

# GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD

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0530 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

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## MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION PAPER

**One and a half hours**

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

*Read the following instructions carefully before you start answering the questions in this paper. Make sure you have a soft HB pencil and an eraser for this examination.*

1. USE A SOFT HB PENCIL THROUGHOUT THE EXAMINATION.
2. DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

*Before the examination begins:*

3. Check that this question booklet is headed “**ORDINARY/INTERMEDIATE LEVEL – 0530 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1**”
4. Fill in the information required in the spaces above.
5. Fill in the information required in the spaces provided on the answer sheet using your HB pencil:  
**Candidate Name, Exam Session, Subject Code and Candidate Identification Number.**  
Take care that you do not crease or fold the answer sheet or make any marks on it other than those asked for in these instructions.

*How to answer the questions in this examination*

6. Answer **ALL** the **50** questions in this Examination. All questions carry equal marks.
7. Each question has **FOUR** suggested answers: **A, B, C** and **D**. Decide which answer is appropriate. Find the number of the question on the Answer Sheet and draw a horizontal line across the letter to join the square brackets for the answer you have chosen.

For example, if **C** is your correct answer, mark **C** as shown below:

[A] [B]  [C] [D]

8. Mark only one answer for each question. If you mark more than one answer, you will score a zero for that question. If you change your mind about an answer, erase the first mark carefully, then mark your new answer.
9. Avoid spending too much time on any one question. If you find a question difficult, move on to the next question. You can come back to this question later.
10. Do all your rough work in this booklet using the blank spaces in the question booklet.
11. **At the end of the examination, the invigilator shall collect the answer sheet first and then the question booklet. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE EXAMINATION HALL WITH IT.**

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**English Language 1**  
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<b>Subject Title</b>	<b>English Language</b>
<b>Paper No./ Title</b>	<b>Paper 1 - Section A - Listening Comprehension Test</b>
<b>Subject Code No.</b>	<b>0530</b>

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1**  
**Instructions for the conduct of Section A.**  
**(Listening Comprehension Test - 5 marks)**

**These instructions are for the use of the Teacher ONLY and must not be shown to the candidates.**

The question paper for the Listening Comprehension test should be distributed to the candidates. Candidates should be instructed to enter the details required on the front cover of the question booklet. They should then be told to fill in the information required on the answer sheet. Ensure that candidates do NOT open the question paper until they are told to do so after the first reading of the Listening Comprehension passage (see below).

The complete test should take 25 minutes. The timing commences at the beginning of the first reading of the passage. The short time allowed to candidates for reading the questions should be two minutes.

If the teacher considers it desirable to give an extra reading of any group of words because of some noise from outside or for any other good cause, this can be done. If this is found necessary, the cause must be reported to the Board on the special report form.

The procedure for giving the Listening Comprehension test is explained in the following announcement which the teacher should read to the candidates immediately before the test:

**I shall read a passage to you once. You are not allowed to write anything during this first reading. Do not look at your question paper.** (First reading)

The timing of the test (25 minutes) commences at this point. The teacher should read the passage through at normal reading speed, avoiding any distortion of features of spoken language. The teacher then announces:

**Now open your question paper. I shall give you two minutes to look at the questions on the paper. They are grouped into three sections. Do not write anything.**

The teacher allows an interval of two minutes and then announces:

**I shall now read the passage through again but this time in three sections. When I have finished reading the first section you will be given two minutes in which to provide answers to the first section of the questions. Your answers must be given as instructed in the booklet. This procedure will then be repeated for the other sections. You may still look at the questions and you may make notes on the blank spaces in the booklet, if you wish, as I read. First section.**

The teacher should read each section aloud pausing at each slant line. A two-minute interval should be respected after each section. Two minutes after reading the third section the teacher should make the following announcement:  
**Now do your final revision and go to the next section.**

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**SECTION A**  
**LISTENING COMPREHENSION (5 marks)**

**QUESTIONS**

Using only the material read to you from the listening comprehension passage, answer each of the following questions as directed.

Choose the best answer from the alternatives (A, B, C and D) for each of the questions below.

