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**ENGLISH**

Subject Number: M052/I

Tuesday, 9 July

Time Allowed: 1 h 45 min  
2:00 – 3:45 pm**PAPER I**

(70 marks)

**Instructions**

1. This paper contains 10 printed pages. Please check.
2. The paper has two sections, A and B. In Section A, answer all the questions while in Section B, answer only **one** question.
3. Write your **Examination Number** on all pages of the question paper.
4. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered; **31** or **32**.
5. At the end of the examination, hand in your paper to the invigilator.

| Question Number | Tick if answered | Do not write in these columns |  | Marker's Name |
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| 1 - 5           |                  |                               |  |               |
| 6 - 10          |                  |                               |  |               |
| 11-15           |                  |                               |  |               |
| 16-20           |                  |                               |  |               |
| 21-25           |                  |                               |  |               |
| 26-30           |                  |                               |  |               |
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## Section A (30 marks)

Answer **all** questions in this section by encircling the letter representing the right answer to each question.

In questions 1 – 18, choose the answer (A, B, C, or D) that best completes the sentence.

1. Chisomo was delighted \_\_\_\_\_ the way things turned out at her work place.  
A. by  
B. at  
C. with  
D. on
2. The subsequent Top of the Class contest will be done \_\_\_\_\_ consultation with a foreign organisation.  
A. with  
B. by  
C. in  
D. from
3. Chipiliro's laziness is likely to result \_\_\_\_\_ poor performance if he does not change.  
A. in  
B. into  
C. with  
D. at
4. Kamdothi is ill \_\_\_\_\_ malaria. She has gone to see the doctor.  
A. with  
B. by  
C. against  
D. of
5. The company disassociated itself \_\_\_\_\_ the news circulating on the social media.  
A. with  
B. from  
C. on  
D. over
6. Most children recover \_\_\_\_\_ their troubles much faster than adults do.  
A. at  
B. with  
C. from  
D. to
7. Their college is located \_\_\_\_\_ the new city mall.  
A. opposite  
B. over  
C. at  
D. by
8. The new teacher wondered why most of the learners wrote the exercise \_\_\_\_\_ pencil.  
A. by  
B. through  
C. with  
D. in



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9. The organisers warned all the athletes \_\_\_\_\_ breaching the rules of the new competition.  
A. of  
B. for  
C. over  
D. against
10. The referee \_\_\_\_\_ a penalty against the visiting team after consulting the assistant referee.  
A. gave  
B. awarded  
C. allowed  
D. offered
11. All the children \_\_\_\_\_ against their father during the trial.  
A. witnessed  
B. confessed  
C. spoke  
D. testified
12. As a senior teacher, Mtendere is now \_\_\_\_\_ more than double her old salary.  
A. gaining  
B. winning  
C. earning  
D. deserving
13. After the meal, I \_\_\_\_\_ a glass of "thobwa".  
A. will have  
B. will be having  
C. would be having  
D. would have
14. If the class monitor does his work, there \_\_\_\_\_ no noise in the classroom.  
A. would have been  
B. could have been  
C. will be  
D. would be
15. "The meeting \_\_\_\_\_ on as some members break for tea," said the team leader.  
A. would be going  
B. would have been going  
C. will be going  
D. will go
16. The lights \_\_\_\_\_ as Tamara was about to start reading.  
A. went down  
B. went away  
C. went off  
D. went out
17. If she doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ at work, she will make herself ill.  
A. ease down  
B. ease away  
C. ease out  
D. ease off
18. Mayankho \_\_\_\_\_ photography a few years ago. She really takes good pictures.  
A. took after  
B. took up  
C. took on  
D. took out



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In questions 19 - 22 choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best describes the part of speech of the underlined word.

19. They were advised to keep the door open for fresh air.  
A. adverb  
B. verb  
C. conjunction  
D. adjective
20. The receptionist was commended for her friendly attitude throughout the function.  
A. preposition  
B. adjective  
C. pronoun  
D. adverb
21. The task that Chifundo does is amazingly easy if one takes into consideration his experience.  
A. adverb  
B. noun  
C. adjective  
D. conjunction
22. I will see you on Friday morning unless something serious holds me up.  
A. adjective  
B. conjunction  
C. pronoun  
D. adverb

In questions 23 - 26 choose the order of adjectives (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentences.

23. We took \_\_\_\_\_ farmers to the meeting.  
A. brilliant practising local  
B. local practising brilliant  
C. practising brilliant local  
D. brilliant local practising
24. Naduwe brought \_\_\_\_\_ plates for the function.  
A. blue large plastic round  
B. large plastic blue round  
C. round blue large plastic  
D. large round blue plastic
25. Chimwemwe has bought a \_\_\_\_\_ jersey.  
A. beautiful tight Dutch  
B. Dutch tight beautiful  
C. tight Dutch beautiful  
D. beautiful Dutch tight
26. The meeting would be held under the \_\_\_\_\_ tree.  
A. tall old green huge  
B. old tall huge green  
C. green huge tall old  
D. huge tall old green



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In questions 27 - 30 choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best describes and gives the function of the underlined phrase or clause.

