ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE 4005/1

PAPER 1

NOVEMBER 2023 SESSION 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:
Answer paper

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

You are advised to spend **50 minutes** on Section A and **40 minutes** on Section B.

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 your favourite sport. [30]

2 Write a story which includes **one** of the following statements:

(a) The whole community was at peace again. [30]

(b) The mother wept bitterly when she was shown her daughter's video that was circulating on social media. [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 'Teachers play a bigger role than parents in building up a child.' Discuss. [30]

4 What can be done to reduce food shortage in your local area? [30]

5 'Academic and professional qualifications are the only guarantee for survival in today's world.' What are your views? [30]

6 Write a story based on the following newspaper headline: STOLEN CHILD FOUND ALIVE. [30]

7 Teamwork [30]

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SECTION B (20 MARKS)

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

There are a number of youths involved in illegal activities in your area. As the Ward Youth Officer, you have held a meeting with the youths from your area to find solutions to improve their livelihoods. Write a report to the Member of Parliament of your area, highlighting some of the suggestions the youths gave. Using the following points and any of your own, write the report.

- projects
- vocational training centres
- opening of industries
- business seminars
- non-formal education [20]