



EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION – 2025



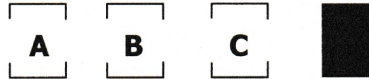
Special Paper 1

SUBJECT 6/1

60 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 answering the questions.
- 3 There are **50** questions in this **Special Paper One** paper. You will be given **exactly 60 minutes** to do the questions.
- 4 For each question, four answers are given, but only one of the four is correct. 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. If you had chosen answer **D** for a question, you would show it like this:-



- 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 6 Paper 1**.
- 8 Look at your **Answer Sheet** again. At the bottom left hand side, it should have your Surname, Forename, Subject – Special Paper One, Name of Primary School and your 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.

**DO NOT TURN THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD.
USE ONLY AN HB / PENCIL FOR YOUR ANSWERS.**

1 What comes next to complete the series?

4 - 12 - 20 - 28 -

- A 32
- / B 36
- C 38
- D 40

2 Which of these words will complete the word pattern?

FURNACE - FACE

WARNING - WING

STUDENT - SENT

MISTAKE -

- A TAKE
- B MIST
- C MIKE
- / D MAKE

3 What completes the series?

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8594	5849

- A 4378
- / B 4738
- C 4873
- D 4837

4 A pool ALWAYS has ...

- A diver.
- B floater.
- C swimmer.
- / D water.

5 Which word will complete the pattern?

PAINT - PIT

SAINT - SIT

CHAIR - CAR

BROWN -

- / A BON
- B BOW
- C BRO
- D ROW

6 Which of the following LETTERS will complete the pattern?

BAZ – ZAB, CAY – , DAX – XAD

- A ADY
- B AYD
- C CYA
- D YAC

7 Which letter must be put in the to complete the series?

T – P – L – H –

- A D
- B C
- C B
- D A

8 If the following letters were arranged according to their positions in the ALPHABET, what word will be formed?

S, B E, T

- A BEST
- B BETS
- C STEB
- D TEST

9 Three of the following are ALIKE in some way. Which one is DIFFERENT?

- A ORANGES
- B GUAVAS
- C GRAPES
- D BEANS

10 If 1234524526783 is INSTANTANEOUS, then 2643 is ...

- A TINS
- B TENS
- C SETS
- D NETS

11 TIE is to COLLAR as SCARF is to ...

- A FINGER
- B HAND
- C NECK
- D WRIST

1 2 3 4 5 2 4 5 2 6 7 8 3
 INSTANTANEOUS
 1 2 3 4 5 2 4 5 2 6 7 8 3
 NETS

12 A plant ALWAYS has ...

- A roots.
- B leaves.
- C fruits.
- D flowers.

13 Three of the following are ALIKE in some way, which one is DIFFERENT?

- A CHOOSE
- B ELECT
- C SELECT
- D THROW

14 Three of the following are ALIKE in some way, which one is DIFFERENT?

- A DARTS
- B NETBALL
- C SOCCER
- D VOLLEYBALL

15 What must be put in the to complete the series?

4	7	<input type="text"/>
8	11	14
12	15	18

- A 9
- B 10
- C 12
- D 13

16 Which of these words would complete the pattern?

RIDGING – RING
EXPLICIT – EXIT
DISTANCE – DICE
BUILDING –

- A BALD
- B BANG
- C BUNG
- D BUNS

17 CIGARETTE is to MOUTH as SNUFF is to ...

- A DRUB
- B HAND
- C NOSE
- D PALM

18 If TEMPLE is 123452, then MEET is ...

- A 1223
- B 1234
- C 3221
- D 3452

Temple
1 2 3 4 5 2
meet
3 2 2 1

19 If 1234566789 is COMPASSION, then 3566 is ...

- A CAMP
- B MASS
- C MOON
- D PASS

compassion
1 2 3 4 5 6 6 7 8 9
mass

20 What word can be made from the 14th, 15th, 20th and 5th letters of the Alphabet respectively?

- A NEAT
- B NOTE
- C TEND
- D TONE

21 Which letters must be put in the to complete the series?

$C + E = M + P = \text{[]}$

- A W+Z
- B X+W
- C Z+W
- D Z+Y

22 Mary had three and half apples and four oranges. Margaret had two and half apples and one orange. How many fruits did Margaret and Mary have altogether?

- A 6 fruits
- B 8 fruits
- C 11 fruits
- D 14 fruits

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23 Three of the following are ALIKE in some way, which one is DIFFERENT?

- A BISCUIT
- B BREAD
- C SCONE
- D SNACK**

24 What comes next in the series?

Z37b - Y28D - X19F -

- A UIOH
- B V11H
- C W10H
- D W11H**

25 KARIBA is to DAM as VICTORIA is to ...

- A FALLS**
- B GORGE
- C RIVER
- D SWAMP

26 What must be put in the to complete the series?

32 - 28 - 23 - 17 -

- A 10**
- B 11
- C 12
- D 13

27 During a debate Eunice and Leah performed better than Mike. Lewis did better than Eunice and Leah but not better than Maggie. Who was the best performer?

