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GRADE SEVEN COMPOSITE EXAMINATION – 2021

English Language

SUBJECT 1/1

90 MINUTES

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- 1 Read these instructions carefully.
- 2 **Do not** turn this page before you are told to do so. Your teacher will tell you when to turn this page to begin answering the questions.
- 3 This paper is divided into 2 sections: A and B. Section A has 4 parts while Section B has 2 parts. There are **60** questions in this paper. **Answer all.**
- 4 For each question, four answers are given, but only one of the four is right. Work out which one is the **best** answer. Then, on your **Answer Sheet**, mark the box completely by shading the answer space of the letter of your choice. If you chose answer D for a question, you would show it like this:-

A	B	C	
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- 5 You must **SHADE** your answer spaces **completely** and **darkly** using an HB pencil. If you have to change your answer, you must rub out the shading **very neatly** before shading the new one. **Use a clean rubber.**
- 6 When you have finished one page, go **straight** on without waiting to be told. If you have time left at the end of the Question Paper, use it to check your work carefully.
- 7 Look at your **Answer Sheet**. On the top left hand side are boxes which should have, Examination Year, your School Number and Examination Number. It should also say **Subject 1 Paper 1**.
- 8 Look at your **Answer Sheet** again. At the **bottom** left hand side, it should have your Surname, Forename, Subject – **English Language**, Name of Primary School and your Secondary School of choice.
- 9 **Put up your hand now if:** You have any question.
You have a wrong answer sheet.

You will **NOT** be able to ask questions once the examination has begun.

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USE ONLY AN HB / PENCIL FOR YOUR ANSWERS.

SECTION A

Part 1: Questions 1 – 20

Each question contains a sentence from which a word or group of words is missing in the space shown. Below each sentence are four words or groups of words. **Only one of the words or group of words will make the sentence right.** You have to choose it.

Example:

Algeria is the ... country in Africa.

- A more large
- B large
- C largest
- D larger

The answer **C** – so that – is the only one that can fit in the sentence. The complete sentence is: 'Algeria is the largest country in Africa.'

Now do questions 1 – 20

- 1 A policeman showed ... the way to the showgrounds.
 - A I
 - B they
 - C us
 - D we
- 2 Judith said that she was meeting ... friends in the afternoon.
 - A her
 - B his
 - C its
 - D their
- 3 His father was angry ... him for losing the book.
 - A about
 - B by
 - C to
 - D with
- 4 The learners did not try to work ... hard.
 - A more
 - B much
 - C quiet
 - D very

- 5 Nchimunya has been living in this town ... eight years.
- A by
 - B for
 - C in
 - D since
- 6 Children must be very ... when crossing roads.
- A careful
 - B carefully
 - C careless
 - D carelessly
- 7 She ... decided to write her homework.
- A more quickly
 - B most quickly
 - C quick
 - D quickly
- 8 Moses was very tired last night ... he managed to finish his homework.
- A but
 - B that
 - C so
 - D unless
- 9 Mutinta and ... performed very well in English.
- A am
 - B her
 - C I
 - D me
- 10 The old man ... asleep in his chair.
- A fall
 - B fallen
 - C falling
 - D fell
- 11 After he finished his work, he ... home.
- A goes
 - B gone
 - C going
 - D went

- 12 I have just ... making a fence.
A finish
B finishes
C finished
D finishing
- 13 The ... was chanting slogans demanding the removal of their coach for being dishonest.
A bench
B gang
C team
D troop
- 14 Kachepa is the ... learner in our class.
A more brilliant
B most brilliant
C much brilliant
D very brilliant
- 15 The ... cheered as the musician stepped on the stage.
A audience
B beach
C club
D gang
- 16 Mr Chintu has built a ... of flats near the shopping mall.
A block
B fleet
C group
D shoal
- 17 I shall not give you the watch ... you have given me the money.
A because
B however
C until
D while
- 18 ... the heavy rains, I managed to reach the church on time.
A But
B Despite
C For
D Unless

- 19 Last week's races were called ... because of heavy rains.
A away
B of
C off
D out
- 20 Although their house is small, they live ... together.
A happy
B happiness
C happily
D happiest

part 2: Questions 21 – 25

Each question has a sentence with one word missing. Below each sentence are four words. **Choose the word that is correctly spelt.**

Example:

The lunar eclipse which ... for about six hours occurred in July, 2018.

