THE - NEXA EXAMINATIONS BOARD (NEB)

Quality Assessment for Every Learner

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PRE PLE-SET 1/5 2026

ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 2hours 15minutes

Random No.						Personal No.		

Candidate's Name: .....

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Read the following instructions carefully:

1. **Do not** write your **district name** anywhere on this paper. This paper is made up of **two** Sections: **A** and **B**. This paper has **14 printed pages.**
2. Section **A** has **50** questions **50 marks** and Section **B** has **5** questions **60 marks.**
3. Attempt all questions. All answers to both sections **A** and **B must** be written in the spaces provided.
4. All answers **must** be written in blue or black ballpoint pen or ink but not in pencil. All work done in pencil, except diagrams, will **not** be marked.
5. Crossing out of answers and the handwriting that cannot be read will lead to loss of marks.
6. **Do not** fill anything in the table indicated for **"EXAMINERS' USE ONLY".**

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QN. NO.	**MARKS**	**EXR'S NO.**
1-10		
11-20		
21-30		
31-40		
41-43		
44-46		
47-49		
50-52		
53-55		
TOTAL		

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SECTION A: 50 MARKS

Question I to 50 carry one mark each.

Sub- section I (30marks)

In each of the questions 1 to 5, fill in the blank space with a suitable word.

1. This pair of scissors ..... not very sharp.
2. Why haven't the hens ..... any egg today?
3. The visitor asked me ..... my name was.
4. The woman was charged ..... mistreating her children.
5. You can ..... mistakes if you're not careful.

In questions 6 to 15, use the correct form of the word given in brackets to complete the sentence.

6. Owino has no friends because he is ..... (quarrel)
7. Mary accepted my ..... when I broke her pencil. (apologise)
8. Peter's ..... from his home was reported to the police. (disappear)
9. He got lost because he had ..... the way to his home. (forget)
10. The more the pupils got tired, the ..... they paid attention to the teacher. (little)
11. Ochola is the ..... of the two boys. (tall)
12. I cannot take this book because it is not ..... (my)
13. The bursar gave me a ..... when I paid for the uniform. (receive)
14. Our uncle has visited us ..... since last year.(three)
15. That man weaves his baskets .....(skill)

In question 16 and 17, arrange the given words in alphabetical order.

16. spell, speech, special, speak.

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17. expect, except, exercise , exotic

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In questions 18 and 19, use each of the given words in a sentence to show that you know the difference in their meaning.

18. flower

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19. flour

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In questions 20 and 21, rewrite the sentence, giving the opposite form of the underlined word.

20. Musimenta is a very lazy girl.

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21. The bride arrived at the church late.

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In questions 22 and 23, Write the following abbreviation and contraction in full

22. P.T.O.

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23. we're

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In questions 24 to 26, rewrite the sentences, giving one word for the underlined group of words.

Our teacher is a mother to two female children.

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She bought a watch at a very low price.

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I could not remember where I put my pen.

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In questions 27 and 28, write the plural form of the given words.

24. a cloth

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25. child's toy

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In question 29 and 30, rearrange the given words to form a correct sentence.

26. this should address whom To I letter?

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27. is Opio what a boy funny!

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Sub – Section II

In each of the questions 31 to 50, rewrite the sentences as instructed in the brackets.

28. The movie had ended by the time I went to sleep.

(Rewrite the sentence using..... after.....)

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29. Some candidates bribed voters but they did not win the elections.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Although.....)

