



ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

4005/1

PAPER 1

1 hour 30 minutes

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Additional materials:
Answer booklet

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.

Read the paper carefully before answering the questions.

Answer **two** questions.

Answer **one** question from **Section A** and the **one** from **Section B**.

Write your answers on the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question.

This question paper consists of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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SECTION A (30 MARKS)

Write a composition on **one** of the following topics. You should not treat question 7 as a character's name. Your answer should be between 350 and 450 words in length. You are advised to spend **50 minutes** on this section.

- 1 Describe what you would do with a million United States dollar prize. [30]
- 2 Write a story based on **one** of the following statements:
- (a) She walked out of the office joyfully, waving her newly acquired driver's licence.
 - (b) The family secret had been exposed and there was nothing the father could do. [30]

N.B: You will be penalised if you force any of the above statements into any story which has no relevance to the statement.

- 3 'Girls should be allowed to remain in school when they fall pregnant.'
What are your views? [30]
- 4 Describe an occasion when a father and child were reunited after a long period of separation. [30]
- 5 How can the standard of discipline in schools be improved? [30]
- 6 'Pursuing co-curricular activities is more profitable than academic qualifications.'
Discuss. [30]
- 7 Food [30]



SECTION B (20 MARKS)

Answer the following question. You are advised to spend **40 minutes** on this section.
Begin your answer on a fresh page.

- 8** Many reports have been made about the rising crime rate in your area. As the Junior Member of Parliament for the local area, you wish to raise your concern about this with the nearest police station. Using the following ideas, and adding other relevant information, write a letter to the Officer-in-Charge of the nearest police station about this, suggesting possible causes of the crimes and ways of reducing them.

- awareness campaigns
- youth unemployment
- indiscipline
- drug and alcohol abuse
- community involvement

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