**SECTION ONE**

1. Mama Bibiana is currently married to \_\_\_\_\_ man/men.  
A one  
B many  
C four  
D no

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2. The expression "different facial complexions" read to you means a \_\_\_\_\_ face.  
A multicoloured  
B dark coloured  
C fair coloured  
D light coloured

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3. After several attempts to bring sanity into Mama Bibiana's Language, the Customers \_\_\_\_\_  
A continued correcting her  
B became angry  
C laughed at her  
D stopped correcting her

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4. You have heard the word, "appearance" read to You; choose the alternative that has the same vowel sound as that underlined in "appearance".  
A pair  
B pear  
C peer  
D pare

**SECTION TWO**

5. Mama Bibiana's bar is called \_\_\_\_\_  
A Public Spot  
B Free Feel spot  
C Popular spot  
D Feel Free Spot

6. The young hawker came to the bar because \_\_\_\_\_  
A he wanted to have a drink  
B he was called in by a potential buyer  
C it was a popular spot where he was likely to sell  
D he needed shelter from the rain

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7. Mama Babiana was angry because \_\_\_\_\_  
A her customers had picked up a quarrel with her  
B the hawker had occupied the table meant for her customers  
C the hawker was distracting her customers  
D the hawker was spending more time convincing customers to buy

**SECTION THREE**

8. The boy had to insult Mama Bibiana because \_\_\_\_\_  
A she insulted his relations as well  
B she insulted him first  
C he wanted to teach Mama Babiana a lesson  
D she threw his goods in the rain

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9. The expression, "the stench is unbearable," read to you implies that the \_\_\_\_\_  
A smell was much  
B voice was unpleasant  
C mouth smelled  
D language was offensive

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10. The passage most appropriately illustrates the Saying: \_\_\_\_\_  
A All that glitters is not gold  
B You reap what you sow  
C One good turn deserves another  
D Out of the frying pan into the fire

## SECTION B

## READING COMPREHENSION (7½ marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions which follow.

## THE MADMAN

By the middle of the morning, Nwibe had done all the work he had to do on his farm and set out to prepare for the market. At the little stream on his way, he decided as usual to wash off the sweat of work. So he put his clothes on a huge holder by the men's bathing section of the stream and waded in. There was nobody else around because of the time of the day and because it was a market day. From instinctive modesty, Nwibe turned to face the forest away from any approaches. 5

A madman watched him for quite a while. Each time he bent down to carry water in his cupped hands from the shallow stream to his head and body, the madman smiled. He then remembered, "This was the same hefty man who had brought three others like him and whipped me out of my hut in the Afo market," he nodded to himself. And then he remembered yet again, "This was the same vagabond who had descended on me from the lorry in the middle of my highway," he nodded once more. Again he remembered, "This was the same fellow who set his children to throw stones at me and made remarks about their 'mothers' buttocks, not mine," then he laughed. 10

Nwibe turned sharply and saw the naked madman laughing, the dense forest around the stream amplifying his laughter. Then the madman stopped as suddenly as he had begun; the merriment vanished from his face as he said, "I have caught you naked." 15

Nwibe ran a hand swiftly down his face to clear his eyes of water.

"I say I have caught you naked."

"I can see you are hungry for a whipping," said Nwibe with quiet menace in his voice, for a madman is said to be easily scared away by the very mention of a whip. 20

The madman had picked up Nwibe's cloth and wrapped it around his own waist. He looked down at Nwibe and began to laugh again.

"I will kill you," screamed Nwibe as he splashed towards the bank, maddened by anger. "I will whip that madness out of you today!"

They ran all the way up the steep and rocky foot-path hedged in by the shadowy green forest. A mist gathered and hung over Nwibe's vision as he stumbled on, shouting and cursing the other. Despite his unaccustomed encumbrance, the madman steadily increased his lead. He did not waste his breath shouting and cursing; he just ran. Two girls going down to the stream saw a man running up the slope towards them pursued by a stark-naked madman. They threw down their pots and fled, screaming. 25

When Nwibe emerged into the full glare of the highway, he could not see his cloth clearly anymore and his chest was on the point of exploding from the fire and torment within, but he kept running. He was only vaguely aware of the crowds of people on all sides and he appealed to them tearfully without stopping, "Hold the madman, he's got my cloth". By this time the man with the cloth was practically lost among the much denser crowds far in front so that the link between him and the naked man was no longer clear. 30

Now Nwibe continually bumped against people's backs. "Stop the madman," he shouted hoarsely, his heart tearing to shreds. "He's got my cloth!" Everyone looked at him first in surprise and then less surprise because strange sights are common in a great market. Some of them even laughed. 35

"They've got his cloth he says, that's a new one I'm sure," someone remarked. "He hardly looks bad yet." "Doesn't he have people? I wonder. People are so careless these days. Why can't they keep proper watch over their sick relations, especially on the day of market," remarked a lady.