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30. If we plant more trees, we shall receive more rainfall.
(Rewrite sentence beginning: The more.....)
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31. I have not travelled to the village for two weeks.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: It is.....)
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32. No sooner had the guest of honour arrived than we sang the National Anthem.
(Rewrite the sentence using: .....as soon as .....)
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33. Mudde does not like singing. Mudde does not like dancing.
(Rewrite as one sentence using: .....and neither.....)
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34. The school van is always driven by the headmaster.
(Rewrite the sentence ending:.....school van.)
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35. It was not right for Mary to escape from school.
(Rewrite the sentence using: .....should.....)
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36. Mousa asked whether anyone had seen her book.
(Rewrite the sentence using "....."asked Mousa.)
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37. All the teachers were disappointed. He performed poorly in the examination. (Re... 44
the sentence beginning: His poor .....)
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38. He wants to buy a bicycle but he has not got the money.
(Rewrite the sentence using: ..... if .....)
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39. The boy broke the window glass. His mother beat him.
(Rewrite as one sentence beginning: Having.....)
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40. Nobody helped Odongo to wash his clothes.
(Rewrite the sentence ending.....himself.)
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41. I like watching music at my leisure time.
(Rewrite the sentence using: .....interested.....)
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42. You did not sweep the house, did you?
(Rewrite the sentence ending: .....didn't you?)
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43. I did not attend his birthday party because he did not invite me.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: If.....)
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44. The bride and groom were smart for the wedding.

(Rewrite the sentence using:..... dressed .....)

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45. Aceng may sew my uniform. Ochola may sew my uniform.

(Rewrite as one sentence beginning: Either.....)

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46. The bus arrived in the park before it started raining.

(Rewrite the sentence using: .....reached.....)

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47. We expect to perform very well in the examination.

(Rewrite the sentence using:..... look forward.....)

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48. Tom likes posho more than Rice. (Rewrite as one sentence using.....prefer.....)

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49. Of what use is a dog? (Rewrite the sentence using: .....used .....?)

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50. I don't like abusing my friends. (Rewrite the sentence using: .....hate .....)

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d) Who di

SECTION B: 50 MARKS

Questions 51 to 55 carry ten marks each

51. **Read the passage below and then answer, in full sentences, the questions that follow.**

One Saturday, I went with my mother to Kyebando Food Market which is one of the biggest in our sub-county. I had a hen which my grandmother gave me when it was a chick. I went to sell it so as to buy myself a pair of shoes for Christmas. Mother went with me so as to purchase various food items.

On our way, we met farmers and traders bringing different items to the market. By ten O'clock, we had reached the market. At the market entrance, there was a rope stretching from one side to the other. This blocked people from entering the market directly.

Mother had to pay some coins to the gentlemen who later allowed us in. Many other people were already at the market with different commodities heaped on the ground and others were in the stalls. Some traders sang songs to attract as many customers as possible.

We sat down in the tree shade and waited anxiously for customers. Some customers tried to bargain but mother said it was little money they were giving us. Later, a young man offered thirty thousand shillings which we accepted. We then moved through the crowd. Mother held my arm and we went where the shoes we being sold. She helped me to make a choice. I paid ten thousand shillings for it. I gave the balance to my mother and then moved happily back home.

Questions:-

a) On which day did the writer go to the market?

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b) With whom did the writer go to the market?

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c) Why did the writer go to sell his hen?

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d) Who did the writer meet bringing items to the market?

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e) What blocked people from entering the market directly?

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f) How did some traders attract customers?

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g) How much did the writer sell his hen?

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h) Give another word or group of words with the same meaning as the following underlined words in the passage.

(i) purchase .....

(ii) crowd.....

(iii) Give a suitable title to this passage.

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52. **Read the poem below carefully and in full sentences, answer the questions that follow.**

Every day and every night
Rivers of tears run down our cheeks
And our hearts tremble with fear
Every time the media exposes
The ruthless people's evil deeds

Why the belief of all things
That sacrificing children is the shortest route
To the world wealth and treasure
Instead of lambs or bulls
Like it was in Abraham's days.

May the blowing wind spy on you

Till the day you leave this world

Your wick soul will be paraded before God

For He will judge you for your deeds

And the souls of the innocent children rest in peace

Mayenga Joseph

Questions:-

a) When do tears run down people's cheeks?

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b) What happens to the hearts of the people?

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c) What is exposed in the media according to the poet?

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d) What belief do ruthless people have about wealth and treasure?

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e) When were bulls and lambs used for sacrifice?

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f) What does the writer wish the wind to do?

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g) Where do you think the wicked people go?

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h) Give one word or group of words with the same meaning as each of the underlined word in poem.

i) ruthless .....

ii) wealth .....

i) Suggest a suitable title to the poem.