- A EUNICE
- B LEAH
- C MAGGIE**
- D MIKE

28 Which word would complete the pattern?

TABLE - BLESS

PEOPLE - PLEASE

MENTOR - TORMENT

FOUNDRY -

- A DRINK
- B DRYER**
- C DROVE
- D DRUNK

29 Jane is lighter than Emmy, Sam is slightly darker than Emmy. Grace is twice as dark as Sam. Who is the lightest?

- A EMMY
- B GRACE
- C JANE
- D SAM

30 Which ONE of the following PAIRS of words are opposites?

- A END – FINISH
- B SAD – HAPPY
- C SLIM – THIN
- D START – BEGIN

31 Which of the following group of words are arranged ALPHABETICALLY?

- A NUMEROUS, NUMSKULL, NUMERATOR, NUMERACY
- B NUMERACY, NUMERATOR, NUMEROUS, NUMSKULL
- C NUMSKULL, NUMEROUS, NUMERACY, NUMERATOR
- D NUMERATOR, NUMERACY, NUMEROUS, NUMSKILL

32 At an eating competition, Susan ate more than Elizabeth but not more than Brenda who ate more than Shila. Who ate the biggest share of food?

- A Brenda
- B Elizabeth
- C Shila
- D Susan

33 Which of the following PAIRS of words are OPPOSITES?

- A DEPART – LEAVE
- B NEAR – FAR
- C PRESENT – NOW
- D WIDE – DEEP

34 A drug ALWAYS has ...

- A abuse.
- B addict.
- C dealer.
- D effect.

35 Which ONE of the following words is the opposite of STRONG?

- A BRAVE
- B COWARD
- C SMART
- D WEAK

Love you madam mapulangia Thanks for teaching us and being greatful to us You will receive a big prize soon love and love you so much!

- 36** Which of the following words will come THIRD if they were arranged in ALPHABETICAL order?
- A USUAL
 - B VALID
 - C THREAT
 - D WANTS
- 37** A tourist saw a spotted animal that hunts alone with the fastest speed when chasing its prey. Which animal did he see?
- A CHEETAH
 - B HYENA
 - C LION
 - D WILDDOG
- 38** FOUR SIDES is to SQUARE as FIVE SIDES is to ...
- A HEPTAGON.
 - B HEXAGON.
 - C OCTAGON.
 - D PENTAGON.
- 39** The watchman was not present when a truck drove in. Its driver was dark, fat and with a round head. Zebron, Mandala and Sangu are fat, only Mandala and Sangu have round heads while Zebron, Canaan and Mandala are dark. Which driver came in?
- A Canaan
 - B Mandala
 - C Sangu
 - D Zebron
- 40** Three of the following are ALIKE in some way, which one is DIFFERENT?
- A TARNISH
 - B SPOIL
 - C DAMAGE
 - D BUILD
- 41** An election was conducted for a class monitor at Katenge Basic School. 65 learners voted for 3 candidates. Bwalya got 12 votes, Martha got 16 votes. How many votes did Tembo get?
- A 28
 - B 35
 - C 37
 - D 65

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- 42** A bus from Samfya to Lusaka takes 11 hours to cover the entire distance. However, on that day, the bus was detained at the check point for 35 minutes. If the bus departed from Samfya at 05 00 hours, what time did it arrive in Lusaka?
- A** 15 35 hours
 - B** 16 25 hours
 - C** 16 35 hours
 - D** 17 25 hours
- 43** If the following words were arranged in ALPHABETICAL, which set would be CORRECT?
- A** CHANCEL, CHANGE, CHANCE, CHANCER
 - B** CHANCE, CHANCEL, CHANCER, CHANGE
 - C** CHANCER, CHANCE, CHANGE, CHANCEL
 - D** CHANGE, CHANCER, CHANCEL, CHANCE
- 44** Which word is OPPOSITE in meaning to FIND?
- A** DISCOVER
 - B** GET
 - C** LOSE
 - D** RECOVER
- 45** A magnet ALWAYS has ...
- A** force.
 - B** pull.
 - C** push.
 - D** power.
- 46** Which of the following words are arranged in ALPHABETICAL order?
- A** MAJOR, MAIZE, MAIN, MAKE
 - B** MAKE, MAIZE, MAIN, MAJOR
 - C** MAIZE, MAIN, MAJOR, MAKE
 - D** MAIN, MAIZE, MAJOR, MAKE
- 47** A marriage ALWAYS has ...
- A** children.
 - B** couple.
 - C** dowry.
 - D** relatives.

48 Which of the following pairs of words are OPPOSITES?

- A Brave – Coward
- B Huge – Big
- C Small – Tiny
- \ D Under – Beneath

49 BIRD is to NEST as DOG is to ...

- A CAGE
- B HOUSE
- \ C KENNEL
- D KRAAL

50 Which letters will complete the pattern?

ABZ, CDY, EFX, GHW, , KLU

- A VIH
- B VJI
- \ C IJV
- D HIV

STOP! PLEASE GO BACK AND CHECK YOUR WORK.