sex school

Co -education

- difficult to control
- boys and girls consult each other
- risks of pregnancies among girls
- high competition between boys and girls

Single sex

- lacks competition
- difficult to carry out certain activities
- careless in personal hygiene
- good results

Using the information above, write the letter. The length of the letter should be between **250 and 350 words. Words written beyond the word limit will not be considered to be part of your composition.**