NEXT EXAMINATIONS BOARD

PRE-PLE SET 10 (ELEPHANT)

2026

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time Allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes

Final Mark Scored	

Admission No.						Personal No.		

Candidate's Name: .....

Candidate's Signature: .....

School name: .....

District name: .....

Read the following instructions carefully:

1. Write your **school** or **district name** on your paper.

2. This paper has **two** sections: **A** and **B**. Section **A** has **50** questions and Section **B** has **5** questions. The paper has **16 printed pages**.

3. Answer **all** the questions. **All** the answers for both sections **A** and **B** must be written in the spaces provided.

4. **All** the answers **must** be written using a **blue** or **black** ballpoint pen or ink. Any answer written in pencil will **not** be marked.

5. Unnecessary **changes** in your work and handwriting that cannot be read easily may lead to **loss of marks**

6. Do not fill anything in the table indicated: **FOR EXAMINERS' USE ONLY** and boxes inside the question paper.

FOR EXAMINERS' USE ONLY		
QN. NO.	**MARKS**	**EXR'S NO.**
1-10		
11 – 20		
21 – 30		
31 – 40		
41 – 50		
51		
52		
53		
54		
55		
TOTAL		

SECTION A: 50 MARKS

Questions 1 to 50 carry one mark each.

Sub-section I

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

1. How ..... does sugar cost in Mbale?
2. Amina switched ..... the TV in order to watch a movie.
3. Had he ..... his shoes yesterday, he would have been allowed to attend the party.
4. We have slaughtered ..... ewe which grandpa gifted us
5. Owora was ..... at the hospital after getting an accident.

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

6. Our librarian ..... lends us readers. (usual)
7. Alut is the chief..... of the Standard newspaper. (edit)
8. ..... is a very profitable business in Namanve Ward. (plumber)
9. It is ..... today than it was yesterday. (windy)
10. They will visit a friend of ..... next week. (them)
11. Mrs. Oyema always gives us clear ..... during lessons. (explain)
12. Is there any ..... that you paid the money? (prove)
13. The candidates have been ..... their examination since 2:00 p.m. (sit)
14. Ankunda writes more ..... than Okalebo. (neat)
15. The ..... of security personnel in our community has stabilized the area. (exist)

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

16. train, trainee, trainer, trained

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17. plumber, carpenter, florist, teacher

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In questions 18 to 20, rewrite the sentence giving one word for the underlined group of words.

18. There are not many men whose wives died in our village.

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19. The arsenal fans went on cheering their team despite the heavy loss.

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20. A person who looks after sheep should be caring to his animals.

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In questions 21 and 22, write the plural form of the given word.

21. calf: .....

22. footprint: .....

In 23 and 24, rearrange the given words to form a correct sentence.

23. Watching a movie from a cinema is interesting.

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24. peace is What we need in Uganda.

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In each of the questions 25 and 26, use each of the given words in a sentence to show that you know the difference in their meaning.

25. tax:

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26. taxi:

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In each of the questions 27 and 28, rewrite the sentence giving the opposite of the underlined word.

27. The <u>front</u> page of the newspapers has good information.

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28. We won that game because we had a <u>negative</u> attitude when playing it.

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In each of the questions 29 and 30, write the given words in short.

29. government: .....

30. on behalf of: .....

Sub-section II

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

31. The carpenter bought wood glue. He wanted to join the pieces of wood.
(Rewrite as one sentence using: ……so that……)

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32. James liked eating matoke more than eating rice.
(Rewrite the sentence using: .....interested.....)

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33. Wambwa wanted to touch the ceiling, but he was very short.
(Rewrite the sentence using: ..... enough to ……)

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34. The cashier gave Akello money as soon as she presented the withdrawal form. (Rewrite beginning: Scarcely:……)

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35. Immediately the journalist wrote the news, he disappeared from the scene.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: No sooner……)

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36. She argued out her points clearly. She was inaudible.
(Rewrite as one sentence beginning: Much as ……)

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37. Dad has not celebrated his birthday for two year now.

