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ARTS AND LIFE SKILLS

(100 marks)

Subject Number: P017

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Time Allowed: 1 h 30 min
1:00 – 2:30 pm

Name of candidate: _____
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Instructions

1. This paper contains 12 printed pages. Please check.
2. Write your **name** and **school name** on the question paper in the spaces provided.
3. Write your **Examination Number** at the top of each page of this paper.
4. This paper has **two** sections: **A** and **B**. Answer **all** questions in both sections.
5. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against questions 31 to 37 if answered.
6. Please hand in your filled-in question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Question Number	Tick 31-37 if answered	Do not write in these columns
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Section A (30 marks)

Answer **all** questions in this section**EXPRESSIVE ARTS (10 marks)**

1. Which of the following places could be used to display finished artistic items?
 - A. lockable lockers
 - B. cartons
 - C. sealed boxes
 - D. tables
2. Which of the following leadership styles best deals with chaotic situation?
 - A. democratic
 - B. pleasing
 - C. dictatorship
 - D. laissez faire
3. Which of the following would make characters appear real in a play?
 - A. costumes
 - B. instruments
 - C. climax
 - D. conflict
4. Which of the following ways could help to preserve culture in Malawi?
 - A. encouraging cultural festivals
 - B. copying from other countries
 - C. avoiding harmful cultures
 - D. encouraging foreign languages
5. Which of the following is a disadvantage of using modern technology on communication?
 - A. covers small area
 - B. it is expensive
 - C. easily got damage
 - D. it is slow

6. Which of the following materials could be used to stick dye to the fabric?
 - A. water
 - B. salt
 - C. iodine
 - D. glue

Figure 1 is a diagram showing an artwork. Use it to answer questions 7 and 8.

**Figure 1**

7. What name is given to the artwork?
 - A. wall hanging
 - B. door mart
 - C. wall chart
 - D. door poster
8. What decorative stitch is used to make the artwork?
 - A. satin
 - B. chain
 - C. hemming
 - D. loop

9. Which of the following challenges is carving industry facing?
- discrimination
 - society misfit
 - scarcity of trees
 - lack of expertise

10. What name is given to clear articulation of words in singing?
- diction
 - climax
 - rhythm
 - tempo

LIFE SKILLS (20 marks)

11. Which of the following situations promotes abuse of drugs and substances?
- positive peer pressure
 - lack of employment
 - passing examinations
 - joining youth clubs
12. Which of the following is the importance of effective communication on HIV and AIDS?
- promotes misinformation among the youth
 - promotes discrimination among people
 - promotes behaviour change among people
 - promotes sexual relationships among the youth
13. Which of the following ways can help street kids to avoid contracting HIV and AIDS?
- taking them to their homes
 - sensitizing them on dangers of risky behaviours
 - giving them employment
 - taking them for HIV testing and counselling

Figure 2 is a diagram showing a risky behaviour.



Figure 2

14. Which of the following risky behaviours that could promote spread of HIV is shown in **figure 2**?
- chatting with girls
 - pre-marital sex
 - seducing the boys
 - abusing substances
15. Which of the following is a proper disposal of human waste in the home?
- bush
 - pit latrines
 - lake
 - rubbish pit

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16. Which of the following ways could help to deal with challenges associated with physical development?
- A. drug and substance abuse
 - B. acquisition of life skills
 - C. peer pressure
 - D. early marriage
17. Which of the following is the **last** step in decision making and problem solving process?
- A. knowing the problem
 - B. considering possible solutions
 - C. choosing the best solution
 - D. taking necessary action
18. Which of the following is a factor that enhances interpersonal relationships?
- A. violation of human rights
 - B. poor communication
 - C. negative peer pressure
 - D. gender sensitivity
19. Which of the following factors could hinder success of business for people living with HIV and AIDS?
- A. gender bias
 - B. discrimination
 - C. planning
 - D. negotiation
20. Which of the following is a way of supporting care providers for the chronically ill patients?
- A. giving material support
 - B. washing their clothes
 - C. seeking medical attention
 - D. bathing them regularly
21. Which of the following is the importance of counselling people addicted to drugs and substances?
- A. brings rehabilitation
 - B. brings excitement
 - C. reduces road accidents
 - D. reduces suicides
22. Which of the following is a physical change that is experienced by both boys and girls?
- A. voice becomes deeper
 - B. voice becomes soft
 - C. skin becomes oily
 - D. development of ovaries
23. Which of the following is a way of empowering girls on HIV and AIDS?
- A. giving them more money
 - B. providing them with education
 - C. giving them some favours
 - D. engaging them in sports
24. Which of the following factors influence people to live together in a community?
- A. recreation and culture
 - B. society and morals
 - C. society and values
 - D. morals and beliefs
25. Which of the following skills could prevent discrimination of less privileged people in society?
- A. self awareness
 - B. assertiveness
 - C. empathy
 - D. self esteem



Dambo was preparing for English test and at the same time he was supposed to write Mathematics home work. However instead of doing the home work and studying he was busy playing with friends.

