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ENGLISH

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Time Allowed: 1 h 10 mins
11:30 – 12:40 pm

PAPER I

(60 marks)

Instructions

1. This paper contains 8 printed pages. Please check.
2. Before beginning the examination, fill in your Examination Number on the answer sheet.
3. This paper has **60** Multiple Choice questions. You should answer **all** questions on the answer sheet provided.
4. Each question carries **one mark**. Show your answer on the answer sheet.

Sample Question

3. Choose the word (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) that gives the same meaning as the words in bold letters in the following sentence:

The actress was highly praised. Funny enough, she said that she did not like **soft soap**.

- A. acting
- B. bathing
- C. flattery
- D. comments

The correct answer **C** to the sample question is then marked like this ☒ on the answer sheet as shown below:

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Instruction: Answer all questions.

Questions 1 to 18

In each of the following questions, choose the word(s) (A, B, C or D) that best complete(s) each of the sentences.

1. The child is suffering _____ cerebral malaria.
A. with
B. of
C. from
D. by
2. Most parents do not believe _____ hitting their children.
A. in
B. on
C. at
D. by
3. The farmer feeds his cow _____ corn and beans.
A. by
B. on
C. for
D. in
4. Many people prefer coffee _____ tea.
A. to
B. than
C. against
D. besides
5. All the guests left the hall _____ sunset.
A. on
B. in
C. at
D. by
6. I did not hear what Alipo said because he muttered _____ his breath.
A. under
B. by
C. with
D. in
7. I can't figure _____ why he is always late for classes.
A. up
B. out
C. over
D. in
8. The generator _____ while dinner was being served.
A. broke away
B. broke off
C. broke out
D. broke down
9. The rich man disguised himself _____ a beggar.
A. with
B. as
C. from
D. for
10. The factory is closed because the employees _____ on strike since last month.
A. were
B. have been
C. will be
D. would be
11. I wish you _____ stop using my phone so much.
A. will
B. would
C. can
D. might

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12. The guard would not have been beaten up if he _____ the truth.
A. tells
B. told
C. had told
D. had been telling
13. If you drink this water, you _____ sick.
A. get
B. will get
C. would get
D. will have got
14. One of the safety measures on the road is to _____ your seat-belt.
A. tie
B. fasten
C. put on
D. wear
15. The witnesses are being _____ in the court of law.
A. questioned
B. cross-examined
C. prosecuted
D. asked
16. The _____ from the gospel concert are earmarked for charity work.
A. funds
B. charges
C. proceeds
D. fees
17. The lady accepted the job although she would only be _____ half her previous salary.
A. winning
B. gaining
C. earning
D. deserving

18. All the pews in the church were occupied and some people sat along the _____.
A. aisle
B. pavement
C. path
D. corridor

Questions 19 to 22

In each of the following questions, choose the part of speech (A, B, C or D) that best describes each of the underlined words.

19. The potatoes are thoroughly burnt.
A. adverb
B. adjective
C. verb
D. pronoun
20. Planting seeds now is not advisable.
A. adverb
B. verb
C. noun
D. adjective
21. You should switch off the radio before he comes.
A. adverb
B. conjunction
C. preposition
D. noun
22. The terrified child ran straight to her mother.
A. adverb
B. preposition
C. noun
D. adjective

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Questions 23 to 25

In each of the following questions, choose the order of adjectives (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentence.

23. The artist is a _____ woman.

- A. dark Zambian tall young
B. tall dark young Zambian
C. Zambian dark young tall
D. tall young dark Zambian

24. He carried _____ bags.

- A. many heavy striped shopping
B. many striped heavy shopping
C. striped heavy shopping many
D. heavy many shopping striped

25. We demanded for the _____ dancers.

- A. best Malawian vimbuza
B. best vimbuza Malawian
C. vimbuza Malawian best
D. Malawian best vimbuza

Questions 26 to 30

In each of the following questions, choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best describes and gives the function of the underlined phrase or clause.