- A lastered
B lasted
C lusted
D lustered

The answer **B** – lasted – is the only one that is correctly spelt. The complete sentence is: 'The lunar eclipse which lasted for about six hours occurred in July, 2018.'

Now do questions 21 – 25

- 21 It will be ... to watch the Zambia National Team play in the World Cup.
A exciiting
B exciting
C exiciting
D exiiciting
- 22 Inform your mother to reduce her ... for Bupe's birthday party.
A exipenditure
B expanditure
C expenditure
D ixpenditure

- 23 Please contact my ... to make arrangements.
- A secretary
 - B secretary
 - C secretory
 - D secretrey
- 24 I want to see the house ... before I buy it.
- A physycally
 - B physicaly
 - C physically
 - D phycically
- 25 She was the only one who ... the accident.
- A sarvived
 - B savived
 - C survived
 - D suvived

Part 3: Questions 26 – 30

In each question, there are four sentences that are almost the same, but only one has the correct punctuation marks. **Choose the sentence which is correctly punctuated.**

Example:

- A "Snake! Saboh yelled."
- B "Snake!" Saboh yelled.
- C Snake! Saboh yelled.
- D "Snake." Saboh yelled.

The Answer **B** – "Snake!" Saboh yelled. – is the only sentence that is correctly punctuated.

Now do questions 26 - 30

- 26
- A Do you mind travelling a long distance?
 - B Do you mind travelling a long distance.
 - C Do you mind travelling a long distance,
 - D Do you mind travelling a long distance!
- 27
- A "Stand up, the captain," ordered the soldier.
 - B "Stand up!" the captain ordered the soldier.
 - C "Stand up the captain ordered the soldier!"
 - D Stand up the captain, "ordered the soldier."

- 28 A Even though the weather was stormy, Thandiwe felt excited about going to the party.
 B even though the weather was stormy, thandiwe felt excited about going to the party.
 C Even though the weather was stormy, thandiwe felt excited about going to the party.
 D even though the weather was stormy, Thandiwe felt excited about going to the party.
- 29 A "Wait a minute," the nurse told me.
 B Wait a minute, "the nurse told me."
 C "Wait a minute," "the nurse told me."
 D "Wait a minute, the nurse told me."
- 30 A This car is theirs. Isn't it?
 B This car is theirs isn't it.
 C This car is theirs? Isn't it.
 D This car is theirs, isn't it?

Part 4: Questions 31 – 38

Each question has a word, a group of words, or a sentence underlined. Below each question are four words or parts of a sentence. **Only one of these gives the right meaning of the word or group of words underlined.** You have to choose the correct meaning.

Example:

We travelled by bus on a stony road. The word **stony** means ...

- A blocked by stones.
 B covered by stones only.
 C made of stones.
 D plenty of stones.

The answer **D** – plenty of stones – is the only answer that gives the right meaning of the word 'stony'.

Now do questions 31 - 38

- 31 Chama is not only a cashier but also a farmer. This sentence means that Chama is ...
- A a cashier only.
 B a farmer only.
 C both a farmer and a cashier.
 D neither a cashier nor a farmer.

- 32 The sentence "If Peter had had money, he would have given it to John." means ...
- A John gave Peter some money.
 - B John was given some money by Peter.
 - C Peter didn't give John any money.
 - D Peter gave some money to John.
- 33 The battery is draining very fast. The word **draining** means ...
- A drying.
 - B finishing.
 - C maintaining.
 - D storing.
- 34 The headteacher was upset when she found learners making noise in class. The word **upset** means ...
- A confused.
 - B happy.
 - C surprised.
 - D unhappy.
- 35 Neither the doctor nor the nurse saw the patient dying. This sentence means ...
- A both of them did not see the patient dying.
 - B both of them saw the patient dying.
 - C only the doctor saw the patient dying.
 - D only the nurse saw the patient dying.
- 36 It is sad that Tutu belongs to a gang now. The word **gang** means an organised group of ...
- A boxers.
 - B criminals.
 - C soldiers.
 - D volunteers.
- 37 Besides being a teacher, Mr Kainga is a volleyball coach. The sentence means that Mr Kainga ...
- A does nothing else but teach in school.
 - B does nothing else but coach a volleyball team.
 - C is a teacher and a volleyball coach at the same time.
 - D was a teacher but now he coaches a volleyball team.

