



EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION – 2025





Social Studies

SUBJECT 2/1

75 MINUTES

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- 1 Read these instructions carefully.
- 2 **DO NOT** turn this page before you are told. Your teacher will tell you when to turn this page to begin writing the questions.
- 3 There are **60** questions in this **SOCIAL STUDIES PAPER**. You will be given **EXACTLY 75 MINUTES** to answer the questions.
- 4 For each question, **four** answers are given, but only **one** of the four is right. Work out which is the **BEST** answer. Then, on your **ANSWER SHEET**, mark the box completely by shading the answer space of the letter of your choice. For example, if you had chosen answer **D** for a question, you would show it like this:-

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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 is a box which should have, Examination Year, your School Number and Examination Number. It should also say **Subject 2 Paper 1**.
- 8 Look at your **ANSWER SHEET** again. At the bottom left hand side, it should have your Surname, Forename, Subject –**Social Studies**, Name of Primary School and Secondary School of choice.
- 9 **PUT UP YOUR HAND NOW IF:** You have any question.
You have the 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.

- 1 John had a K100.00 and he bought a shirt at K60.00. What was his change?
- A K25.00
B K30.00
C K35.00
D K40.00
- 2 Our environment must be kept clean in order to prevent ...
- A soil erosion.
B noise pollution.
C floods.
D diseases.
- 3 Human rights protect ...
- A all the people.
B men only.
C women only.
D only children.
- 4 National Assembly is also known as ...
- A cabinet.
B high court.
C house of chiefs.
D parliament.
- 5 Which of the following factors attract human settlement?
- A Water and food
B Food and drought
C Floods and fertile soil
D Floods and food
- 6 Which of the following is **not** a means of transport?
- A Bicycle
B Helicopter
C Telegram
D Train
- 7 A true friend is the one who ... you.
- A eats with
B has trust in
C hates
D lies to

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- 8** In Zambia, rapid population can be prevented by ...
- A** early marriages.
 - B** family planning.
 - C** population migration.
 - D** religious beliefs.
- 9** The place of worship for Muslims is a ...
- A** church.
 - B** mosque.
 - C** synagogue.
 - D** temple.
- 10** People have traditional ceremonies in order to ...
- A** have many children.
 - B** kill their animals.
 - C** promote their culture.
 - D** scare the enemies.
- 11** Entrepreneurship will always involve a lot of ...
- A** borrowing.
 - B** commitment.
 - C** laziness.
 - D** suffering.
- 12** Which of the following is the fastest mode of transport?
- A** Air
 - B** Rail
 - C** Road
 - D** Water
- 13** The latest method of sending a message is by ...
- A** clapping.
 - B** drumming.
 - C** internet.
 - D** letters.
- 14** The ... is a unit in the Police Service that helps people who have suffered injustice and abuse.
- A** Anti Robbery
 - B** Flying Squad
 - C** Mobile Police
 - D** Victim Support

- 15** Ministry of ... ensures the country is safe from external attacks.
- A** Defence
 - B** Foreign and Internal Security
 - C** Health
 - D** Labour and Social Security
- 16** When a country is landlocked, it means that it ...
- A** has a road.
 - B** has no rail line.
 - C** is surrounded by other countries.
 - D** is surrounded by water.
- 17** An individual's first place of learning is ...
- A** church.
 - B** family.
 - C** friends.
 - D** school.
- 18** Goods sold to other countries are ...
- A** exports.
 - B** imports.
 - C** profits.
 - D** taxes.
- 19** The person chosen by the court to manage the property of the deceased person is called ...
- A** an administrator.
 - B** a divorcee.
 - C** a widow.
 - D** a widower
- 20** Which of the following describes the hotness or coldness of a substance?
- A** Pressure
 - B** Sunshine
 - C** Temperature
 - D** Wind
- 21** A ... can be used to buy goods on the till.
- A** debit card
 - B** cheque book
 - C** payslip
 - D** receipt book