26. The girl next to me is my neighbour.

- A. adjective clause, qualifying 'girl'
B. noun phrase, in apposition to 'girl'
C. adjective phrase, qualifying 'girl'
D. noun clause, in apposition to 'girl'

27. The boy jumped over the electric fence.

- A. noun clause, object of 'jumped'
B. adverb phrase, modifying 'jumped'
C. adjective phrase, qualifying 'boy'
D. adverb clause, modifying 'jumped'

28. How he managed to cross the river will remain a mystery.

- A. noun phrase, subject of 'will remain'
B. adjective phrase, qualifying 'mystery'
C. noun clause, subject of 'will remain'
D. adjective clause, qualifying 'mystery'

29. This door leads to the crowded and dusty room.

- A. adverb clause, modifying 'leads'
B. adverb phrase, object of 'leads'
C. noun phrase, object of 'leads'
D. noun clause, object of 'leads'

30. What surprised me was how he missed the train.

- A. adjective clause, qualifying 'me'
B. adverb clause, modifying 'surprised'
C. noun clause, object of 'surprised'
D. noun clause, complement of 'me'

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Questions 31 to 36

SMOULDERING CHARCOAL*by Tiyambe Zeleza*

31. One of the causes of the strike at Nkata bakery is the fight for
- A. re-instatement of the dismissed workers.
 - B. the workers' freedom of expression.
 - C. exposure of the bosses' greed.
 - D. better conditions in bars.
32. Why does Mchere beat Nambe when he comes back from work?
- A. She stops him from beating the children.
 - B. She asks him for money for food.
 - C. She asks him about Lucy.
 - D. She shouts at him for coming home late.
33. Who comes to Mchere's rescue when he needs money most?
- A. Chola
 - B. Biti
 - C. Lucy
 - D. Bota
34. The presence of Youth Militias at Dambo's funeral shows that the government is
- A. cruel.
 - B. oppressive.
 - C. ruthless.
 - D. dictatorial.
35. What theme is portrayed when Nambe chases away the priest at Ntolo's funeral?
- A. hypocrisy
 - B. cruelty
 - C. selfishness
 - D. vengeance

36. What happens to the university students who boycott classes?
- A. They are arrested.
 - B. They are suspended.
 - C. They are expelled.
 - D. They are murdered.

Questions 37 to 45

**LOOKING FOR A RAIN GOD
AND OTHER SHORT STORIES
FROM AFRICA****THE CASE OF THE PRISON
MONGER** *by Hama Tuma*

37. Which of the following figures of speech is used in this story?
- A. irony
 - B. satire
 - C. symbolism
 - D. hyperbole
38. What is the geographical setting of the story?
- A. village
 - B. semi-urban
 - C. remote area
 - D. urban
39. What figure of speech is used by the author in the statement 'it is easier to get university education in prison than outside'?
- A. hyperbole
 - B. irony
 - C. pun
 - D. paradox

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40. Which of the following is **not** a reason for Matteous Gudu's love for prison?
- A. free secondary school education
 - B. free shelter though overcrowded
 - C. freedom of association
 - D. free education for all
41. What shows that there is a corrupt justice system in the story?
- A. Matteous Gudu is never given a death penalty.
 - B. Wrong judgement is given to the opponents of the regime.
 - C. Matteous Gudu gets his sentence after insulting the judge.
 - D. Innocent people are given death sentences.
42. In what way is Matteous Gudu courageous?
- A. He insults the judge.
 - B. He likes staying in prison.
 - C. He is a shoplifter.
 - D. He studies for his law degree.

