

NORTHERN EDUCATION DIVISION
2025 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION MOCK
EXAMINATION

ENGLISH
PAPER I PROVISIONAL MARKING KEY

1. B for	17. B
2. A over	18. A
3. B to	19. C
4. D in	20. D
5. D after	21. B
6. B into	22. B
7. D with	23. C
8. D on	24. B
9. B	25. D
10. A	26. A
11. C	27. A
12. D	28. B
13. A	29. D
14. B	30. B
15. C	
16. B	



SECTION B

31. INCREASE IN HOMELESS CHILDREN

- a. Students should come up with the recommended layout of a report (5 marks)
 - i. write date
 - ii. write sender's address horizontally starting with their name
 - iii. write receiver's address horizontally starting with the title of the receiver
 - iv. write the title in block letters at least centralized
 - v. sign for the report and write their name correctly
- b. A clear introduction
- c. Students should clearly mention the area and explain its location.
- d. They should show serious is the problem (extent of the problem)
- e. Students should clearly explain reason for increase in number for homeless children:
 1. poverty
 2. unemployment
 3. domestic violence
 4. family breakdown
 5. lack of support
 6. death of parents
- f. Students should clearly explain effects of increased number of homeless children
 1. Increased crime rate
 2. Increased absenteeism
 3. Reduced community safety
 4. Increased child abuse
 5. Reduced educational attainment
- g. students should provide solutions to increased number of homeless children
 1. providing shelter
 2. family counseling
 3. access to education and training
 4. community outreach

NB: These are just suggested points. You can mark points you feel are relevant to the question.

Awarding marks (Landing marks and ceiling marks for a full report 350 words)

Lay out = 5 marks



content = 25 marks

mechanical errors = 10 marks

Total Marks 40

05+(10- x) + 12 - 14 if (10-10) this means Mechanical Errors (ME) is Zero.

If ME is 1 or greater i.e. (10-9) award content exceeding 14: marks increase if marks on ME are gained.

NOTE: each point should be fully expanded in a single paragraph.

32. **short story writing**

Students should come up with a good story and not just copy from other within

1. Clear setting
2. Clear plot
3. Clear character and the characterization
4. Clearly themes
5. Using of good dialogue and punctuating correctly

content = 30 marks

mechanical errors = 10 marks

Total Marks 40

Marking

Each error is circled once if repeated underline. If the errors total **19** the candidate gets a zero on ME and the marks to award if a full composition range from **14** to 16 and no more. A ward more than 16 if (10 -x) is equal to **1** or more.