



2026 BLANTYRE URBAN COMMON ZONAL TEST

STANDARD 4

ENGLISH

(100 marks)

Date: July 2026

Time Allowed: 2 hours (8:30am – 10:30am)

Learner's Name: _____

Name of School: _____

Instruction: Answer **all** the questions

Section A (10 marks)

Circle the letter (A, B, C or D) that represents the correct answer.

Questions 1 – 5

In each of the following questions choose the correct part of speech for the underlined word.

Example: Mr Kazembe lives in Lilongwe.

- A. Verb C. Noun
B. Adjective D. pronoun

1. Malumbo plays football.

- A. Verb C. Adverb
B. Adjective D. Noun

2. Children like sweet fruits.

- A. Verb C. Adverb
B. Noun D. Adjective

3. Mr Jere drives carefully to his village.

- A. Verb C Adjective
B. Adverb D Pronoun

4. She goes to Limbika school.

- A. Noun C Pronoun
B. Verb D Adverb

5. Pemphero speaks good English.

- A. Adverb C. Noun
B. Adjective D. Verb

Questions 6 – 10

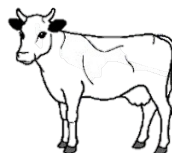
In each of the following questions choose the correct name for the pictures.

Example:



- A. Ship C. Sheep
B. House D. Aeroplane

6.



- A Dog C. Goat
B Cow D. Dove

7.



- A. Bananas
- B. Pineapple
- C. Grapes
- D. Tangerines

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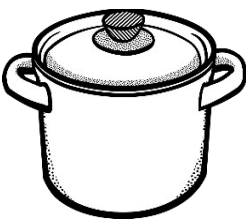
- A. Pilot
- B. Driver
- C. Nurse
- D. Doctor

9.



- A. Hand
- B. Foot
- C. Leg
- D. Head

10.



- A. Pot
- B. Basket
- C. Basin
- D. Cup

Section B (50 marks)

11. Make sentences with each of the following words

Example: play I play netball every day.

- a. eat _____
- b. market _____
- c. go _____
- d. new _____
- e. cup _____

12. Complete each of the following words by adding **_ment** or **_ness** to the words to form abstract nouns.

Example: achieve achievement

- a. Improve _____
- b. One _____
- c. Encourage _____
- d. Treat _____
- e. Polite _____

13. Complete the following sentences using the given adverbs: slowly, nicely, quietly, neatly, heavily, loudly

Example: The teacher entered the room _____.

The teacher entered the room quietly.

- a. It rained _____.
- b. Loyce writes _____.
- c. Tadala danced _____.
- d. The boy spoke _____.
- e. She walked _____ to the hospital.

14. Underline adjectives in the following sentences

Example: The girl is wearing a school uniform.

The girl is wearing a school uniform.

- a. The kind boy is Samson.
- b. My grandmother has grey hair.
- c. They sell very cheap clothes.



d. There are different books on the table.

e. Stella was born from a rich family.

15. Write the names of the following pictures in column B, using the following list of words.

apple, bottle, hat, knife, pot, house

Column A	Column B	Column A	Column B
	Example House	 C	
a. 		 d	
b. 		 E	

Section C (30 marks)

16. Complete the following letter by filling the blank spaces with the correct words.
(20 marks)

_____ Primary School

Post Office Box _____

_____ 20 _____

Dear _____

I would like to tell you about my new school. The name of my new school is _____. At this school there are _____ male and _____ female teachers. I like the school because we learn all subjects every day. _____ and _____ are my new friends. I hope you will also tell me about _____ new school.

Yours

_____.

17. Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.



Once upon a time, there lived an old woman. Her name was Naphiri. She lived with her grandson. The name of the grandson was Chisomo. Chisomo was in standard 4. Although Chisomo was a boy, he helped his grandmother. Chisomo cleaned plates and the house every day. He cooked porridge for himself and his grandmother. Chisomo was a good boy. His grandmother loved him. During the night, his grandmother told him a lot of stories. Chisomo was happy to hear stories. Whenever he went to school, he told his friends the stories. Chisomo's friends were also happy.

Questions

- (a) What was the name of the old woman?
_____ (2 marks)
- (b) In which class was Chisomo?
_____ (2 marks)
- (c) What food did Chisomo cook for himself and his grandmother?
_____ (2 marks)
- (d) Mention **two** things that Chisomo did to help his grandmother.

_____ (2 marks)
- (e) What did Chisomo do when he went to school?

_____ (2 marks)

END OF QUESTION PAPER

MARKING KEY FOR STANDARD 4

Section A Multiple choice

1. A
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. B
7. A
8. D
9. B
10. A

SECTION B

11. Sentence making

Subjective answers

12. a. improvement

b. oneness

- c. encouragement
- d. treatment
- e. politeness

13. Adverbs

- a. Heavily
- b. Neatly
- c. Nicely
- d. Loudly
- e. Slowly

14. Adjectives

- a. Kind
- b. Grey
- c. Cheap
- d. Different
- e. Rich



15. Names of objects

- a. Knife
- b. Pot
- c. Apple
- d. Bottle
- e. Hat

16. Completing a letter

- a. .school name
- b. Box number
- c. District name
- d. Date
- e. Salutation
- f. to his friends.

- f. Name of new school
- g. Number of male and female teachers
- h. Names of new two friends
- i. Your
- j. Name of sender

17. Comprehension

- a. She was Naphiri.
- b. Chisomo was in standard 4.
- c. Chisomo cooked porridge.
- d. Cleaning plates and the house.
- e. He told stories