NOORJEHAN by *Ahmed Essop*

43. What is the geographical setting of the story?
- A. village
 - B. semi-urban
 - C. remote area
 - D. urban

44. Which of the following is the **main** theme in the story?
- A. forced marriages
 - B. selfishness
 - C. social distance
 - D. desperation
45. Which of the following **best** describes Noorjehan's character?
- A. pompous
 - B. stubborn
 - C. selfish
 - D. courageous

Questions 46 to 52

THE UNSUNG SONG edited by *R Chirambo, M Iphani and Z Mbano*

LEADERS OF TOMORROW
by *George Pungulani*

You leaders of tomorrow
On what corner stone
Are you going to build?

Running away from school
Where true leaders are baked
You hide in dark corners

Can one find happiness
In sex, drink and smoke
The very horns of death?

46. What role is the persona playing in the poem?
- A. threatening
 - B. advising
 - C. humiliating
 - D. opposing

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47. What **major** problem will the leaders of tomorrow face in life, according to the persona?

- A. imprisonment
- B. divorce
- C. suspension
- D. death

48. School is seen as the place where true leaders are baked because

- A. issues of politics are discussed.
- B. students learn how to bake.
- C. leadership skills are taught.
- D. students are taught cornerstones.

MARRIAGE by Herbert Kapota

It is like an oxcart
Where one ox is fast
While the other is slow
Drover throw the whip

It is like a moving car
Sometimes slow uphill
Sometimes fast downhill
Driver step on the brakes

Inside are the young
Innocent souls entrusted to us
To nurture and transport home
Drover goad us, stop us

49. What does the persona liken marriage to?

- A. a train
- B. a car
- C. oxen
- D. a drover

50. Which sound effect is depicted by 'drover throw the whip' and 'drover goad us'?

- A. rhyme
- B. assonance
- C. rhythm
- D. alliteration

51. Which sound effect is depicted by 'uphill' and 'downhill'?

- A. alliteration
- B. assonance
- C. rhyme
- D. rhythm

52. What figure of speech is 'like an oxcart'?

- A. euphemism
- B. personification
- C. simile
- D. metaphor

Questions 53 to 60

ROMEO AND JULIET by William Shakespeare

53. In what way is the phrase 'O she doth teach the torches to burn bright' a hyperbole?

- A. Romeo exaggerates Juliet's beauty.
- B. Rosaline is more beautiful than Juliet.
- C. Paris appreciates Juliet's beauty.
- D. Romeo notices many beautiful ladies at the party.

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54. What disappoints Romeo when he meets Juliet for the first time?
- A. Juliet is not interested in him.
 - B. Juliet is a Capulet.
 - C. Tybalt comes to disturb them.
 - D. Benvolio comes to take him home.
55. Who tells Juliet about Romeo's identity?
- A. Benvolio
 - B. Romeo himself
 - C. the Nurse
 - D. Lady Capulet
56. Why is it justifiable for Tybalt to be killed, according to Juliet?
- A. He was a provocative character.
 - B. He deliberately killed Mercutio.
 - C. He could have killed Romeo.
 - D. He did not take Capulet's advice.
57. In what way is Juliet shown as a deceitful character?
- A. She falls in love with Romeo, a Montague.
 - B. She accepts Capulet's plans to marry Paris.
 - C. She leaves Verona for Romeo's sake.
 - D. She goes to Friar Lawrence for Romeo.
58. Why does Old Capulet change the wedding day from Thursday to Wednesday?
- A. He wants to prevent Juliet from leaving Verona.
 - B. He is too excited about the wedding.
 - C. He is influenced by Paris.
 - D. He has a lot of things to do on Thursday.
59. Which part of the play is the **most** tragic?
- A. The fight between the Montagues and the Capulets.
 - B. The banishment of Romeo to Mantua.
 - C. The death of Tybalt and Mercutio.
 - D. The death of Romeo and Juliet.
60. In what way is Prince Escalus being fair to the Montagues?
- A. He leaves the Montagues free after the fight.
 - B. He banishes Old Capulet.
 - C. He punishes Tybalt for killing Mercutio.
 - D. He gives light punishment to Romeo.

END OF QUESTION PAPER

NB: This paper contains 8 printed pages.