



ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

GRADE SEVEN EXAMINATION, SPECIMEN.

ENGLISH
PAPER 2

701/2

SPECIMEN PAPER

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Read **all** the instructions carefully.
2. Do **not** open this question paper until you are told to do so by the invigilator.
3. Use a **blue** or **black** pen to write your answers.
4. Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the answer paper provided.
5. Answer **all** the questions on the answer paper. In Section A, choose **either** 1(a) **or** 1(b).
6. Write all sentences in good grammar and punctuate them correctly.
7. You are advised to spend 1 hour on Section A and 30 minutes on Section B.
8. If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.
9. **If you do not understand** the instructions, **ask** the invigilator to explain them to you **before** you start writing.

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SECTION A: COMPOSITION (20 MARKS)

You are advised to spend **1** hour on this section.

1. Answer **either** (a) **or** (b).

Either (a)

You have been selected as the Headboy or Headgirl of your school. Write an acceptance speech you would give at your school assembly. Your speech should be between **80** and **120** words in length. Use the following notes and any other you may think of to write your speech:

- thank the teachers and other learners for trusting you
- promise to maintain discipline in the school
- lead by example
- work as a team with the school prefects
- ask for co-operation from everyone

Or (b)

Your school is facing a number of problems. Identify one such problem and write a letter to any one organisation asking for help. The body of your letter should be between **80** and **120** words. Use the following points and any other you may think of to write your letter:

- what the problem is
- how the problem is affecting your school
- what the school or community has done to solve the problem
- the kind of help needed
- how the assistance will improve learning

SECTION B: COMPREHENSION (15 MARKS)

You are advised to spend **30** minutes on this section

2. Read the following passage very carefully before you attempt any questions.

Answer **all** questions in full sentences. You are advised to write your sentences in good grammar and punctuate them correctly.

Mufaro was a member of a group of nature lovers who enjoyed going on expeditions in Nyanga. On that occasion, they were to climb Mount Nyangani, the highest mountain in Zimbabwe.

The club had mountain gear which they used during such trips. At exactly five o'clock in the morning, they had all gathered at the bottom of the mountain, carrying their heavy bags, which contained climbing picks, ropes and clips. They had already put on their harnesses and boots.

Before climbing the mountain, the club members had a short briefing from their Club Master, Mr Chegomo. At half past five, the journey up the mountain started. The leader of the group, who was the most experienced of them all, led them up the winding mountain track. They had to make many turns to go around the huge boulders on their way. At times, they had to use knives to cut through the thick bushes.

They steadily made their way up. Every now and again, they would stop to rest. They finally reached the summit after six hours of tiresome climbing. Although the climbers were exhausted, they were happy that they had achieved their objective. They rested there, enjoying the quietness of their surroundings.

Questions

- (a) What did the members of Mufaro's club like doing? [1]
- (b) What is the name of the mountain they were going to climb? [1]
- (c) Give any **two** items mentioned in the passage that would be used during the climbing. [2]
- (d) Why did the leader of the group, and not anyone else, lead others when climbing the mountain? [1]
- (e) At what time did the club members reach the summit of the mountain? [1]
- (f) Apart from being happy, how else did the mountain climbers feel when they got to the summit of the mountain? [1]
- (g) Which word in the passage tells us that the mountain track was not straight? [1]

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- (h) What does the word 'there' in the last sentence refer to? [1]
- (i) Suggest a suitable heading for the passage. [1]
- (j) In one paragraph, write a summary of the problems that the mountain climbers faced and how they solved some of the problems. Your summary should not be more than 80 words, including the given ten opening words.

Begin your summary as follows:

The first problem that the mountain climbers faced was that... [5]