

# BLANTYRE SECONDARY SCHOOL CLUSTER

## 2020 MSCE MOCK EXAMINATIONS

# ENGLISH

## PAPER I

(70 MARKS)

**SUBJECT NUMBER: M052/I**

**Time Allowed: 1HR 10 MIN**

**Date: Monday, March 23**

**1:00 – 2:45 Pm**

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. **This paper has 9 pages. Please check.**
2. **This paper has got 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 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		Marker's Name
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31				
32				

### SECTION A (30 marks)

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

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| <p>1. He rarely comes to school,<br/>_____?</p> <p>A. Does he<br/>B. Don't he<br/>C. Do he<br/>D. Doesn't he</p> <p>2. Stop writing _____?</p> <p>A. Doesn't you<br/>B. Will you<br/>C. Wont you<br/>D. Do you</p> <p>3. They always turn _____<br/>late for parties.</p> <p>A. up<br/>B. out<br/>C. off<br/>D. down</p> <p>4. My parents did not show that<br/>they are disappointed _____<br/>me.</p> <p>A. about<br/>B. in<br/>C. with</p> | <p>D. by</p> <p>5. The school exempted the<br/>injured student _____ sport.</p> <p>A. at<br/>B. for<br/>C. from<br/>D. in</p> <p>6. I would never have accepted<br/>his apology if he _____<br/>humble.</p> <p>A. wouldn't be<br/>B. wasn't<br/>C. hadn't been<br/>D. couldn't be</p> <p>7. If the sun _____ tomorrow,<br/>we shall go on a picnic.</p> <p>A. will shine<br/>B. is shining<br/>C. shines<br/>D. will be shining</p> <p>8. Had the girls not given up<br/>studying, they _____ the<br/>examination.</p> |
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- A. would pass  
B. would have passed  
C. had passes  
D. have had passed
9. Angella \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Chiuta since she was born.  
A. has not seen  
B. had not seen  
C. might not seen  
D. may not see
10. We couldn't have our favourite meal so we had to \_\_\_\_\_ with some snacks.  
A. make up  
B. make over  
C. make do  
D. make out
11. She reported late for duties because her car \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. broke down  
B. broke off  
C. broke out  
D. broke away
12. After the break, they \_\_\_\_\_ to business.  
A. got back  
B. got on  
C. got over  
D. got away
13. June this year, he \_\_\_\_\_ in this town for three years.  
A. will live  
B. would have lived  
C. will have lived  
D. will living
14. He usually \_\_\_\_\_ so fast that I don't understand him.  
A. spoke  
B. was speaking  
C. speaks  
D. is speaking
15. She \_\_\_\_\_ with me for a few days before she went any place.  
A. would stay  
B. have stayed  
C. stay  
D. stayed
16. The witnesses are being \_\_\_\_\_ in the court of law.  
A. questioned  
B. cross- examination  
C. prosecuted  
D. asked
17. One of the security measures on the road is to \_\_\_\_\_ seat belt.  
A. tie

B. fasten

C. put on

D. wear

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. Choose the parts of speech (A, B, C or D) for the underlined words.

19. Are there any witnesses in this courtroom?

A. adjective

B. noun

C. pronoun

D. adverb

20. Have you ever been to the lake?

A. conjunction

B. interjection

C. preposition

D. adverb

21. Coward men cannot become soldiers

A. adverb

B. verb

C. adjective

D. noun

22. Planting trees now is not advisable.

A. adjective

B. verb

C. noun

D. adjective

**Question 23-25. In each question, choose the order of adjective (A, B, C and D) that best completes the sentence.**

23. My sister bought a \_\_\_\_ belt.

A. brown new leather

B. new brown leather

C. leather brown new

D. new leather brown

24. As we approached the border, we saw \_\_\_\_ bridge lying in the river.

A. an old broken wooden

B. a broken wooden old

C. a broken old wooden

D. an old wooden broken

25. The artist is a \_\_\_\_ woman.

A. dark Zambian tall

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

**Questions 26 to 30. In each of the following question, choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best describes and gives the best function of the underlined phrase or clauses.**

26. He begged that if his friend's life might be spared.
- A. adverb phrase, modifying "begged"
  - B. adjective clause, qualifying "he"
  - C. noun clause, object of "begged"
  - D. adverb clause, modifying "begged"
27. The mother went to the place where she could find her daughter.
- A. adjective clause, qualifying "place"
  - B. adverb clause, modifying "went"
  - C. noun phrase, object of "went"
  - D. noun clause, in apposition to "phrase"
28. 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"
29. He did his work with greater thoroughness.
- A. noun phrase, object of "did"
  - B. adjective phrase, qualifying "work"
  - C. adverb phrase, modifying "did"
  - D. noun clause, object of "did"
30. The head teacher asked me why I came late.
- A. adjective clause qualifying "me"
  - B. noun clause, object of verb "asked"

C. noun clause, in apposition  
to “me”

D. adverb clause, modifying  
“asked”

**SECTION B (40 marks)**

- **Answer all questions from this section.**
- **Spend the first 10 minutes reading the questions and planning your answer to the chosen question.**

**EITHER**

31. The number of street children is rising at an alarming rate in your area. This situation has caused panic among members of your community. Write a report to the District Social Welfare Officer informing him about the problem.

**OR**

32. Write an original short story titled “Stealing does not pay”







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**END OF QUESTION PAPER**