

# EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Examination for General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

## English Language Paper 1

1121/1

Monday

24 JULY 2017

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 **Dictionaries and textbooks are not allowed in the examination room.**
- 5 **Cell phones are not allowed in the examination room.**

**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: "After all this, I realised that I owe it all to her."
- 2** Describe a visit to a home where you felt unwelcome.
- 3** Explain how you prevented a friend from getting himself or herself into a very serious problem.
- 4** Write a story with one of the following titles:

**Either**

**(a)** He Bit the Hand that Fed Him

**or**

**(b)** Old Habits Die Hard

- 5** Nowadays, people think more about their rights than their duties. **Discuss.**
- 6** Wedding celebrations should be abandoned because they have become very expensive and meaningless. **Argue for** or **against** this statement.

**SECTION B [20 Marks]**

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

You are the delegation leader of your school volleyball team that travelled to Lusaka to compete in the National Schools' Volleyball Tournament as the defending champions. However, the team was disqualified due to late arrival. Your Headteacher has asked you to write a report to him or her explaining why the team arrived late. Below are some points to help you write the report:

- driver detained for over speeding
- teacher very annoyed
- left school early
- adequate food for players
- competent driver
- money for journey released late
- programme never received
- bought new sports wear for team
- vehicle released out of garage late
- driver forgot driving licence
- made stop-over for lunch
- tyre puncture
- stuck in traffic jam
- waited for team captain for two hours
- no spare tyre
- qualified coach

Using the **relevant points only**, write the report. The length of your report 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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