

**CHIRADZULU DISTRICT**  
**2023 MSCE MOCK EXAMINATIONS**

**ENGLISH**

**Subject Number: M052/I**

**Monday, 20 March**

**Time Allowed: 1 h 45 mins**

**2:00-3:45 pm**

**PAPER I**

(70 marks)

**Instructions**

1. This paper contains **10 printed pages**. Please check.
2. The paper has two sections
  - 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. Fill in your name and school at the top of each page of the question paper.
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 answer paper to the invigilator.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	Marker's name
1-30			
31			
32			

**Section A (30 marks)**

Answer **all** questions in this section by encircling the letter representing the right answer to each question.

**Questions 1-18**

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

1. Nearly everyone came to the meeting, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. didn't he  
B. did he  
C. didn't they  
D. were they
2. Yamikani hardly said a word, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. doesn't she  
B. did she  
C. does she  
D. didn't she
3. Let's be reasonable, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. will we  
B. can we  
C. do we  
D. shall we
4. When the bill passed in parliament, the President declined to assent \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
A. for  
B. by  
C. on
5. All candidates are expected to comply \_\_\_\_\_ Maneb set rules in the examination room.  
A. with  
B. to  
C. for  
D. by
6. This year, MRA has exempted all farm produce businesses \_\_\_\_\_ paying tax.  
A. to  
B. for  
C. from  
D. in
7. The farmer was arrested because of encroaching \_\_\_\_\_ private property.  
A. at  
B. around  
C. on  
D. in
8. Henry will find it hard to \_\_\_\_\_ this difficult schedule.  
A. break through

- B. keep on  
C. look forward to  
D. get along with
9. Due to the heavy rains, the flight was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. called out  
B. carried on  
C. called off  
D. checked out
10. When the insurance \_\_\_\_\_ was raised, he decided to terminate the contract.  
A. subscription  
B. premium  
C. contribution  
D. indemnity
11. My father has asked me to collect a \_\_\_\_\_ from the University of Malawi so that I may select the program I would like to pursue with the university.  
A. proposal  
B. review  
C. prospectus  
D. curriculum
12. The meeting between the Malawi Congress of Trade Union and the Government Negotiating Team helped to \_\_\_\_\_ the planned strike.  
A. deviate  
B. avert  
C. subvert  
D. divert
13. He was fined MK10, 000 for \_\_\_\_\_ the road traffic police.  
A. preventing  
B. disturbing  
C. inconveniencing  
D. obstructing
14. Mary used to \_\_\_\_\_ at a restaurant before she joined the teaching profession.  
A. working  
B. worked  
C. work  
D. be walking
15. By the time I wrote the Junior Certificate Examinations, I \_\_\_\_\_ the play, *I Will Marry When I Want*.  
A. already read  
B. would already read  
C. had had already read  
D. had already read
16. When I watched the comedy, I couldn't help \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. laugh  
B. laughing  
C. to be laughing  
D. laughed
17. If he went, I \_\_\_\_\_ stay.  
A. will  
B. would have to  
C. would  
D. shall

18. If the priest had come, the marriage \_\_\_\_\_ blessed.

- A. would have been
- B. had been
- C. would be
- D. will be

### Questions 19-22

**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. Last year, uneven rainfall distribution led to low yields in the district.

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

20. Scientists are not yet absolutely sure how man evolved.

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

21. The departure of my father forced me to man the house.

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

22. Twelve students were rusticated for being found in their dorms during lessons.

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

### Questions 23-26

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

23. For the Christmas Celebration, my wife served a \_\_\_\_\_ turkey.

- A. golden brown roasted huge
- B. huge brown golden roasted
- C. roasted huge golden brown
- D. huge roasted golden brown

24. When I scored six points in the examinations, I received \_\_\_\_\_ presents.

- A. several purple beautiful large
- B. large purple beautiful several
- C. several beautiful large purple
- D. beautiful large purple several

25. When I opened the bag, I found \_\_\_\_\_ sports shoes.

- A. two big smelly green
- B. smelly green two big
- C. big smelly green two
- D. two smelly big green

26. The victim is a \_\_\_\_\_ man.

- A. big middle-aged muscular black American
- B. big muscular American black middle-aged
- C. muscular middle-aged big black American
- D. American muscular middle-aged big black

### Questions 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 phrase or clause.**

27. Before taking any medicine, I always speak to my doctor.
- A. noun phrase, subject of 'speak'
  - B. adverb phrase, modifying 'speak'
  - C. noun clause, subject of 'speak'
  - D. adjective phrase, qualifying 'doctor'
28. John's missing cup was found on top of the display cabinet.

- A. adjective clause, qualifying 'shoes'
- B. adverb phrase, modifying 'was found'
- C. adverb clause, modifying 'was found'
- D. noun phrase, object of 'was found'

29. You talk as though you don't want to talk at all.

- A. adverb clause of concession, modifying "talk."
- B. adverb clause of manner, modifying "talk."
- C. adverb clause of comparison, modifying "talk."
- D. adverb clause of purpose, modifying "talk."

30. The candidate smiling at me is my friend.

- A. adjective clause, qualifying 'candidate'
- B. Gerund phrase, qualifying 'candidate'
- C. noun phrase. subject of 'is'
- D. adjective phrase, qualifying 'candidate'

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B (40 marks)**

**Answer one question only.** Spend the first 10 minutes reading both questions and planning your answer to the question chosen. Planning may include writing rough notes. **Cross out your rough notes before you hand in your Answer Book.**

Marks will be awarded for **layout, language** and **content**. 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 on the lined answer sheets.

**EITHER**

**31.** Imagine that in your area there is rampant theft. As a concerned member of the area, write a report to the Member of Parliament of the area about the problem.

**OR**

**32.** Write an original story entitled 'The Lost Purse'.

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