



# EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Examination for School Certificate Ordinary Level

## English Language

Paper 1

1121/1

Monday

6 NOVEMBER 2023

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 separate **Answer Booklet** provided.
- 4 If you use more than one Answer Booklet, **fasten the booklets together**.

### Information for Candidates

- 1 All questions in this paper carry equal marks.
- 2 Do **not** use **pencil**. Only **blue** or **black ink** should be used.
- 3 Dictionaries and other reference materials are **not allowed** in the examination room.
- 4 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 which begins with the sentence: "My brother is an alarmist ...".
- 2 Describe any event that reminds you of motherly love.
- 3 Explain the cause of sexual harassment and how the scourge could be stopped.
- 4 Write a story with one of the following titles:

**Either**

(a) The First Cut is the Deepest

**Or**

(b) Make a Mountain Out of a Mole Hill

- 5 Social media has brought about a lot of insecurity in our society. **Discuss**.
- 6 There is no true love without jealousy. **Argue for** or **against** this statement.

**SECTION B: [20 MARKS]**

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

Your friend who is in his final grade in secondary school has asked you to advise him on ideas and strategies that would help him thrive after completing school. Write a letter to advise him. You have written down the following notes to help you write the letter.

- identify your talents and potential ✓
- be honest in your dealings ✓
- start small poultry business ✓
- help teach children at local school and church ✓
- stay away from alcohol abuse and women ✓
- look for job as driver ✓
- train at local skills training centre ✓
- do not be naive ✓
- do not rush into marriage ✓
- look for piece of land ✓
- use your time wisely ✓
- avoid bad company ✓
- do not overstretch yourself ✓

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