

# Bloomers Online Learning Initiative

2020 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION

## ENGLISH

Subject number: M052/I

Time allowed: 1hr 45 mins.

8:00a m – 9:45

Monday 10 June, 2020  
pm

## PAPER I (70 marks)

### Instructions

1. This paper contains **8 pages**. Please check.

2. The paper has **two sections**; A and B.

- **Section A** is Multiple Choice.  
Answer **all** questions by encircling the letter representing the right answer.
- **Section B** is composition. Answer only **one** question in the space provided on the question paper.

3. Write **your name** and **class** on all pages.

4. In the table provided on this page tick against the question number you have answered.

5. At the end of the examination, hand in your  
paper to the invigilator.

Question number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
1- 30			
31			
32			

Questions 1- 5,  
In each of the following  
questions, choose the words ( A,  
B, C or D) that best completes  
each of the sentences.

1. You haven't got a car,  
\_\_\_\_\_ you?  
A. do  
B. have  
C. will  
D. shall
2. He can hardly eat raw eggs,  
\_\_\_\_\_?  
A. can he  
B. cant he  
C. does he  
D. doesn't he
3. Many people prefer coffee  
\_\_\_\_\_ tea.  
A. than  
B. against  
C. besides  
D. to
4. I have never read it. I just  
take it \_\_\_\_\_ trust.  
A. in  
B. to  
C. on  
D. with
5. The pastor put \_\_\_\_\_ his  
message and ideas clearly  
to the people present in  
church.  
A. up

- B. through
- C. down
- D. across

6. The teacher  
was **disappointed**  
\_\_\_\_\_ the behaviour  
of the class.  
A. in  
B. with  
C. at  
D. by
7. It is stupid \_\_\_ him to go  
out without proper game  
plan in such a crucial  
encounter.  
A. to  
B. with  
C. for  
D. of
8. People are always anxious  
\_\_\_\_\_ their health.  
A. at  
B. with  
C. about  
D. in
9. The orphans managed to  
smile \_\_\_\_\_ their hunger.  
A. through  
B. since  
C. with  
D. despite

10. The school took \_\_\_ measures to curb theft in the hostels.  
 A. deathly  
 B. drastic  
 C. terrifying  
 D. furious
11. As soon as his party came in \_\_\_ it changed the law.  
 A. force  
 B. position  
 C. power  
 D. government
12. All the pews in the church were occupied and some people sat the along the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. aisle  
 B. pavement  
 C. path  
 D. corridor
13. By the time I arrived, the cook had already\_\_\_ the table.  
 A. lied  
 B. lain  
 C. laid  
 D. lie
14. My uncle says he will talk to Temwa when she \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. comes  
 B. will come  
 C. came  
 D. would come
15. If I had goats, I \_\_\_\_\_ one for you.  
 A. would have slaughtered  
 B. would slaughter  
 C. will slaughter  
 D. may slaughter
16. The president continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the flood victims.  
 A. call on  
 B. call at  
 C. call out  
 D. call in
17. The television screen \_\_ to show that it had developed an electrical fault.  
 A. flipped out  
 B. flipped off  
 C. flipped in  
 D. flipped over
18. The teacher said that he could no longer \_\_\_\_\_ all the marking.  
 A. cope up with  
 B. cope up  
 C. cope on with  
 D. cope with

### Questions 19- 22

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

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ man was soon left by his wife.

- A. tall foolish young American
- B. foolish tall American young
- C. foolish tall young American
- D. tall young American foolish

20. It was \_\_\_\_\_ moment.

- A. a long unbelievable boring
- B. a boring unbelievable long
- C. an unbelievable long boring
- D. a boring long unbelievable

21. They published the story of a \_\_\_\_\_ writer.

- A. ancient creative Malawian

- B. Malawian ancient creative
- C. creative ancient Malawian
- D. Malawian creative ancient

22. She carried \_\_\_\_\_ plates.

- A. big brand new orange plastic
- B. orange big brand new plastic
- C. plastic big orange brand new
- D. brand new big plastic orange

### Questions 23- 26

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

23. The book is both amusing and educative.

- A. pronoun
- B. adjective
- C. conjunction
- D. adverb

24. Kneeling before the visitor, the boy said, "The meal is ready."

- A. verb
- B. adverb
- C. noun

D. adjective

25. They did not go out because it was raining heavily.

- A. preposition
- B. noun
- C. adjective
- D. adverb

26. The young and the beautiful are many in our cities.

- A. adjective
- B. adverb
- C. noun
- D. verb

#### Question 27- 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 phrases or clauses.

27. Jumping from the moving train was a foolish decision.

- A. Noun phrase, subject of the verb "was."
- B. Noun clause, subject of the verb "was."
- C. Adverb phrase, modifying the verb "was."
- D. Adjective phrase, qualifying "decision."

