



**EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA**

**JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION (GRADE 9) – 2012**

**ENGLISH PAPER 1 101/1**

**(INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CANDIDATES)**

**MARKS: 20**

**TIME: 35 MINUTES**

**CANDIDATE'S NAME:** .....

**EXAMINATION NUMBER:** .....

**SCHOOL/CENTRE:** .....

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer questions 1 and 2.
2. Write your answers on the spaces provided on the question paper.

**Cell phones are not allowed in the examination room.**

**QUESTION: 1 CLOZE PASSAGE (10 Marks)**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. In each space write the ONE word which you think is the most suitable. The first one has been done for you as an example.

Called the Golden Land by its earliest settlers, Mandalay has (EXAMPLE) many rich resources; oil and gas, copper, tin and other minerals, as well as precious stones. Other treasures include tropical rain forests (1) \_\_\_\_\_ such rare timbers (2) \_\_\_\_\_ teak, rosewood and padauk. The forests are also home to many wild animals – monkeys, tigers, bears, water buffaloes and elephants, to name (3) \_\_\_\_\_ few. But the real treasures of the Golden Land (4) \_\_\_\_\_ its people.

Traditionally, the people of Mandalay are well-mannered (5) \_\_\_\_\_ hospitable. They treat visitors with respect and dignity. Children commonly address older men as uncle and older women (6) \_\_\_\_\_ aunt.

Visitors to Mandalay often comment (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the smooth complexion of the older women. One of the reasons for this youthful skin is that the women (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a popular, facial cosmetic – thanaka from the tanak tree. By grinding a part of the branch (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a hard, flat stone and adding a little water, the women make a fine paste (10) \_\_\_\_\_ they spread on their faces in artistic designs. Besides having an exciting and cooling effect, thanaka protects the skin from the harsh, tropical sun.

The standard dress for (11) \_\_\_\_\_ men and women in Mandalay is the lungi. After stepping (12) \_\_\_\_\_ it, a woman wraps the lungi around (13) \_\_\_\_\_ waist, like a skirt, and tucks the loose end in at her waist. A man on the other (14) \_\_\_\_\_, takes both ends and loosely ties them in front (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the waist.

A visit to the markets demonstrates (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the people of Mandalay are very talented at weaving silk, handcraft, jewellery and carving wood. Teak, padauk, and other timbers (17) \_\_\_\_\_ been transformed into eye-catching figures of humans, tigers, horses, water buffaloes and elephants. Even (18) \_\_\_\_\_ everyday things such as tabletops, room dividers are made of carvings.

About 85 percent of the people of Mandalay are Buddhists; the remainder mainly profess to both Islam and Christianity. As in much of Southeast Asia, religion plays a major (19) \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of most people. However, certain religious customs would be unfamiliar (20) \_\_\_\_\_ such visitors.



**QUESTION: 2 WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? (10 Marks)**

Read the following questions and write the letters of the best answer in the box provided.

- 1 A friend on Christmas day says, "Merry Christmas!"  
What would you say?
- A Merry Christmas!  
B Thank you.  
C And you too!  
D Amen indeed.
- 2 Your favourite teacher who had been transferred to another school has come back. What would you say to her on the day she arrives?
- A It's great you returned back.  
B It's great you are returning back.  
C It's great you have returned back.  
D It's great you have returned.
- 3 Your mother tells you to make a cup of tea for your father but you cannot because there is not enough sugar. What would you say?
- A There is a little sugar.  
B There is little sugar.  
C There are a few sugar.  
D There are few sugar.
- 4 The examination seating arrangement was done on the day you were sick. You come two days later. You want to know from the invigilator where to sit. What would you say? Be polite.
- A Excuse me, I want to know where I'm sitting.  
B Excuse me, may I know where I'm sitting?  
C Excuse me, I want you to show me where I'm sitting.  
D Where am I sitting?
- 5 You and your mother are going shopping. You want your friends to know about it. What would you say to them?
- A Me and my mother are going shopping!  
B My mother and I are going shopping!  
C My mother and me are going shopping!  
D I and my mother are going shopping!

- 6 You attended both this year's and last year's Inter-Provincial Athletics competitions. Your Headteacher asks you to comment on their organisation. What would you say?
- A This year's was well organised than last year's.
  - B This year's was organised than last year's.
  - C This year's was good than last year's.
  - D This year's was better organised than last year's.
- 7 Your Grade Teacher asks you what you were talking about with the Headteacher. What would you say?
- A We were discussing the School Fair.
  - B We were discussing about the School Fair.
  - C We were discussing on the School Fair.
  - D We were discussing for the School Fair.
- 8 You have not swept the classroom because you came late. The teacher is annoyed with you. What would you say? Be polite.
- A Sorry, but I came late.
  - B I came late.
  - C I'm sorry sir, I came late.
  - D I will sweep at break.
- 9 The French Ambassador has been to your school to give a talk on the importance of learning French. Your best friend asks you whether you understood the talk. What would you say?
- A I understood all what he said.
  - B I was understanding all what he said.
  - C I understood all that he said.
  - D I was understood all that he said.
- 10 It is sports day. The Sports Teacher tells all of you to run the four hundred metres race. However, you are not good at this race. What would you say?
- A Madam, me I cannot run the four hundred metres race.
  - B Madam, I cannot be able to run the four hundred metres race.
  - C Madam, me I'm not able to run the four hundred metres race.
  - D Madam, I'm not able to run the four hundred metres race.