



THE NERDS EXAMINATIONS BOARD
PRIMARY LEAVING EXAMINATION
SPECIAL SERIES 3 OF 4

2025

ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 2 hours 15 Minutes

Random No.						Personal No.		

Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Signature:

District ID No.

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Read the following instructions carefully:

1. Do not write your **school** or **district name** anywhere on this paper.
2. This paper has two sections **A** and **B**.
Section **A** has **50** questions and section **B** has **5** questions.
3. Answer **all** questions. **All** answers to both sections **A** and **B** must be written in the spaces provided.
4. All answers **must** be written using a **blue** or **black** ball point pen or ink. Any work written in pencil other than drawings 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 in the boxes inside the question paper.

FOR EXAMINERS' USE ONLY		
QN NO.	MARKS	EXR'S NO.
1 - 15		
16 - 30		
21 - 50		
50		
51		
52		
53		
54		
55		
TOTAL		

SECTION A: 50 MARKS

Questions 1 to 50 carry one mark each.

Sub-section I

Section A

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

- 1- Not _____ did the doctor go to the theatre but also to the ward.
- 2- The street boy died _____ hunger last month.
- 3- The cyclist sat _____ a tree shade after drinking a soda.
- 4- The _____ has sold stale meat to his customers.
- 5- He is such _____ honest man that all the young children like him.

In each of the questions 6-15, use the given word in the brackets to complete the sentences.

- 6- He made a wise _____ to become a surgeon. (**decide**)
- 7- Who is working as a _____ at your father's hotel? (**receive**)
- 8- Aunt Alice _____ a nice sweater for my grandfather. (**knit**)
- 9- The speller who got the _____ marks did not qualify for national level. (**little**)
- 10- They cared for _____ when their parents passed away. (**self**)



- 11- All the _____ were taken to Luzira prison. (**convict**)
- 12- We had a _____ sports day last term. (**colour**)
- 13- Of the twins, Adong is the _____ (**pretty**)
- 14- By the time the maid went to the kitchen the cat had already _____ the baby's milk. (**drink**)
- 15- There was a lot of _____ when our beloved cat died. (**anxious**)

In each of the questions 16 to 17 use each of the given words in sentences to show that you know the difference in their meaning

16- knead

17- need

In each of the questions 18 to 20, rewrite the sentences giving a single word for the underlined group of words.

18- The learners who are registered for exams are very active.

19- Covering the soil with dry grass improves on soil fertility.

20- An unfortunate event causing injury happened in our trading centre yesterday.

In each of the questions 21-22, arrange the words in alphabetical order.

21- climatology, climatic, climate, climatical

22- legally, legacy, legitimate, length

In each of the questions 23 to 25, rewrite the sentences giving the opposite of the underlined words.

23- The accused was asked to write a statement.

24- The giant picked all the ripe lemons from the tree.

25- My work looks accurate.

In each of the questions 26 to 27, write the short forms in full.

26- PSV _____

27- Cert. _____

In each of the questions 28-30, write the plural form of the given words.

28- radio _____

29- stadium _____

30- information _____



Subsection II

In each of the questions 31-50, rewrite the sentence as instructed in the brackets.

31- Poverty will continue to prevail if people don't work hard. (Rewrite beginning: Unless----)

32- The footballers are practicing, aren't they? (Rewrite and end: ----are they?)

33- The magistrate was too busy to meet the complainants. (Rewrite the sentence using: ---so---that---)

34- He is paying my school fees now. (Rewrite beginning: My school fees--)

35- Meddy did not complete the work. Kauma did not complete the work. (Rewrite as one sentence using: ---and neither---)

36- My teacher wanted to know where I was going to spend my vacation. (Rewrite and end -----, asked my teacher.)

37- He filed another withdraw form the moment he made a mistake.

(Begin: No sooner----)

38- If the baby had cried, I would have given it milk. (Rewrite beginning:

Had ---)

39- The widow was so miserable that she could not talk at the funeral.