28. That is the route you would have taken.

- A. Adjective phrase, qualifying "route."
- B. Noun phrase, in apposition to "route."
- C. Noun clause object of "is"
- D. Adjective clause, qualifying "route."

29. She lived in the middle of a great wood.

- A. Adverb clause, modifying the verb "lived."
- B. Adjective phrase, qualifying "she."
- C. Adverb phrase, modifying the verb "lived"
- D. Noun clause, object of the verb "lived."

30. The students can't tell who has broken the window.

- A. Noun clause, object of the verb "tell."
- B. Adjective clause, qualifying "students."
- C. Adverb clause, modifying the verb "tell."
- D. Noun clause, complement of the verb "tell."

### SECTION B (40 MARKS)

Answer **one** question only. Spend the first **10 minutes** reading the

questions and planning your answers to the question chosen. Planning may include writing rough notes. Cross out your rough notes before you hand in your paper.

Marks will be awarded for layout, language, content and creativity. Candidates will be penalized for committing mechanical errors and writing answers that are short and/or off- point.

You are expected to write between **350** and **500** words for the question you have chosen in the space provided.

31. Imagine that you are a concerned member of the society where the problem of food insecurity has greatly affected the members of the community. Write a letter to the District Agricultural Development Officer in your area explaining the situation.