27. What excited the coach most was how he scored the second goal.  
A. adjective clause, qualifying 'coach'  
B. noun clause, object of 'was'  
C. adverb clause, modifying 'excited'  
D. noun clause, complement of 'was'
28. The tobacco we sold last season was exported to Israel.  
A. adjective phrase qualifying 'tobacco'  
B. adverb phrase, modifying 'exported'  
C. noun phrase, subject of 'was'  
D. adjective clause, qualifying 'tobacco'
29. How the thief escaped will forever remain a mystery to the chief.  
A. adverb clause, modifying 'will remain'  
B. noun clause, subject of 'will remain'  
C. adjective clause, qualifying 'chief'  
D. adverb phrase, qualifying 'will remain'
30. The learners were allowed to go home because it was weekend.  
A. adverb clause, modifying 'were allowed'  
B. adverb phrase, modifying 'were allowed'  
C. adjective clause, qualifying 'learners'  
D. noun clause, object of 'were allowed'



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**Section B (40 Marks)**

Answer **one** question only. Spend the first **10 minutes** reading the questions and planning your answer to the question chosen. Planning may include writing rough notes. **Cross out** your rough notes before you hand in your script.

Marks will be awarded for layout, language, content and creativity. Candidates will be **penalised** for mechanical errors and writing answers that are short and/or off-point.

You are expected to write between **350** and **500 words** for the question you have chosen in the spaces provided on **pages 7 to 10**.

**EITHER**

31. Imagine that the minister of Trade and Industry has planned to visit your area where most youth are jobless and do not have any access to loans to start business activities. As a concerned member of the area, write a speech to be delivered on the occasion, highlighting the situation in your area.

(40 marks)

**OR**

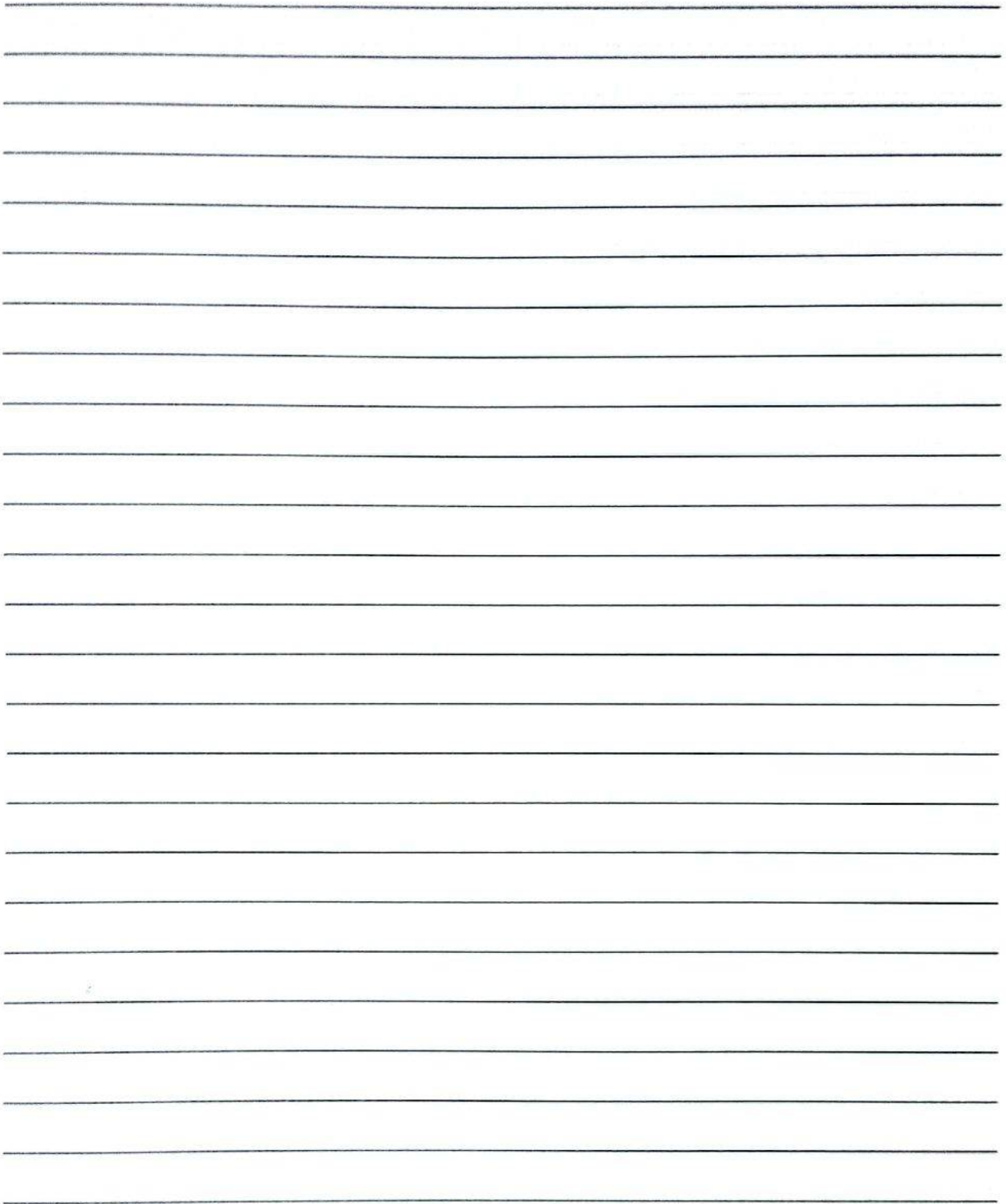
32. Write an original short story entitled "The betrayal".

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