(Rewrite the sentence using: too---to----)

40- Trevor may reply to the invitation soon. (Rewrite the sentence using:

--likely---)



41- Our teacher writes using both hands. (Rewrite the sentence using: ---

either--)

42- Damalie paid the service fee. She wanted to use the internet. (Rewrite

as one sentence using: -----so that ---)

43- All the Primary Seven boys have dictionaries. (Begin: None ---)

44- Don't go to town. The police will arrest you. (Rewrite as one sentence using: ---or else---)

45- We may arrange the examination room tomorrow. (Rewrite the sentence using: ----look forward---)

46- I like trimming the hair more than plaiting it. (Rewrite the sentence using: ---would rather---)

47- He was clever but he did not score good marks. (Rewrite the sentence beginning: Despite ---)

48- The government needn't have increased the price of electricity. (Rewrite the sentence using: ---necessary---)

49- They didn't go with jackets much as it was cold. (Rewrite the sentence beginning: Although---)

50- The lady resigned last week. She was working as a school matron. (Use -----who---)



SECTION B: 50 MARKS

51- Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Every day, news about road accidents and death make headlines in newspapers, on radios and televisions. Everyone wonders what causes these accidents. However, according to research carried out by the traffic police department, their report revealed that the leading cause of accidents are the careless motorists. They say that motorists don't follow the traffic rules and the road signs that's why they hurt pedestrians.

But the motorists don't accept this, instead they blame the pedestrians. They say the pedestrians don't look left and right and then left again before crossing the road. They also say some pedestrians cross roads at wrong points like junctions, roundabouts and blind bends which put their lives in danger. Another cause are the few road signs on the road which result into accidents at certain points on the road.

Motorists also say that narrow roads and potholes have also contributed to road accidents. The increased number of vehicles and pedestrians all competing for the same narrow roads have created high chances of accidents. Traffic officers have also discovered that driving while under the influence of alcohol and talking on mobile phones while driving have led to loss of people's lives because drivers do not pay attention to what is happening on the road. So, all the different categories of people who use the road and those enforcing laws should do their work honestly to save one another.

Questions

(a) What appears on media platforms every day?

(b) What is the leading cause of accidents according to the report revealed by traffic officers?

(c) How do careless motorists cause accidents?

(d) What should pedestrians do before crossing the road?

(e) Which are the wrong points where some pedestrians cross the road from?

(f) Why are narrow roads dangerous?

(g) How can a driver on a phone conversation cause an accident?

(h) Of what importance are road signs on the road?

(i) What should the government do to the issue of potholes and narrow roads?

(j) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.



52- The notice below was pinned on the notice board of Mwebesa Memorial Primary School on 9th May 2025. Study it carefully and answer in full sentences the questions that follow.

EXAMINATIONS!

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We shall have end of term I examination on 11th -12th May 2025 for all the classes.

Therefore all the pupils are reminded to prepare for the exams very well.

Any kind of malpractice will not be allowed and if caught you will be disqualified there and then.

Pupils with fees balance will not write the examinations

Come well prepared on those days

I wish you success

Mr. Naye bale Tim

D.O.S

Questions

(a) What is the notice about?

(b) Where was the notice pinned?

(c) Whom do you think pinned up the above notice?

(d) When was the notice pinned?

(e) Which examinations are the pupils going to have?

(f) What kind of pupils will not write the examinations?

(g) Who will be disqualified from the examinations?

(h) For which school is the examination timetable?

(i) On which days will the examinations be done?

(j) What role does Mr. Nayebale Tim play in that school?



53- The sentences below are in wrong order, rearrange them to form a correct story about “MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL”.

- (a) We went to the head teacher and he told us to visit the bursar’s office for school fees clearance.
- (b) The class teacher then called the matron to check my suitcase.
- (c) Our class teacher told us to write a composition about how we spent our holidays.
- (d) My father drove me with my property and we reached school at 10:00a.m
- (e) I went and laid my bed very well and also prepared the things in the suitcase.
- (f) The term opened on 20th May, 2025
- (g) After lunch, the teacher on duty told us to go to our classes.
- (h) I woke up very early that day and prepared myself for school.
- (i) After clearing the fees, we went to the class teacher and we also cleared the class requirements.
- (j) After checking the suitcase, the class teacher called two boys to help me carry my luggage to the dormitory.

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54- Matende Angello has just completed P.7 at White Angels Primary School. He would like to join Senior One at Mengo Secondary School. Complete his interaction with the head teacher.

Matende: _____

Head teacher: Yes, come in.

Matende: _____

Head teacher: Good morning to you. What is your name?

Matende: _____

Head teacher: How may I help you?

Matende: _____

Head teacher: Have you completed P.7?

Matende: _____

Head teacher: _____

Matende: I got aggregate ten.

Head teacher: In which school were you?

Matende: _____

Head teacher: _____

Matende: I performed best in Maths.

Head teacher: What is the name of the school you want to join?

Matende: _____

Head teacher: Okay I have given you a place in Senior One.

Matende: _____



55- You have beaten a pupil of Primary three in your school and the head teacher has told you to call your parent or guardian because fighting is not allowed at school. Write a letter to your parent or guardian and say sorry for what you did. Ask him / her to come immediately to school so that you are not suspended from school.



