

EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Examination for General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

English Language Paper 1

1121/1

Monday

29 July 2019

Additional Material(s):

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

- 1 All questions in this paper carry equal marks.
- 2 You should first read through the whole paper.
- 3 You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each section.
- 4 **Do not use pencil. Only blue or black ink should be used.**
- 5 **Dictionaries and textbooks are not allowed in the examination room.**
- 6 **Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the examination room.**

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SECTION A [20 Marks]

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

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

- 1** Write a story ending: '... and finally, the long months of anxiety were over'.
- 2** Describe an occasion when you met a very special person.
- 3** Explain how you struggled to reach Grade Twelve.
- 4** Write a story with one of the following titles:

Either

(a) A Snake in the Grass

or

(b) Strike While the Iron is Still Hot

- 5** Adolescence is the most delicate stage in one's life. **Discuss**
- 6** Mothers are the only ones that are very concerned about the welfare of their families. **Argue for** or **against** this statement.

SECTION B [20 Marks]

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

You are a teacher in charge of the Youth Club at your school. You have observed numerous challenges that teenagers face in their growth. You decide to give a talk on how to handle adolescence. Below are some of the notes to help you write your speech:

- development of breast
- growth of a beard
- attraction to opposite sex
- widening of hips
- change in facial skin
- improve personal hygiene
- growth of pubic hair
- dress appropriately
- experience physical strength
- avoid early sex, abstinence
- production of sperms
- menstruation cycle
- follow school rules and teachers' counsel
- mental alertness
- use time profitably
- develop self-esteem
- visit grandparents
- associate with your age
- develop self control

Using **the relevant notes only**, 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 to be part of your composition.**