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

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38. Olowo did not collect our mathematics books.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Our mathematics books.....)

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39. Ebola may break out again in our district.

(Rewrite as one sentence using: .....likely.....)

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40. Physical Education is a very interesting subject. (Rewrite beginning: What.....!)

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41. Naluko Market is not far from school. Kidera Market is also not far from school.

(Rewrite as one sentence using: .....and neither.....)

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42. Derrick should buy a new uniform this term. (Rewrite using: .....ought.....)

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43. Disciplined children listen to elders. They also do what they are told.

(Rewrite the sentences as one using: ..... not only .....)

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44. I can make a stool which has three legs. (Rewrite ending: .....stool)

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45. There isn't any peace in our country, ...?(supply a suitable question tag.)

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46. When you do a lot of physical exercises, you will become healthy.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning: The....., the.....)

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47. The pool is very deep. We cannot swim in with ease.

(Rewrite as one sentence using: .....too.....to.....)

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48. That shopkeeper wore a green apron. It was new and made of wool.

(Rewrite as one sentence without using 'who', 'which', 'that' or 'and')

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49. We were singing the national anthem. Allen was playing a piano.

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

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50. "Our breakfast will be ready at 8:00 a.m. today," said the students.

(Rewrite the sentence using: ..... said that .....)

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SECTION B: 50 MARKS

Questions 51 to 55 carry ten marks each.

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

"Come out everyone, the invigilators and supervisors are already checking the candidates," shouted Namara, our academic prefect. It was a crucial moment because everyone was hurrying to the entrance of the examination hall to be checked ahead of the special examination.

We got so surprised on reaching the hall, to find that they were fellow candidates acting as supervisors and invigilators. I asked Kiiza, my desk mate what was going on. He told me that they had started with a briefing by the head teacher, who was Mako, one of the candidates. Not delaying, I also presented myself for checking amidst confusion. As soon as we settled in the well-arranged main hall, the "invigilators" distributed the question papers. It was at this point when I realized that it wasn't a joke as I had thought.

Things were serious, it was a real exam moment.
Surprisingly when I read the instructions on the question paper, I found out that it was just a revision paper. At that time, they ordered us to begin answering the paper right away. How easy the exam was! When time was over, the bell was rung and we all stood. The "invigilators" collected the scripts and sealed them in a parcel. They called upon two candidates to sign on the parcel as proof that it had been sealed. Wendy and Obong, disguised as UNEB scouts, received the parcels.

Barely had the exercise ended when we all burst into laughter. Looking confused, I asked Sheena, one of the "invigilators" what the whole drama was about.
She told me that we had been acting what exactly takes place before and during the P.L.E exercise. I, also, couldn't hold my laughter.

Questions:

(a) What is the passage about?

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(b) Why did every candidate rush to the main hall?

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(c) What was the work of the invigilators?

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(d) Why was the writer surprised when she reached the main hall?

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(e) What made the writer realise that it was not a joke as she had thought?

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(f) By whom were the candidates briefed?

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(g) Who is Namara in this school?

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(h) What kind of question papers were the candidates given?

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(i) Why was such an exercise organized in the school?

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(j) In what state did the writer ask Sheena about the drama?

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52. The advertisement below appeared in Tuko Newspaper of 15th July, 2026. Study it carefully and use it to answer the questions in full sentences.

FRESH CHICKEN POULTRY FARM — KIYUNGA BUSIA

- Broilers: 30,000/= (2kgs)
- Kroilers: 35,000/= (2½kgs)
- Layers: 20,000/= (1kg)
- Eggs: 12,000/= (1 tray)

Chicks:

- Kroiler: 3,000/=
- Broiler: 2,000/=
- Layer: 2,500/=

Open: 6:00am – 7:30pm | Days: Monday – Saturday

CALL: 0776 3456 (Salesperson)

NB: CLOSED ON FRIDAYS AT NOON.

by

Hajjat. Juma Shifa (Sales Manager)

Questions:

(a) Where can one find the above information?

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(b) When did this information appear in the newspaper?

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(c) What is being advertised?

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(d) How much is one kilogram of broiler?

