

# EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Examination for School Certificate Ordinary Level

**English Language**  
**Paper 1**

**1121/1**

**Tuesday**

**25 OCTOBER 2016**

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

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.

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**SECTION A [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. **Words written beyond the word limit will not be considered to be part of your composition.**

- 1** Write a story which ends with the following words: "... nothing else mattered other than the family being re-united."
- 2** Describe an occasion when many people's lives were changed.
- 3** Explain how a teenager can avoid boredom.
- 4** Write a story with **one** of the following titles:

**Either**

**(a)** Make hay while the sun shines.

**or**

**(b)** He was as much to blame as I was.

- 5** Growing up with a single parent is hard. **Discuss**
- 6** Poverty is the cause of teenage pregnancies in Zambia today. **Argue for or against** this statement.

**SECTION B [20 Marks]**

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

You are very concerned with drought in your area and decide to interview a number of people to find out the effect of the drought. Below are the notes you took from the interviews:

- animals died
- grass dried up
- free education
- rise in crime rate
- crops withered
- skinny animals
- too much rain
- livestock stolen
- water sources dried
- immorality
- lack of tarred roads
- malnutrition
- increase in milk production

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Using the **relevant points only**, write a letter to your Member of Parliament (MP) lobbying the government to intervene. The length of your letter should be between **250** and **350** words. **Words written beyond the word limit will not be considered to be part of your composition.**



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