EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION (GRADE 9) – 2009

ENGLISH PAPER 1

(INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CANDIDATES)

MARKS: 20

TIME: 35 MINUTES

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

EXAMINATION NO: .................................................................

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

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer questions 1 and 2.

Cell phones are not allowed in the examination room.
Question 1 (10 marks)

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

The balance of nature in our world is very important. It has taken millions (EXAMPLE) _______ of ______ years for the thousands of animal species to develop. The (1) _________ they live and the places they live in are important to their survival. The wild (2) _________ of the world today face their biggest-ever threat to their survival (3) ________ humans.

Increasingly, we are cutting down the natural forests and jungles (4) _________ wild animals live. We hunt some exotic animals for (5) _________ skins. We poison rivers where animals drink and live. We battle (6) _________ the animal kingdom for the space the world has to offer.

In the next twenty years, the human population of the world will grow by as much (7) _________ half again. So it is not surprising (8) _________ as we need more space we (9) _________ threatening with extinction about 1 000 different kinds of plants.

To chart the damage (10) _________ to our planet and to try and prevent (11) _________ , the World Wildlife Fund was set up.

The Fund sounded a warning that the tiger was disappearing. Fifty years (12) _________ there were about 100 000 tigers in the world (13) _________ large scale hunting has reduced (14) _________ numbers. Now the tiger is a protected species. The polar bear was in a similar plight (15) _________ the World Wildlife Fund got the world’s superpowers to agree to ban the killing of the polar bear.

Leopard, cheetah, Jaguar and ocelot were also threatened (16) _________ hunting to provide fur coats.

The black and White African Rhinos are two (17) _________ animals on the Fund’s list of endangered species. Gangs of poachers mow (18) _________ the rhino. Their only reason is the large sums of money (19) _________ can get for the rhino’s horn. Rhino horn dagger handles are greatly prized (20) _________ some parts of the world.
Question 2  (10 marks)

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

1   You have just bought a pen like the one Jane has. One of the pupils in your class says, “Your pen is like Jane’s.” What would you say?
   A  Yes, my pen is the same like Jane’s
   B  Yes, my pen is not the same like Jane’s
   C  Yes, my pen is the same as Jane’s.
   D  Yes, my pen is not the same as Jane’s

2  You do not like your new history teacher. Your friend says, “I don’t like our new history teacher either.” What would you say?
   A  Me too, I don’t like her.
   B  Just like me, same.
   C  Neither do I.
   D  I also, I don’t like her.

3  You like honey in your tea better than sugar. What would you say?
   A  I like honey than sugar in my tea.
   B  I prefer sugar in may tea than honey.
   C  I would rather have sugar in my tea than honey.
   D  I prefer honey in my tea to sugar.

4  You have been offered a job by one of the security companies as a guard but you do not want to take it up. What would you say?
   A  I have turned up the offer of the job as a security guard.
   B  I have turned over the offer of the job as a security guard.
   C  I have turned down the offer of the job as a security guard.
   D  I have turned on the offer of the job as a security guard.

5  You want to confirm with your best friend whether she is attending the Prize Giving Ceremony at your school. What would you say?
   A  You are attending the Prize Giving Ceremony at my school, isn’t it?
   B  You are attending the Prize Giving Ceremony at my school, aren’t you?
   C  You are attending the Prize Giving Ceremony at my school, are you?
   D  You are attending the Prize Giving Ceremony at my school, won’t you?
6 You are hungry and would like to eat something. You get bread from the cupboard and then discover it is not fresh. What would you say to your brother?
   A The bread is stale.
   B The bread is rotten.
   C The bread is destroyed.
   C The bread is raw.
   
7 You were watching a comedy and laughed a lot. What would you say to your friend?
   A The comedy made me to laugh a lot.
   B The comedy made me to laughing a lot.
   C The comedy made me laughing a lot.
   D The comedy made me laugh a lot.

8 Your friend invited you to his wedding ceremony but you did not receive the invitation card. As a result you did not attend the ceremony. What would you say?
   A If I had received the invitation card, I would have attended the wedding ceremony.
   B If I received the invitation card, I would attend the wedding ceremony.
   C If I had received the invitation card, I would attend the wedding ceremony.
   D If I receive the invitation card, I will attend the wedding ceremony.

9 You have always been longing to be the School Captain. What would you say?
   A I wish I am the School Captain.
   B I wish I were the School Captain
   C I wish I was the School Captain
   D I wish I had been the School Captain

10 A new pupil is about to get into the staff room. What would you say?
   A Don't enter into the staff room without permission.
   B Don't enter the staff room without permission.
   C Don't enter in the staff room without permission.
   D Don't enter to the staff room without permission