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(e) In which village is the farm located?

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(f) How many kilograms of Kroilers would one buy if he had 70,000/=?

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(g) Why would one keep layers rather than broilers on his farm?

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(h) How many days is this poultry farm open in a week?

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(i) Why do you think the farm is closed on Fridays at noon?

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(j) Who advertised the farm?

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53. Read the poem below and in full sentences answer the questions that follow.

A disciplined or good child
One who values education
Pays attention to teachers
Talks respectfully and politely.

A disciplined or good child
Stays away from bad company
Does class work at school
Helps the family at home.

A disciplined or good child
Cares for their property
Respects people's property
Every time and everywhere.

A disciplined or good child
Knows when to say sorry
Also knows when to say thank you
Is importantly God fearing.

— Kisembo Arthur

Questions:

(a) What is the poem about?

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(b) How does the writer look at education?

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(c) How does the good child talk?

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(d) Why do you think the writer is loved?

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(e) What should the child avoid according to Stanza Two?

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(f) From where does the child do class work?

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(g) According to Stanza Two, what does the child do at home?

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(h) Write two things that the child does in Stanza Three:

(i) .....

(ii) .....

(i) When does the child apologize?

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54. The sentences below are in wrong order. Rearrange them to form a good story.

(a) The robbers had three guns.

(b) Yesterday, there was a robbery at the bank.

(c) After that they packed all the money in the bags.

(d) Which had forged number plates.

(e) First, they disarmed the guards.

(f) The police recovered the money after a heavy exchange.

(g) And secondly, they put the cashiers at gun point.

(h) Later on police was informed.

(i) It took place at 2:00pm during a heavy down pour.

(j) Lastly, they drove off in their car.

Correct Order / Rearranged Story:

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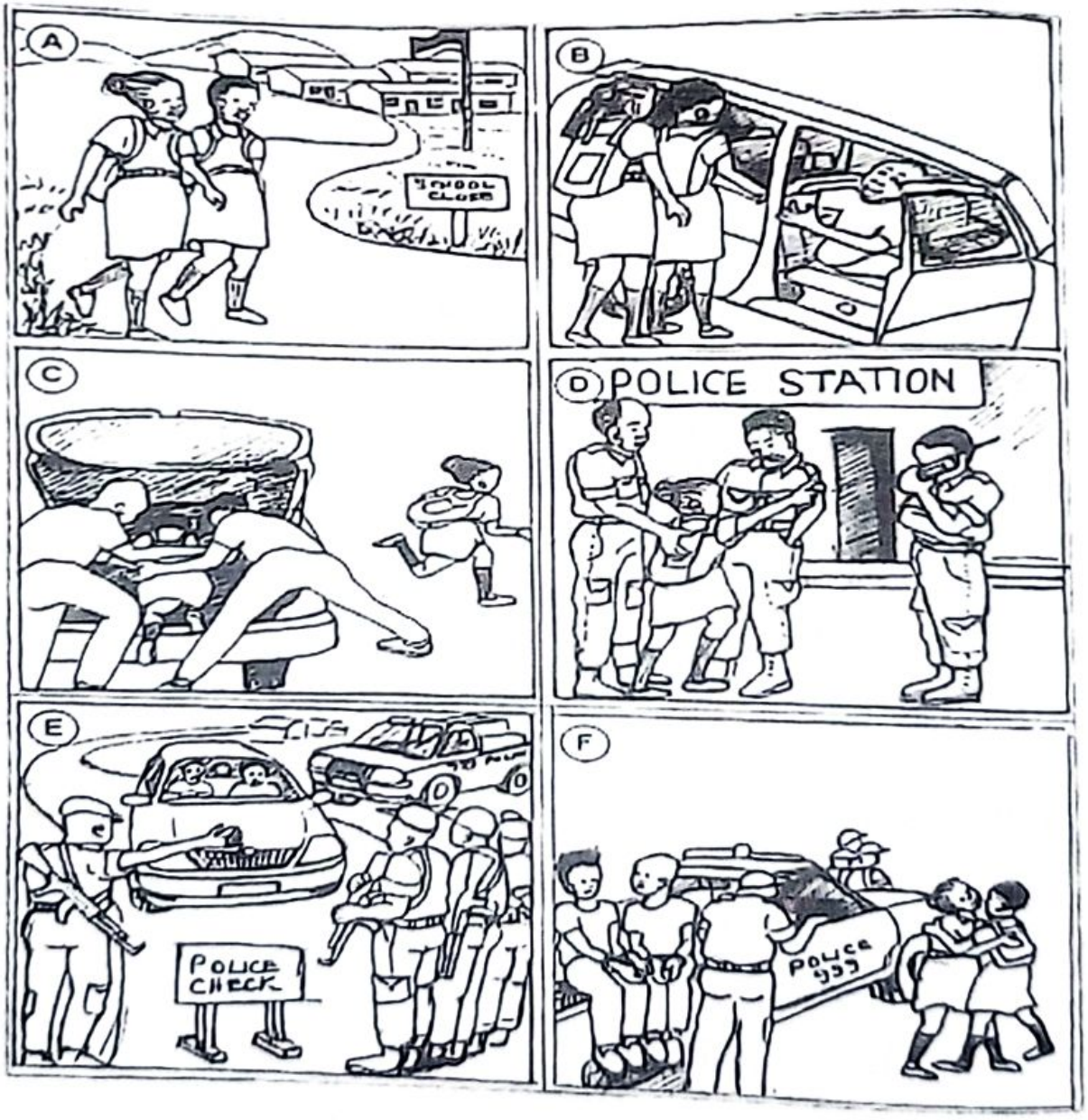
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54. Pictures **A – F** tell a story. Study each picture carefully and then write **one sentence** to describe what is happening.