32. Write an original story entitled **“The Sacrifice”**

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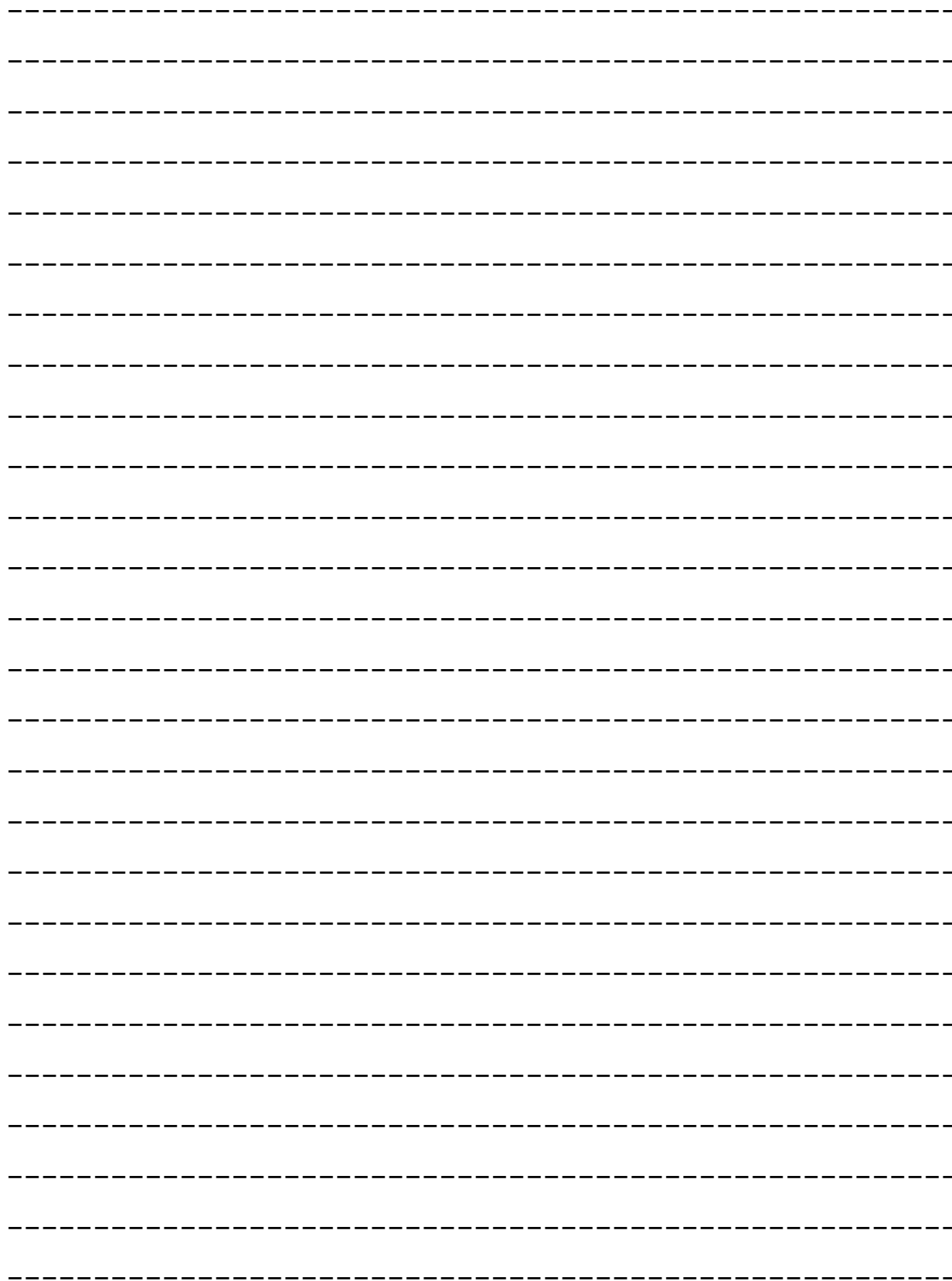
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