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53. **Below is a table showing names of pupils which a school tailor recorded while giving out school uniform at the beginning of term one of 2021. Study it carefully and then in full sentences answer questions that follow.**

No.	Pupils' name	Class	Gender	Dress	Shorts	Sports wear	Shirt	Person for a new uniform
1.	Achuli Charity	P1	F	✓	X	X	X	Not fitting any more
2.	Mulibu John	P1	M	X	✓	✓	✓	New comer
3.	Mubiru Samiru	P3	M	X	X	✓	X	Got torn
4.	Nyachwo Laker	P4	F	X	X	✓	X	Has got faded
5.	Kanene Bruce	P6	M	X	✓	X	✓	Needed extra
6.	Azike Claire	P1	F	✓	X	✓	X	Very old
7.	Wowani Drake	P1	M	X	✓	✓	✓	New comer
8.	Tosobola Grace	P1	F	✓	X	✓	X	Not fitting any more
9.	Kyalenga Doreen	P3	F	✓	X	✓	X	New comer

Key

M – Male F – female X – didn't take

✓ taken

Questions:-

a) What does the table show?

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b) When did the tailor record the information?

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c) Why did Charity buy a new dress?

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d) How many pupils got complete uniform?

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e) Whose sportswear was very old?

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f) In which class were most of the pupils shown in the table?

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g) How many pupils got dresses?

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h) Which item was given out most?

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i) Who had torn sports wear?

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j) Who got only one item?

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The sentence below are not in the correct order. Arrange them to form correct story about it.

a) The farmer made a very loud alarm which called people from near and far.
b) When the boys saw the man from a distance, they took off for their dear lives.
c) So, he picked a panga and stick and came to see whose animals they were.
d) Unfortunately, the owner of the farm saw the animals destroying his crops.
e) As they were playing, the animals entered a maize farm and stared eating them.
f) The boys decided to start playing a fibre ball they had woven.
g) After about an hour of staying together.
h) Who were also tending to their cattle
i) When they reached there, they met other two friends of theirs.
j) One day, during the holidays, two boys went to care for cows, bulls and sheep.

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55. Write a composition of **100 – 150** words about your plans after the Primary Leaving Examination. Use these points to guide you; thanking your Head teacher and teachers, what results you expect, helping your parents/guardian and celebrating your results.

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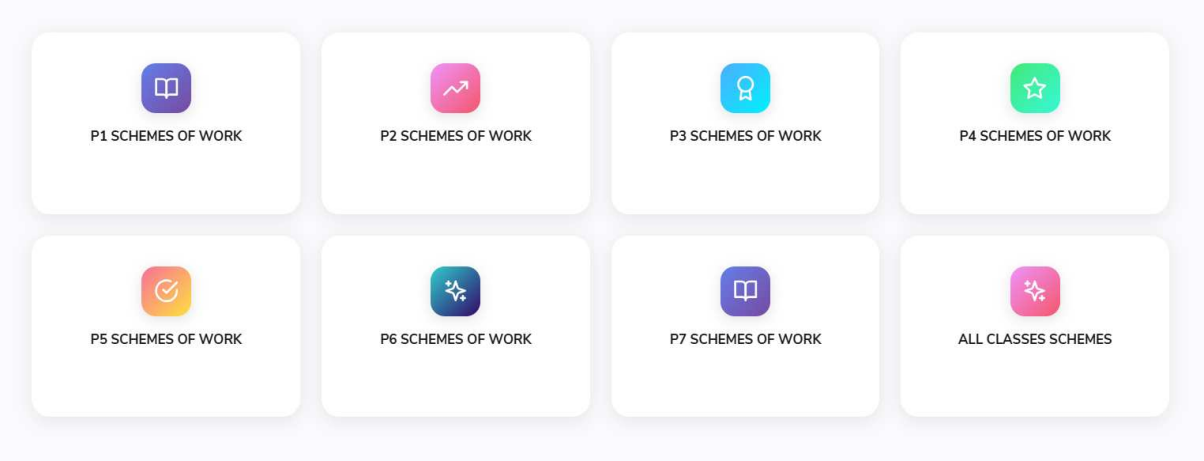
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