



EXAMINATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

# ST MICHAEL'S ZONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD

## 2026 PSLCE PRE-MOCK EXAMINATIONS

### ENGLISH

(100 marks)

Subject Number: P052

Monday, 23 March

Time allowed: 2h 15 mins

8:00 – 10:15 am

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

(Surname First)

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Instructions:

1. This paper contains 7 printed pages. Please check.
2. Write your Name and Name of your School in the spaces provided above and your Examination Number on top of each page of the question paper.
3. This paper consists of 4 sections: A, B, C and D.
4. You are expected to answer **one** question only from section A. your composition should be between **100** and **150** words. You should answer **all** questions in sections B, C and D.
5. The **first 10 minutes** are for reading the questions and choosing the questions to answer from Section A.
6. Write **all** your answers to the questions in sections A, B and C in the spaces provided on the question paper. In section D encircle the letter representing the right answer to each question.
7. In the table provided on this page, tick against the question number you have answered apart from questions 14 to 53.
8. Hand in your worked question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

| Question Number | Tick if answered | Do not write in these columns |  |
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### Section A (30 marks)

Answer one question only from this section on the lined answer sheets on page 3. Write between **100** and **150** words.

# EITHER

1. Imagine that you fell sick and you were admitted to a hospital for a month. Write a composition entitled “AT THE HOSPITAL”. In your composition , you should include the following:

## Paragraph 1

- When you fell sick
- Name of disease you were suffering from
- Name of hospital where you were admitted

## Paragraph 2

- How you travelled to the hospital
- Any two people that took care of you at the hospital
- Any two ways in which you were being assisted at the hospital

### Paragraph 3

- How long you stayed at the hospital
- Any two things that you learned at the hospital

**OR**

2. Imagine that you have heard that your best friend who is living abroad is sick. Write a letter to inform him about a herb that can cure his infection. You should include the following in your letter:

### Paragraph 1

- Name of the herb
- Its appearance
- Where it is found

## Paragraph 2

- Name of infection that the herb cures
- How the herb is prepared
- How often the herb is taken

### Paragraph 3

- Time taken for the infection to be cured
- People that have used the herb

**SECTION B (20 Marks)****3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Mwayi lived in Ndirande near Wenera town. Her aunt, Violet, lived in Lilongwe, the capital city. Mwayi was going to stay with Aunt Violet during the holidays.

Mwayi and her aunt walked to Wenera Bus station. There were many buses there. Some were going to Zomba, others were going to Mwanza and others were going to Lilongwe. Mwayi and her aunt got into the bus that was going to Lilongwe. Soon, the bus started moving.

The journey to Lilongwe was very long. Mwayi felt sleepy and tired but she tried to keep her eyes open. She wanted to see many things along the road.

The bus went on and on. After about six hours, Mwayi saw tall buildings in the distance. "That is Lilongwe," said Aunt Violet.

On the streets of Lilongwe, Mwayi saw many people. There were many roads and many cars, buses and lorries. She saw many shops, beautiful clothes, cups and plates.



They took the road to Area 49 where Aunt Violet lived. “There are very many houses,” said Mwayi. “How can you tell which one is yours?” Aunt Violet laughed kindly. “It is easy. Can you see the one with a black gate? That is my house.”

After a few days, Aunt Violet took Mwayi to the shops. Mwayi looked carefully so that she could see the streets on which they walked. At the shop, they bought milk, bread and sugar. Then they went back to the house.

One day, Aunt Violet was feeling tired but she needed to buy milk. “Please aunt, let me go to the shop,” said Mwayi. “Can you go alone?” asked her aunt. “Yes, I know the way very well,” Mwayi answered.

Aunt Violet let Mwayi go to the shop. She found the shop easily, but there was no milk in that shop. The shopkeeper said that there was milk in a shop down the street. Mwayi ran down the street and she found the shop. She bought the milk and ran back to her aunt’s house. It was getting dark but she could see Aunt Violet’s black gate.

She quickly opened the gate. Suddenly, she heard a very loud barking. A fierce dog came running towards her. The door was opened and people came out of the house. None of them was Aunt Violet. Mwayi ran back to the street crying. She was lost.

#### QUESTIONS

- a. Where did Mwayi live? (1mark)

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- b. Where was Mwayi going to stay during the holidays? (1mark)

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- c. Which bus did Mwayi and her aunt take? (1mark)

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- d. Why did Mwayi keep her eyes open? (2marks)

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- e. What did Mwayi and Aunt Violet buy at the shop? Mention three things. (3marks)

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- f. Explain what happened when Mwayi opened the black gate? (3marks)

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- g. Why did Mwayi insist on going alone to the shop? (2marks)

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- h. Where did Mwayi buy the milk? (1mark)

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- i. Do you think the method which Aunt Violet told Mwayi to use when identifying her house was effective? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

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- j. Find a word from the passage which is similar to
- vicious (paragraph ) \_\_\_\_\_
  - avenue \_\_\_\_\_ (2marks)
- k. Suggest a title for the story (2marks)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C (10 Marks)**

Change the following sentences from active to passive voice:

4. My mother is keeping the bunch of keys.
- \_\_\_\_\_

5. Her brother repaired the expensive shoe.
- \_\_\_\_\_

6. Has the teacher taught learners?
- \_\_\_\_\_

7. Someone steals my beautiful purse.
- \_\_\_\_\_

8. Will all students eat porridge?
- \_\_\_\_\_

Make a sentence with each of the following words to show that you understand their meanings:

9. anybody
- \_\_\_\_\_

10. little
- \_\_\_\_\_

11. bravery
- \_\_\_\_\_

12. after
- \_\_\_\_\_

13. laugh
- \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D (40 Marks)**

Question 14-26

Choose the word(s) {A, B, C or D} that best complete(s) the sentence:

14. They travelled \_\_\_\_ bus.
- in
  - on
  - by
  - with
15. they shared the food \_\_\_\_ three girls'
- between
  - among
  - to
  - over
16. the minibus arrived after I \_\_\_\_ for three hours.