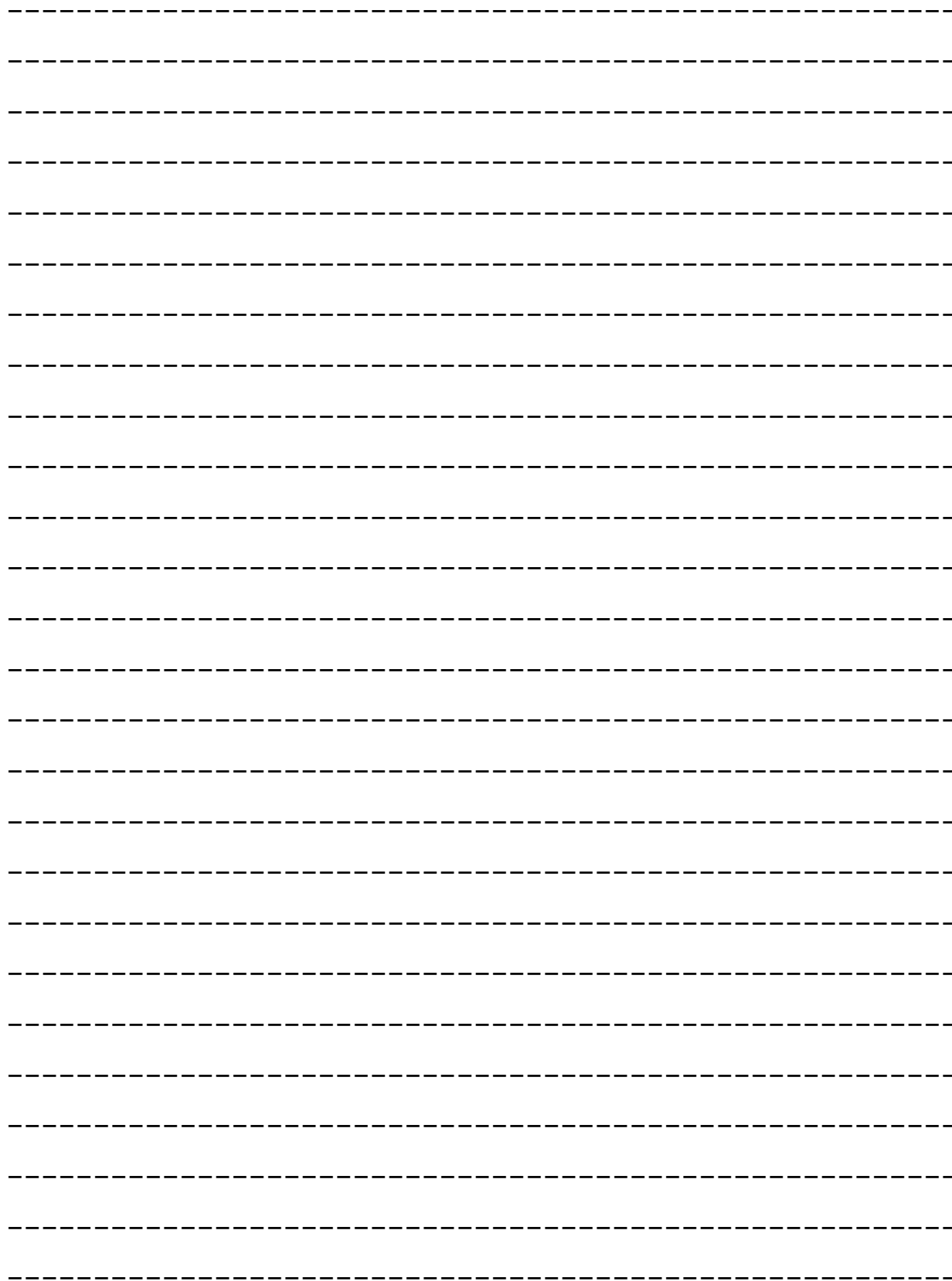
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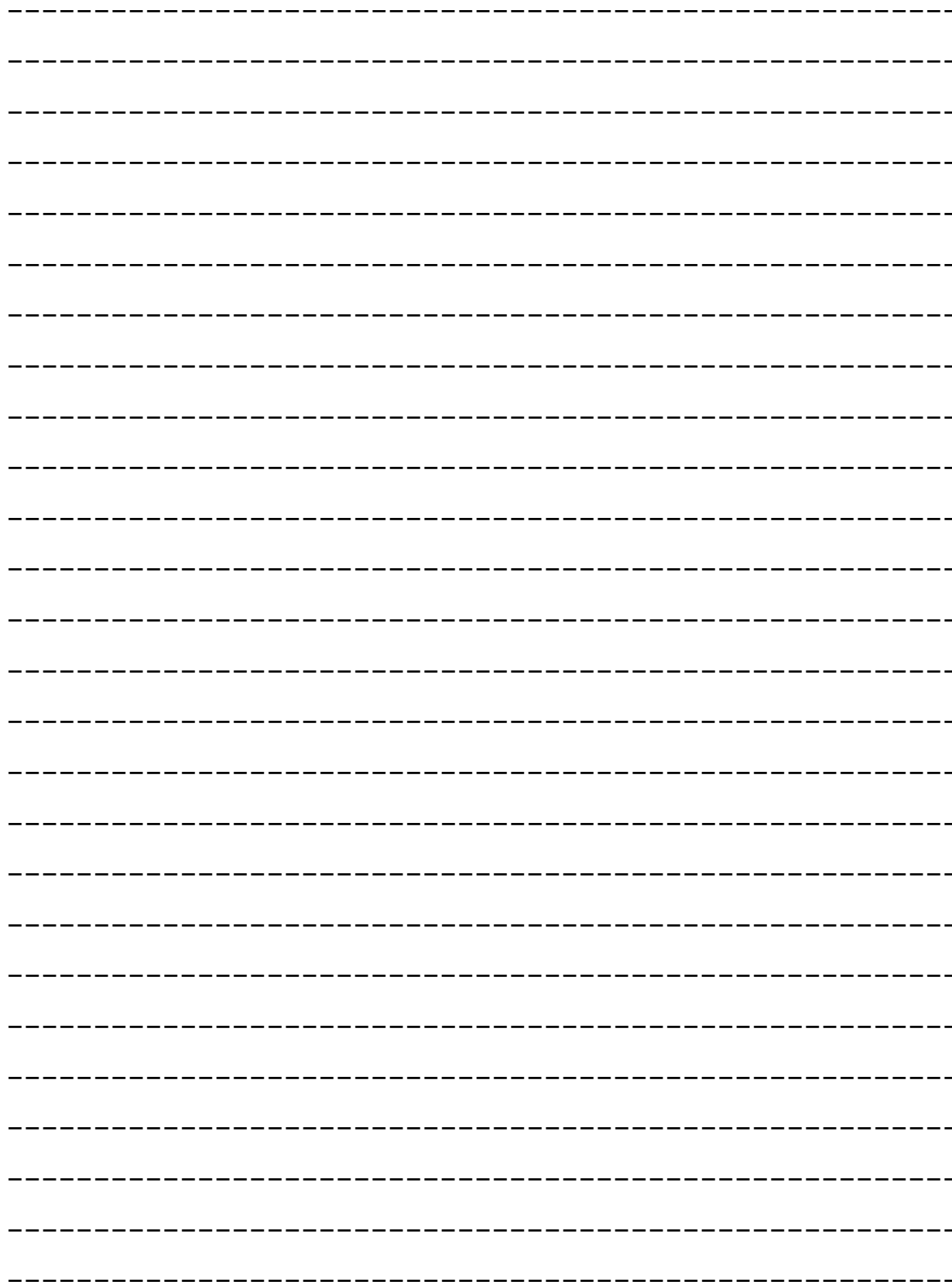
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