Further up the road on the very brink of the market-place, two men from Nwibe's village recognized him and one throwing down his basket of yams, and the other his calabash of palm-wine, they held on a loop, gave desperate chase to stop him setting foot irrevocably within the occult territory of the powers of the market. But it was in vain. When finally they caught him, it was well inside the crowded square. Udenkwo in tears tore off his 40

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top-cloth which they draped on him and led him home by the hand. He spoke just once about a madman who had taken his cloth in the stream.

"It is all right," said one of the men in the tone of a father to a **crying** child. They led and he followed blindly, his heavy chest heaving up and down in silent weeping. Many more people from his village, a few of his in-laws and one or two others from his mother's place had joined the **grief-stricken party**. One man whispered to another that it was the worst kind of madness, deep and tongue tied.

"May it end for him who did this," prayed the other.

### QUESTIONS

11. Nwibe turned to face the forest before bathing because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- A was a decent person  
B was too proud of himself  
C saw the madman  
D knew it was market day
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12. The madman remembered the things Nwibe did against him \_\_\_\_\_ time(s), nodded \_\_\_\_\_ time(s), and laughed \_\_\_\_\_ time(s).
- A 1,2,3  
B 3,3,3  
C 2,1,3  
D 3,2, 1
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13. The expression "... the dense forest around the stream amplifying his laughter" (lines 13-14), implies the laugh was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A imitated  
B regulated  
C increased  
D reflected
- 
14. The expression "... with quiet menace in his voice" (line 18), means Nwibe spoke with a/an \_\_\_\_\_ voice.
- A threatening  
B calculating  
C assuring  
D dampened
- 
15. Nwibe threatened to kill the madman because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A the madman was laughing at him  
B Nwibe was naked  
C the madman picked up his cloth  
D the madman picked up his cloth and put it on
- 
16. Nwibe stumbled and fell as he was running because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A the madman was a hindrance  
B he was too angry to control himself  
C he felt a blurred vision  
D he was naked
- 
17. The madman's behaviour towards Nwibe is a form of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A amusement  
B revenge  
C entertainment  
D mockery
- 
18. According to the passage, the first man the two girls saw was not considered mad because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A a stark-naked man was running after him  
B he was not shouting while running  
C he did not attract the crowd  
D he had Nwibe's cloth
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19. Nwibe was at the point of exploding because of \_\_\_\_\_ within.
- A anger and burning fire  
B torment by the madman  
C tiredness and hunger  
D anger and anguish
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20. People at the market were not generally surprised by the incident of the two men running because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A they knew both of them were mad  
B the market was always so crowded that strange things were normal  
C Nwibe always ran after the madman  
D the market always had many mad people

21. According to the passage Nwibe "hardly looks bad yet" (line 37), means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A his madness is just starting
- B he can still see well
- C he is pretending to be mad
- D he is not yet dirty

22. The word "crying" in the phrase "crying child" (line 46), is a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- A adjective
- B noun
- C verb
- D gerund

23. Nwibe's madness is described in the passage as the worst form of madness because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- A behaved worse than a madman
- B was completely mad
- C looked worried in his madness
- D was running, shouting and cursing

24. The description of Nwibe's relations as "a grief-stricken party" (line 48), means that they are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A very confused
- B extremely sad
- C totally dumbfounded
- D very embarrassed

25. After reading the passage, it can easily be concluded that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A Nwibe's madness is justified
- B the madman's madness has been transferred to Nwibe
- C Nwibe is a victim of circumstance
- D Nwibe shall remain a madman

## SECTION C

### GRAMMAR (7½ marks)

Read the instructions for each question or set of questions carefully before answering.

