ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE 4005/1
PAPER 1

NOVEMBER 2019 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.

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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 a person who has inspired you most. [30]

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

(a) Everyone thanked her for her sacrifice.

(b) He could not believe that all his money had gone down the drain. 30]

3 How can young people assist in the prevention of diseases in your area? [30]

4 'One's character is mainly determined by one's choice of friends.' What are your views? [30]

5 Describe how life in your community was disturbed by a fire. [30]

6 'Having separate schools for children with disability makes it difficult for them to fit in society.' Discuss. [30]

7 Heroes. [30]

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.

Your friend writes a letter to you seeking advice on a choice that will determine her future. Read her letter below and respond to it advising her accordingly.

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29 September 2019

Dear Lucia

It has been long since we last communicated. I thought I was going to meet you during the August holiday so that I could tell you my worries. I believe you are enjoying your stay in your new home in Chisumbanje.

The issue that is worrying me is that my stepmother has ordered that either Tapiwa or myself drop out of school. My brother, Tapiwa, as you may know, is in Grade Six this year. I have been thinking that it would be proper to leave school and seek employment. At least at fifteen, I can be employed as a domestic worker by one of the female teachers at our nearby school.

A number of girls of my age, some of whom I was in the same class with, stopped coming to school and I hear that they are paying fees for their siblings.

Last year, we did not have a good harvest so we hardly have enough food for the six members of our family. It's likely to be the same again this year due to the above normal rains that we received. The excessive rains this seasons negatively affected our crops.

You know what Lucy, I have also been thinking about accepting Tichaona's proposal of marriage. I am sure, under the circumstances, I would be happier if I accept the tempting proposal by the rich man to marry me. His two wives are the best dressed women in our community and they drive expensive cars. What 's your opinion, my dear friend?

I can go on and on, but the truth of the matter is that, remaining in school is no longer possible. It actually may mean Tapiwa dropping out of school or me being chased away from home by my parents. They are always quarrelling over

payment of fees for the two of us. I think I may have to give Tapiwa the chance since he is a boy. He will certainly look after the family if he completes secondary education.

I trust I have told you the dilemma I am facing though I have tried to be brief. My friend, life has become unbearable for me. I don't have any friend that I can confide in ever since your parents moved you from our school.

I need an urgent reply from you, Lucy.

Pass my warm greetings to your aunt, your young sister Tambu and your new found friends that side.

Yours in pain

Kudzai