ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1122/1

PAPER 1

NOVEMBER 2017 SESSION 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:
Answer paper

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/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 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 6 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 the morning after a thunderstorm. [30]

2 Write a story based on **one** of the following statements:

Either (a) It was only when I looked at the photograph that I saw how similar we were. [30]

Or (b) I had waited for so long for a chance to meet this very famous person. [30]

3 Schools should send pupils home for non-payment of fees? Discuss. [30]

4 What can your community do to keep the environment clean and safe? [30]

5 'Examination results are a true reflection of a person's abilities.' Do you agree? [30]

6 The bridge. [30]

7 Describe an occasion when you made the wrong decision. [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 You received the report below after the mid-year examinations. A very close friend writes a letter asking you about your performance. Using the information on the report, write a detailed and honest reply to your friend highlighting your best and worst subjects, what you think about the comments you got from the teachers and your performance.

Form: 3E		Term: 2	Year: 2015
No. in Form: 45			Position in Form: 26
Possible Examination Mark: 800			Actual Examination Mark: 441
Attendance: 59			Days out of: 63

Subject	**Exam Mark**	**Class Average**	**Comments**
English Language	61	52	Needs to read more widely. A.V
Shona/Ndebele	60	53	Could have done better C.N
Mathematics	44	48	Lazy and not serious at all M.M
Integrated Science	52	55	Exercise care when conducting experiments J.M
Geography	60	70	A fair performance. Needs to read more C.F
History	53	60	Worked well during the term. Needs to develop examination techniques. S.K
Accounts	36	40	Disappointing work. Needs more practice. C.G
Agriculture	75	77	A diligent student, capable of doing well in the finals T.N

Class Teacher's Comment: A well behaved and responsible student. Must work hard in Mathematics and Accounts. Very active in sports.

T. Nyoka

Headmaster's Comment: There is room for further academic improvement.

C. Shato

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