26. Which of the following problems was likely to be faced by Dambo?
- A. fatigue
 - B. peer pressure
 - C. low self esteem
 - D. anxiety
27. Which of the following skills could help Dambo deal with the problem?
- A. effective communication
 - B. creative thinking
 - C. good planning
 - D. peer pressure resistance
28. Which of the following could be a strategy for attracting customers in business?
- A. market research
 - B. budgeting knowledge
 - C. effective communication
 - D. market survey
- Lonje was mocked by his friends after scoring 2 out 10 in Expressive Arts test. He therefore decided to withdraw from school. Use this information to answer questions 29 and 30.
29. Which of the following moral values was lacked by Lonje's friends?
- A. faithfulness
 - B. honesty
 - C. respect
 - D. empathy
30. Which of the following skills could have been used by Lonje to deal with the situation?
- A. peer pressure resistance
 - B. low self esteem
 - C. critical thinking
 - D. high self esteem

Section B (70 marks)

EXPRESSIVE ARTS (40 marks)Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided

31. a. Give any **two** occasions when the rules of personal and general space are ignored in the society.

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(2 marks)

- b. Explain any **one** way in which the philosophy to win at all cost is discouraged in sports.

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(2 marks)

- c. **Figure 3** is a diagram showing human activity that causes everyday challenges.

**Figure 3**

- (i) Name any **one** challenge that may result from the activity in **figure 3**.

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(1 mark)

- (ii) Give any **two** artistic activities that could be done to address the challenge in **figure 3**.

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(2 marks)

- d. Give any **two** elements that show an African story.

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(2 marks)

- e. State any **one** advantage of displaying artefacts.

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(1 mark)

32. a. State any **one** type of shading used to make a one-dimensional solid figure.

(1 mark)

- b. Describe the post experience as a stage in job shadowing

(2 marks)

- c. State any **two** ways of promoting team work in collaborative artworks

(2 marks)

- d. State any **one** challenge faced by artists in Malawi

(1 mark)

- e. Explain any **one** way in which supervision in leadership is important

(2 mark)

- f. Describe any **one** exercise that could be done to develop a good voice in singing.

(2 marks)

33. a. Mention any **two** stages in garment construction

(2 marks)

- b. Explain any **one** factor that influence communities to have different woven items.

(2 marks)

- c. State any **two** advantages of involving learners in production of learning resources.

(2 marks)

- d. State the height level at which a chameleon moves.

(1 mark)

- e. State the difference between realia and model.

(1 mark)

- f. Explain any **one** way in which advertising artistic products is important

(2 marks)

34. a. A certain singing group was facing problems to get organised. Each member wanted to be the leader and they ended up insulting each other.

(i) State any **one** problem that the group was facing.

(1 mark)

(ii) Mention any **two** measures that could be taken to deal with the challenges the group was facing.

(2 marks)

- b. Explain any **one** way of improving traditional dancing styles.

(2 marks)

- c. Mention any **two** characteristics of a good play.

(2 marks)

- d. Describe the process of dyeing fibre.

(2 marks)

- e. Mention the tempo mark to which the Malawi National Anthem is sung.

(1 mark)

LIFE SKILLS (30 marks)

35. a. State any **two** factors that influence high self esteem

(2 marks)

- b. Describe any **one** way in which environment could influence children's sexuality.

(2 marks)

- c. State any **two** sources of values in a society

(2 marks)

- d. Explain any **one** way in which sharing of resources could improve relationship in a family.

(2 marks)

- e. Mention any **two** steps involved in defining the problem during decision making and problem solving process.

(2 marks)

36. a. Give any **two** steps involved when developing plans for peer guidance and counselling.

(2 marks)

- b. Explain any **one** way in which resisting **negative** peer pressure would help the youth to achieve goals.

(2 marks)

- c. Tadala accidentally stepped on Tamandani's foot during breaktime. This made Tamandani angry and started a fight with Tadala.

- (i) What moral value was lacked by Tamandani?

(1 mark)

- (ii) Explain any **one** way in which Tadala and Tamandani would have used to resolve the conflict peacefully.

(2 marks)

- d. Give any **one** way in which parents could promote discrimination at home.

(1 mark)

- e. Describe any **one** way in which managing child abuse would help to prevent stress and anxiety.

(2 marks)

37. a. State any **two** ways of managing finances in business

(2 marks)

- b. Explain any **one** way in which interpersonal relationship is important in entrepreneurship.

(2 marks)

- c. State any **two** skills that would assist adolescents cope up with the challenge of premarital sex.

(2 marks)

- d. Mention any **two** factors a care provider may consider when planning for discharge.

(2 marks)

- e. Explain any **one** way in which forced marriages could lead to contraction of HIV and AIDS.

(2 marks)

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