For numbers 26-39, choose the best answer that completes each sentence.

26. Philip has been playing football since morning; \_\_\_\_\_ he is exhausted.

- A whereas
- B consequently
- C whilst
- D because

27. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of arguments for and against the recent tax on telephones.

- A There was
- B There has been
- C There is
- D There have been

28. Scientists claim they have succeeded \_\_\_\_\_ a cure for the disease.

- A at finding
- B to find
- C in finding
- D with finding

29. The younger son considered himself to have been robbed \_\_\_\_\_ his rightful inheritance.

- A from
- B with
- C by
- D of

30. You wanted to start a club that will help needy children, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A didn't you
- B don't you
- C isn't it
- D did you

31. "Don't eat after 7 pm." What did she tell you? She told me \_\_\_\_\_ after 7 pm.

- A don't eat
- B not to eat
- C to not eat
- D no eating

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32. He usually comes home with gifts for his wife. The word usually is used as an adverb of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A position
- B degree
- C place
- D frequency

33. I have one or two \_\_\_\_\_ to pass to you.

- A pieces of information
- B pieces of informations
- C piece of informations
- D piece of information

34. "Lightning struck the tree." in the passive is: \_\_\_\_\_.

- A The tree had been struck by lightning
- B The tree is struck by lightning
- C The tree was struck by lightning
- D The tree has been struck by lightning

35. He is not \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the ceiling.

- A enough tall
- B as tall
- C so tall
- D tall enough

36. The school uniform is a \_\_\_\_\_ fabric.

- A heavy multicoloured beautiful
- B heavy beautiful multicoloured
- C multicoloured beautiful heavy
- D beautiful heavy multicoloured

37. Kareen's mother was delivered of \_\_\_\_\_ twins last week.

- A two
- B a set of
- C a pair of
- D double

38. Neither the girl nor her brother \_\_\_\_\_ to blame.

- A is
- B were
- C are
- D isn't

39. If I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I \_\_\_\_\_ risk it.

- A am, can't
- B am/ couldn't
- C were/ wouldn't
- D were/ won't

40. Choose the alternative with the correct punctuation.

- A French and Economics are compulsory Subjects for form Five students.
- B French and economics are compulsory subjects for form five students.
- C French and Economics are compulsory subjects for form five students.
- D French and economics are compulsory subjects for Form Five students.

#### SECTION D

#### VOCABULARY (5 marks)

Read the instructions for each question or set of questions carefully before answering.

For numbers 41-46, choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

41. Absolutely anyone is welcome here, \_\_\_\_\_ of their age.

- A devoid
- B considering
- C mindful
- D regardless

42. It does not matter the position you hold in society; everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ to the same laws.

- A subject
- B restricted
- C object
- D controlled

43. As I was a stranger in that village, I was not \_\_\_\_\_ some of their customs.

- A addicted to
- B acquainted with
- C attracted to
- D informed with

44. He had to be \_\_\_\_\_ from the other patients in the hospital because he had a highly contagious disease.

- A confined
- B hidden
- C isolated
- D eliminated

45. After her first degree, Emma looked forward to lucrative employ \_\_\_\_\_.

- A er
- B ment
- C ing
- D ee

46. Climbing mount Cameroon is a \_\_\_\_\_ activity and needs constant \_\_\_\_\_.
- A strenuous/practise
  - B strainuous/practice
  - C strenuous/practice
  - D strainuous/practise
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For numbers 47 and 48, choose the answer that best explains the meaning of the underlined word or phrase.

47. It would be premature to make a decision at this point.
- A foolish
  - B stupid
  - C sensible
  - D hasty
- 

48. The headteacher's declaration was taken with a pinch of salt.
- A accepted with doubt
  - B unaccepted outrightly
  - C accepted whole heartedly
  - D accepted angrily
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For numbers 49 and 50, choose the answer that gives the opposite of the underlined word.

49. Her greed was what attracted many people to her.
- A generosity
  - B openness
  - C lavishness
  - D extravagance
- 

50. The village woman prepared a banquet for the victorious team.
- A returning
  - B retreating
  - C defeated
  - D triumphant
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