

EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Examination for General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

English Language
Paper 1

1121/1

Friday

1 JULY 2016

Additional materials:

Answer Booklet:

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

MARKS: 40

Instructions to Candidates

- 1** Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the **Answer Booklet**.
- 2** There are **two** sections in this paper. Answer **both** sections.
- 3** Write your answers in the **Answer Booklet** provided.
- 4** If you use more than one Answer Booklet, **fasten the booklets together**.

Information for Candidates

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

You should first read through the whole paper.

You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each section.

Cell phones are not allowed in the examination room.

SECTION 1 [20 Marks]

You are advised not to spend more than 50 minutes on this section.

Write on **one** of the following topics. You should write between **250** and **350** words. **Any words written beyond the word limit will not be considered as part of your composition.**

1 Write a story with **one** of the following titles:

Either

(a) When One Door Closes, Another Opens.

Or

(b) A Bird in Hand is Worth Two in the Bush.

2 Describe a village or town that never ceases to amuse you.

3 Parents should choose careers for their children. **Argue for** or **against** this statement.

4 Early marriages should **not** be condoned in our society. Discuss.

5 Write a letter to your friend in another school telling him or her what things have been done to improve your school.

6 Write a story starting: 'Only after she had died did people know who she really was.'

SECTION 2 [20 Marks]

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

You are a motivational speaker and have been invited to give a motivational speech to grade twelve school leavers at your former school on career choice. You have the following notes to help you give the speech.

- spend all your time on leisure
- have a dream
- good use of career guidance teachers
- no need for career guidance teachers
- be alert in class
- relevant subjects in relation to your dream or career
- know area of interest
- well paying jobs
- concentrate on studies
- give teachers headaches
- aim at obtaining a merit in all subjects
- work hard
- set goals and priorities
- allow time wasters to disturb you
- be focussed
- join bad company at school
- ignore bad company at school
- research on difficult subjects at school
- be a party cadre
- befriend call boys
- read widely
- seek advice from would-be employers
- aim at obtaining a degree

Using the **relevant points only** and **presented in a logical order**, write the speech. The length of your speech should be between **250** and **350** words. **Any words written beyond the word limit will not be considered as part of your composition.**

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