You may use the following words to guide you:

abducting	roadblock	driver	lift
stopped	leaving	hugging	forcing
arrested	kidnapping	reporting	police officers



1 Picture A:.....

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2 Picture B:

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3 Picture C:

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4 Picture D:

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5 Picture E:

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6 Picture F:

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7. What shows that the girls are happy in picture F

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8. What is likely to happen to the men after picture F

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9. What story does this picture teach you?

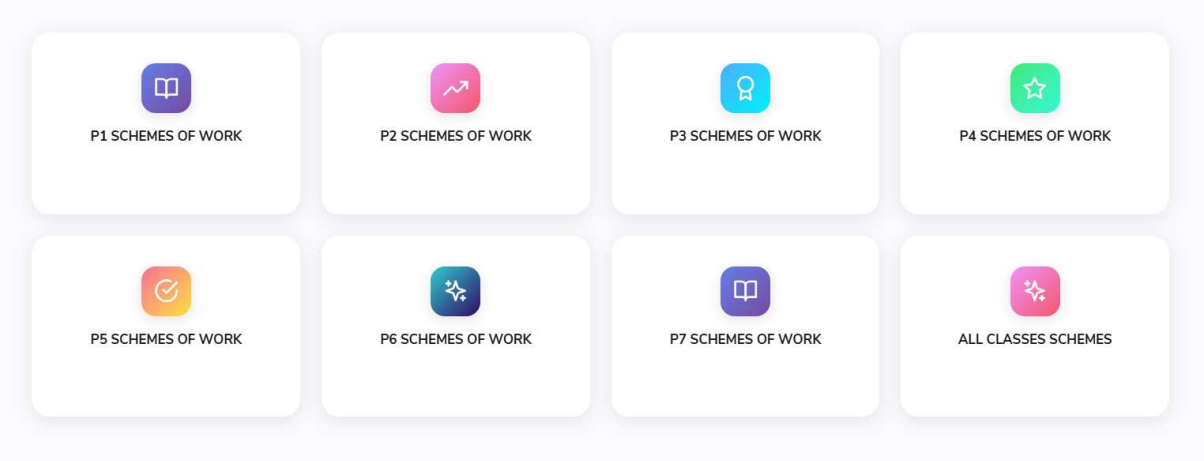
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10. Suggest a suitable title for the story

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