- 38 Mr Brown was transferred to Nyimba Secondary School last year. The word **transferred** means ...
- A suspended.
 - B moved.
 - C expelled.
 - D chased.

SECTION B

Part 1: Questions 39 – 45

Each question has four paragraphs. You must choose the paragraph which has the **sentences in the best order**.

Example:

- A The boat moved away in complete darkness. As the boat got away from the land, wind started blowing. The water became rough and shortly it started raining. It was a heavy rainstorm.
- B It was a heavy rainstorm. The boat moved away in complete darkness. The water became rough and shortly it started raining. As the boat got away from the land, wind started blowing.
- C The boat moved away in complete darkness. It was a heavy rainstorm. As the boat got away from the land, wind started blowing. The water became rough and shortly it started raining.
- D The boat moved away in complete darkness. The water became rough and shortly it started raining. It was a heavy rainstorm. As the boat got away from the land, wind started blowing.

The best answer is **A**.

Now do questions 39 – 45

- 39
- A Suwilanji shouted for help and ran away. She went back to the village without water. One early morning, Suwilanji decided to go to the river to draw some water. As she was walking, she saw a very big python.
 - B She went back to the village without water. Suwilanji shouted for help and ran away. As she was walking, she saw a very big python. One early morning, Suwilanji decided to go to the river to draw some water.
 - C One early morning, Suwilanji decided to go to the river to draw some water. As she was walking, she saw a very big python. Suwilanji shouted for help and ran away. She went back to the village without water.
 - D As she was walking, she saw a very big python. Suwilanji shouted for help and ran away. One early morning, Suwilanji decided to go to the river to draw some water. She went back to the village without water.

- 40 **A** When the results came out, she rushed to her son's school to get them. Her son had failed. However, because the boy had been well behaved and hardworking, he was offered a chance to repeat Grade 7. Mrs Chilinda was anxious to know how well her son had done in the Grade 7 Examinations.
- B** Mrs Chilinda was anxious to know how well her son had done in the Grade 7 Examinations. When the results came out, she rushed to her son's school to get them. Her son had failed. However, because the boy had been well behaved and hardworking, he was offered a chance to repeat Grade 7.
- C** Mrs Chilinda was anxious to know how well her son had done in the Grade 7 Examinations. Her son had failed. When the results came out, she rushed to her son's school to get them. However, because the boy had been well behaved and hardworking, he was offered a chance to repeat Grade 7.
- D** Her son had failed. However, because the boy had been well behaved and hardworking, he was offered a chance to repeat Grade 7. Mrs Chilinda was anxious to know how well her son had done in the Grade 7 Examinations. When the results came out, she rushed to her son's school to get them.
- 41 **A** One day, Juliet bought a packet of milk. She drank it hurriedly and threw the packet onto the street. She realised she had made a mistake. She then saw everyone looking at her.
- B** One day, Juliet bought a packet of milk. She drank it hurriedly and threw the packet onto the street. She then saw everyone looking at her. She realised she had made a mistake.
- C** She drank it hurriedly and threw the packet onto the street. One day, Juliet bought a packet of milk. She realised she had made a mistake. She then saw everyone looking at her.
- D** She then saw everyone looking at her. She realised she had made a mistake. One day, Juliet bought a packet of milk. She drank it hurriedly and threw the packet onto the street.
- 42 **A** Therefore, all the people must protect themselves from it. HIV is a virus that causes AIDS. This can then make a better Zambia for all of us. AIDS has no cure.
- B** HIV is a virus that causes AIDS. Therefore, all the people must protect themselves from it. This can then make a better Zambia for all of us. AIDS has no cure.
- C** HIV is a virus that causes AIDS. AIDS has no cure. Therefore, all the people must protect themselves from it. This can then make a better Zambia for all of us.
- D** AIDS has no cure. Therefore, all the people must protect themselves from it. HIV is a virus that causes AIDS. This can then make a better Zambia for all of us.

