



EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Examination for School Certificate Ordinary Level



English Language Paper 1

1121/1

2020

Additional Material(s):

Answer Booklet

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Marks: 40

Instructions to Candidates

- 1 Write the **centre number** and your **examination number** on **every page** of the separate **Answer Booklet** provided.
- 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 other reference materials are not allowed in the examination room.
- 6 Cell phones and other electronic gadgets 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 ending: "... indeed, the value of one's life is measured by the lives it touches."
- 2 Describe the way people dress nowadays.
- 3 Learners should be allowed to take subjects of their choice at secondary school. **Discuss.**
- 4 Write a story with one of the following titles:
Either
(a) Live in a Fool's Paradise
Or
(b) Take the Bull by the Horns
- 5 Explain the importance of traditional ceremonies.
- 6 Women's contribution to the nation's economy cannot surpass that of men's. **Argue for** or **against** this statement.

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SECTION B [20 Marks]

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

Visitors from the Ministry of General Education have come to tour your school. Your Headteacher has asked you to guide them through some important places of the school. Below is the list of the places you intend to use to provide the guide.

- administration block
- school library
- science laboratories
- computer laboratories
- assembly hall
- clinic
- tuckshop
- production unit
- car park
- maintenance section
- sports fields
- guidance and counselling office

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As the Tour Guide, use the information above to provide the explanation. The length of the explanation should be between **250** and **350 words**. **Words written beyond the word limit will not be considered to be part of your composition.**