

# EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

Examination for School Certificate Ordinary Level

**English Language**  
**Paper 1**

**1121/1**

**Tuesday**

**25 OCTOBER 2016**

**Additional Material(s):**

Answer Booklet

**Time: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**Marks: 40**

## **Instructions to Candidates**

- 1** Write your **name, centre number** and **candidate number** in the spaces provided on the **Answer Booklet**.
- 2** There are **two** sections in this paper. Answer **both** sections.
- 3** Write your answers in the **Answer Booklet** provided.
- 4** If you use more than one Answer Booklet, **fasten the booklets together**.

## **Information for Candidates**

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

You should first read through the whole paper.

You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each section.

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

**SECTION A [20 Marks]**

**You are advised not to spend more than 50 minutes on this section.**

Write on **one** of the following topics.

You should write between **250** and **350** words. **Words written beyond the word limit will not be considered to be part of your composition.**

- 1** Write a story which ends with the following words: "... nothing else mattered other than the family being re-united."
- 2** Describe an occasion when many people's lives were changed.
- 3** Explain how a teenager can avoid boredom.
- 4** Write a story with **one** of the following titles:  
**Either**  
**(a)** Make hay while the sun shines.  
**or**  
**(b)** He was as much to blame as I was.
- 5** Growing up with a single parent is hard. **Discuss**
- 6** Poverty is the cause of teenage pregnancies in Zambia today. **Argue for or against** this statement.

**SECTION B [20 Marks]**

**You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on this section.**

You are very concerned with drought in your area and decide to interview a number of people to find out the effect of the drought. Below are the notes you took from the interviews:

- animals died
- grass dried up
- free education
- rise in crime rate
- crops withered
- skinny animals
- too much rain
- livestock stolen
- water sources dried
- immorality
- lack of tarred roads
- malnutrition
- increase in milk production

Using the **relevant points only**, write a letter to your Member of Parliament (MP) lobbying the government to intervene. The length of your letter should be between **250** and **350** words. **Words written beyond the word limit will not be considered to be part of your composition.**