- 43 **A** After secondary school, he went to study medicine at the University of Zambia. Izenzi went to Edwin Mulongoti Primary School. He did his Grade 8 to 12 at Naboye Secondary School. He is now a doctor working in Switzerland.
- B** He is now a doctor working in Switzerland. Izenzi went to Edwin Mulongoti Primary School. After secondary school, he went to study medicine at the University of Zambia. He did his Grade 8 to 12 at Naboye Secondary School.
- C** Izenzi went to Edwin Mulongoti Primary School. After secondary school, he went to study medicine at the University of Zambia. He did his Grade 8 to 12 at Naboye Secondary School. He is now a doctor working in Switzerland.
- D** Izenzi went to Edwin Mulongoti Primary School. He did his Grade 8 to 12 at Naboye Secondary School. After secondary school, he went to study medicine at the University of Zambia. He is now a doctor working in Switzerland.
- 44 **A** Lionesses do most of the hunting as they have to feed their cubs. Unlike other big cats, they often hunt together. Lions are flesh-eating animals. They usually creep up on their prey through the tall grass using their speed and strength.
- B** Lions are flesh-eating animals. Unlike other big cats, they often hunt together. Lionesses do most of the hunting as they have to feed their cubs. They usually creep up on their prey through the tall grass using their speed and strength.
- C** Unlike other big cats, they often hunt together. Lionesses do most of the hunting as they have to feed their cubs. They usually creep up on their prey through the tall grass using their speed and strength. Lions are flesh-eating animals.
- D** Unlike other big cats, they often hunt together. Lions are flesh-eating animals. Lionesses do most of the hunting as they have to feed their cubs. They usually creep up on their prey through the tall grass using their speed and strength.

- 45 A One day, a boy fell sick. His mother decided to go and consult a witchdoctor about the sickness. She then decided to go and consult a medical doctor at the hospital and the boy was cured. The witchdoctor did not know how to cure the disease and her son's sickness worsened. She learnt a lesson from this life threatening situation.
- B One day, a boy fell sick. His mother decided to go and consult a witchdoctor about the sickness. The witchdoctor did not know how to cure the disease and her son's sickness worsened. She learnt a lesson from this life threatening situation. She then decided to go and consult a medical doctor at the hospital and the boy was cured.
- C One day, a boy fell sick. His mother decided to go and consult a witchdoctor about the sickness. The witchdoctor did not know how to cure the disease and her son's sickness worsened. She then decided to go and consult a medical doctor at the hospital and the boy was cured. She learnt a lesson from this life threatening situation.
- D One day, a boy fell sick. She then decided to go and consult a medical doctor at the hospital and the boy was cured. His mother decided to go and consult a witchdoctor about the sickness. The witchdoctor did not know how to cure the disease and her son's sickness worsened. She learnt a lesson from this life threatening situation.

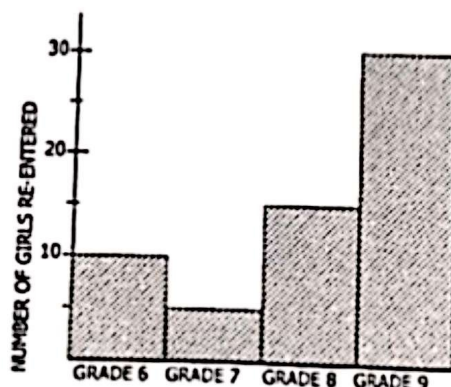
Part 2: (Questions 46 – 60)

Reading Comprehension

This part has **three texts** with questions on each. Read each text carefully and then look at the questions which follow. For each question, four possible answers are given. By reading carefully, you will be able to choose which of the four is the **best** answer to the question.

Text 1

The diagram below shows the number of girls who re-entered school after giving birth in Kasansa District in 2020. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow it.



Now do questions 46– 50

- 46 Which grade had the highest number of girls who re-entered?
A Grade Six
B Grade Seven
C Grade Nine
D Grade Eight
- 47 How many girls re-entered Grade 8 in Kasansa District?
A Five
B Fifteen
C Ten
D Thirty
- 48 Which human right is respected when girls who fall pregnant are allowed to re-enter school? Right to ...
A education.
B life.
C privacy.
D shelter.
- 49 What is the meaning of word re-enter? To ...
A come back.
B come in.
C go in.
D go out.
- 50 How many girls altogether re-entered school in Kasansa District?
A Fifty
B Forty
C Sixty
D Thirty

Text 2

The ancient Chinese invented paper about 2,000 years ago. Chinese papermakers used fibre from tree barks and old rags to make paper. The art of paper making spread from China to other parts of the world about 500 years later. It finally reached Europe around 900 years ago.