- 22** The word "Bible" means ...
- A** songs.
 - B** proverbs.
 - C** letters.
 - D** books.
- 23** Formation of organisations dealing with waste management can make the ...
- A** communal places unsafe.
 - B** councils clean and healthy.
 - C** environment safe to live in.
 - D** local authority collect more money.
- 24** An area covered by many trees and grass is called ...
- A** garden.
 - B** forest.
 - C** plain.
 - D** valley.
- 25** Which of the following is Zambia's main export?
- A** Cement
 - B** Copper
 - C** Maize
 - D** Sugar
- 26** The ... are the holy scriptures of Islam.
- A** Bible
 - B** Qur'an
 - C** Sermon
 - D** Vedas
- 27** We need to list down needs before spending money to avoid ...
- A** buying the same goods.
 - B** buying unnecessary goods.
 - C** everyday shopping.
 - D** missing goods.
- 28** ... family is made up of father, mother and children.
- A** An adoptive
 - B** An extended
 - C** A foster
 - D** A nuclear

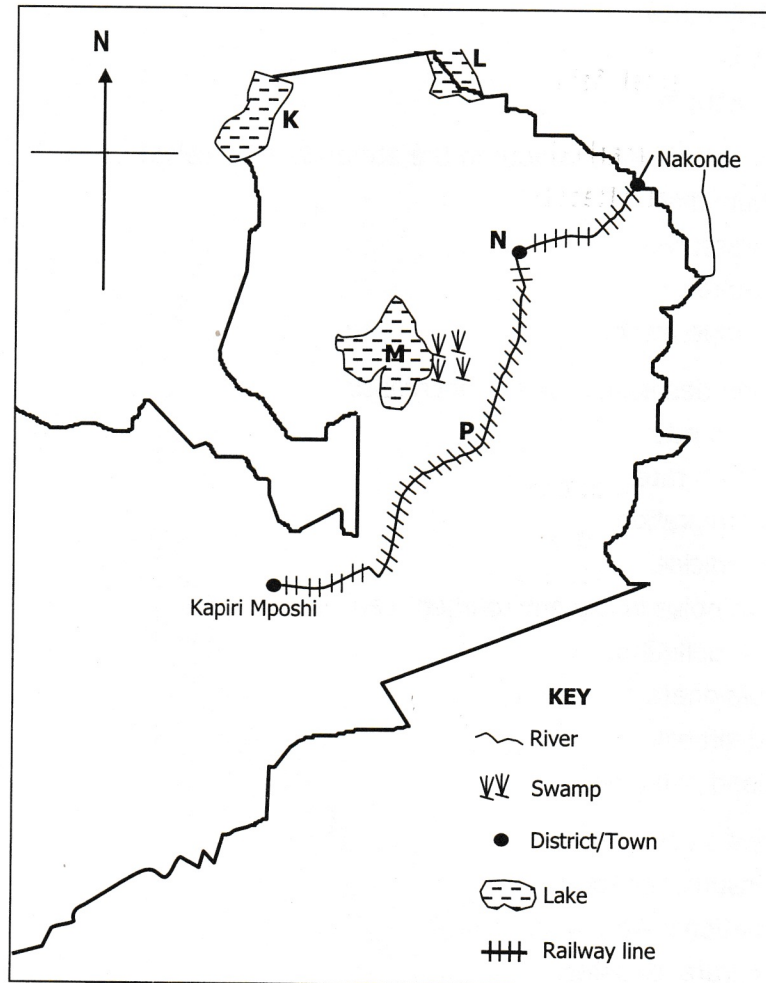
- 29** The three basic needs are ...
- A** food, school and money.
 - B** shelter, food and school.
 - C** water, hospitals and food.
 - D** water, shelter and food.
- 30** The following are duties of a municipal council **except** ...
- A** collecting garbage.
 - B** maintaining roads.
 - C** providing clean and safe water.
 - D** protecting citizens against enemies.
- 31** Products can be made known to consumers by ...
- A** advertising.
 - B** costing.
 - C** decorating.
 - D** valuing.
- 32** Which one of the following is a book in the Old Testament?
- A** Luke
 - B** Mark
 - C** Matthew
 - D** Numbers
- 33** According to the Bible, obedience means ...
- A** doing God's will.
 - B** going to church.
 - C** joining a choir.
 - D** praying every day.
- 34** Banks charge ... when people get loans.
- A** capital
 - B** interest
 - C** mortgage
 - D** tax
- 35** A drought directly affects ... industry.
- A** agriculture
 - B** construction
 - C** manufacturing
 - D** mining