- Had waited
  - Have waited
  - waited
  - would wait
17. The pastor talked to the \_\_\_\_ before preaching the word of God.
- Folk
  - Public
  - audience
  - congregation
18. The speaker \_\_\_\_ to the audience for an hour now.
- Had been speaking
  - Has been speaking
  - is speaking
  - was speaking



19. Bright students will be exempted \_\_\_\_\_ final examination.

- A. From C. at  
B. To D. with

20. If I had enough money I \_\_\_\_\_ an expensive car.

- A. Would buy  
B. Will buy  
C. Would have bought  
D. Have bought

21. Nothing \_\_\_\_\_ John happier than writing.

- A. Made C. Make  
B. Makes D. Making

22. The president's visit was \_\_\_\_\_ because of bad weather.

- A. Called by C. Called for  
B. Called at D. Called off

23. George \_\_\_\_\_ over if she sees you.

- A. Would come C. Would have come  
B. Will come D. Comes

24. The teacher and the learners are \_\_\_\_\_ to blame.

- A. All C. Either  
B. Both D. Neither

25. The little girl died \_\_\_\_\_ pneumonia.

- A. Of C. After  
B. From D. With

26. Every Monday, most schools \_\_\_\_\_ morning assembly.

- A. Will conduct C. Conduct  
B. Are conducting D. Conducts

#### Question 27- 39

In each of the following questions, choose the correct part of speech {A, B, C or D} for each of the underlined words.

27. The book is above the table.

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

28. He soon fell asleep.

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

29. He cried because his hand was hurt.

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

30. They bought three pencils.

- A. Adjective C. Interjection  
B. Preposition D. Article

31. Which of these two is the heaviest?

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

32. He was asked to bring his knife.

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

33. Alas! She was my only neighbor.

A. Noun C. Preposition

B. Verb D. Interjection

34. The rumour that Charles is sick is not true.

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

35. They took resources from Africa.

- A. Preposition C. Adjective  
B. Conjunction D. Interjection

36. He gave me an axe.

- A. Article C. Adjective  
B. Verb D. Preposition

37. The monkey was seriously wounded.

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

38. You are my friendly person.

- A. Noun C. Pronoun  
B. Preposition D. Adverb

39. I will leave for Jali tomorrow morning.

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

#### Question 40- 44

In each of the following sentences, choose the correct question tag {A, B, C or D} for the statements.

40. Mary enjoys listening to music, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. Doesn't she C. didn't she  
B. Does she D. did she

41. I am writing a letter to my teacher, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. Am I C. aren't I  
B. Don't I D. do I

42. You have lost Tina's pen, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. Haven't you C. did you  
B. Didn't you D. have you

43. I will spend this money on pencils, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. Will I C. don't I  
B. Can't I D. won't I

44. Chimwemwe wrote her homework, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. Did she C. didn't she  
B. Doesn't she D. does she

#### Question 45- 46

In each of the following questions choose the word(s) {A, B, C or D} that best completes the simile.

45. She is as \_\_\_\_\_ as the morning star.

- A. Shiny C. Clear  
B. Bright D. Light

46. My grandmother was as ageless as the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Earth C. Star  
B. Sun D. Moon

#### Question 47- 48

In each of the following questions, choose the word(s) {A, B, C or D} that best completes the proverb.

47. Every dog has its \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Week C. Month



- B. Day                      D. Year  
 48. Where there is a will there is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Way                      C. Road  
 B. Path                      D. Passage

## Question 49- 53

In each of the following questions, choose the letter {A, B, C or D} that gives the correct type of the underlined clause and its function.

49. What he did surprised us.  
 A. Adverb clause, modifying a verb did  
 B. Noun clause, complement of us  
 C. Noun clause, subject of surprised  
 D. Adjective clause, qualifying us
50. She speaks as if she has a cold.  
 A. Adverb clause modifying speaks  
 B. Adjective clause qualifying cold  
 C. Noun clause object of speaks

- D. Noun clause subject of speaks
51. This is the season when we enjoy ourselves.  
 A. Noun clause complement of is  
 B. Adverb clause modifying enjoy  
 C. Noun clause in apposition to season  
 D. Adjective clause qualifying season
52. The house was sold for what it was worth.  
 A. Adjective clause qualifying house  
 B. Noun clause object of for  
 C. Noun clause object of was sold  
 D. Adverb clause modifying was sold
53. When I met him, it was raining heavily.  
 A. Adverb clause modifying heavily  
 B. Noun clause subject of was raining  
 C. Adverb clause modifying was raining  
 D. Adjective clause qualifying it

**END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