The invention of the printing press in the 1400s made books popular, and the demand for paper increased. All paper was handmade until 1798. That is when a Frenchman named Nicholas Robert invented a paper-making machine that could make paper in continuous rolls.

Before the invention of paper, ancient people used many different surfaces for writing. They wrote on clay, wood, stone and metal. More than 4,500 years ago, the ancient Egyptians made a paper like material from a plant called papyrus. This material is used to make soft reed mats in Zambia today. Papyrus reeds were cut into flat slices, layered, soaked in water and later pressed into sheets. The English word 'paper', comes from the word 'papyrus'.

Now do questions 51 – 55

- 51 This passage is mainly about ...
A sheets of fibre.
B printing press.
C papyrus reeds.
D invention of paper.
- 52 Paper was invented by the ...
A Chinese.
B Egyptians.
C English.
D French.
- 53 The machine that could make paper in a roll was discovered by ...
A a Chinese scientist named Nicholas Robert.
B a French man named Nicholas Robert.
C ancient people of Egyptian origin.
D an Egyptian man named Nicholas Robert.
- 54 The word **ancient** in the passage means ...
A civilisation.
B latest.
C new.
D old.
- 55 Find the word in Paragraph 2 which has the same meaning as the word **need**.
A demand
B increased
C invented
D made

Text 3

Once upon a time, a big lion, the King of the Forest decided that all old and powerless animals must be put to death so that no useless animal occupied the space and ate the food reserved for the young and strong ones. Following this cruel decision, all the old animals were killed mercilessly, but one clever old hare, called Kalulu, hid himself in a cave and survived this killing. One day, the big lion was sleeping. He had kept his mouth open as he had a bad cold. A long snake passing by mistook the lion's open mouth for a hole. It entered and made itself comfortable in the lion's throat. The lion suffered from terrible pain.

Upon seeing this, the other animals felt pity for the lion and tried everything possible to help the lion but to no avail. The surviving old Kalulu heard the sad news. He made a plan and came to the lion's rescue. He used a rat to make the snake come out in order to catch the rat. In this way, the lion was saved. The King of the Forest thanked the old Kalulu and realised that old animals are important. He announced that no old animal should be killed any more. From that time, all animals lived happily.

Now do questions 56 – 60

- 56** According to the passage, what is the other name for the lion?
- A Father of the Lions
 - B Father of the Animals
 - C King of the Forest
 - D King of the Lion
- 57** What would be the best title of this text?
- A Clever Kalulu
 - B Clever Lion
 - C Clever Rat
 - D Clever Snake
- 58** How did Kalulu survive the merciless killing of old animals? By ...
- A entering the lion's mouth.
 - B hiding in a cave.
 - C hiding in the forest.
 - D hiding in the old house.
- 59** What lesson can be learnt from this passage?
- A Everyone is important in one way or the other.
 - B Everyone should live happily.
 - C It is bad to sleep with your mouth open.
 - D It is good to save others.
- 60** The phrase **to no avail** in the story means ...
- A befitted something.
 - B gained less pain.
 - C still with pain.
 - D without success.

END OF EXAMINATION.

PLEASE CHECK ALL YOUR WORK CAREFULLY.

1. C	28. A	55. A
2. A	29. A	56. B
3. D	30. D	57. A
4. D	31. C	58. B
5. B	32. C	59. A
6. A	33. B	60. D
7. D	34. D	
8. A	35. A	
9. C	36. B	
10. D	37. C	
11. D	38. B	
12. C	39. C	
13. C	40. B	
14. B	41. B	
15. A	42. C	
16. A	43. D	
17. C	44. B	
18. B	45. C	
19. C	46. C	
20. C	47. B	
21. B	48. A	
22. C	49. A	
23. B	50. C	
24. B	51. D	
25. C	52. A	
26. A	53. B	
27. B	54. D	