- 36** People in business put money in the bank in order to ...
- A** buy goods.
 - B** earn interest.
 - C** make profit.
 - D** please banks.
- 37** Floods and waterborne diseases can be prevented through ...
- A** blocking of drainages.
 - B** care of drainages.
 - C** community sensitization.
 - D** recycling already used materials.
- 38** Which of the following is the currency for Botswana?
- A** Dollar
 - B** Kwacha
 - C** Pula
 - D** Shilling
- 39** Children have a right to ... property of their deceased parents.
- A** buy
 - B** grab
 - C** inherit
 - D** steal
- 40** A barometer is an instrument used to measure ...
- A** air pressure.
 - B** rainfall.
 - C** sunshine.
 - D** temperature.
- 41** Food shortages can be reduced by growing crops that do not need a lot of water such as ...
- A** cassava and maize.
 - B** cassava and rice.
 - C** cassava and sorghum.
 - D** rice and wheat.
- 42** Improved ... has made communication faster.
- A** message
 - B** road
 - C** technology
 - D** vehicle

- 43** Which one of the following organisations encourages free trade between member states?
- A** African Union
 - B** Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
 - C** Food and Agriculture Organisation
 - D** Southern African Development Community
- 44** ... are toxic waste.
- A** Batteries
 - B** Egg shells
 - C** Orange peels
 - D** Wood
- 45** Organic waste materials can be decomposed to produce ...
- A** plastics.
 - B** lagoons.
 - C** cow dung.
 - D** biogas.
- 46** Name one negative effect of farming on the environment.
- A** Development of forest reserves.
 - B** Erosion of soil.
 - C** Increased food production.
 - D** Pollution of the air.
- 47** Cheating is bad because it always leads to ...
- A** faith.
 - B** ignorance.
 - C** mistrust.
 - D** trust.
- 48** Financial stability can be attained through ...
- A** advertisement.
 - B** expenditure.
 - C** savings.
 - D** spending.
- 49** A ... is received by an employee at the end of each month.
- A** cheque
 - B** debit card
 - C** payslip
 - D** receipt

- 50** In which continent is Mount Kilimanjaro found?
- A** Africa
 - B** Antarctica
 - C** Asia
 - D** Australia
- 51** The amount of water vapour in the atmosphere is called ...
- A** humidity.
 - B** pressure.
 - C** rainfall.
 - D** temperature.
- 52** Population decreases when ... increases.
- A** birth rate
 - B** death rate
 - C** immigration
 - D** medicine
- 53** Excessive noise in the environment causes ...
- A** air pollution.
 - B** blindness.
 - C** deafness.
 - D** land pollution.
- 54** Famine is a period of ...
- A** insufficient food.
 - B** national war.
 - C** natural disaster.
 - D** sufficient food.
- 55** Taking care of road signs ensures safety of ...
- A** motorists.
 - B** pedestrians.
 - C** road traffic officer.
 - D** road users.

Study the map of Zambia and answer questions 56 to 60.



- 56** The activity done on Lake **K** is mainly ...
- A** agriculture.
 - B** electricity.
 - C** fishing.
 - D** transport.
- 57** The provincial headquarters for Northern Province marked **N** is ...
- A** Kasama.
 - B** Luwingu.
 - C** Mbala.
 - D** Mporokoso.