
Prepositions
Examination Questions on the topic

## 2007 P2

Complete each of the following sentences by supplying the missing preposition. Only one word must be filled in each blank space.

1. Passengers may, alight $\qquad$ the plane by the rear doors.
2. The patient has been readmittedthe hospital.......
3. They have not yet adaptedthe climatic. conditions of the city.
4. The police officer was not awarethe rabbery.
5. The label of this product will peelif.y.ou.soak. it.in.water.
6. The township is notedits notorious criminals.
7. Leaders should concentrate $\qquad$ improving education.
8. The librarian needed to restock the library shelves $\qquad$ new books.
9. The workers grumbledthe lack of privacy.
10. We were very surprisedthe news that he was dead.
11. Are you having troubleyour new car?
12. Fertilizer and Irrigation accountthe good crop.
13. The Headteacher commended the pupils
their success.
14. Lazy people delightgetting free things.
15. The police are inquiringthe ritual murders.
16. Poor families manage to liveK 100000 a month.
17. You can look .the meaning of that word in the dictionary.
18. He recovereda bout of malaria.
19. Children under five years of age are prone $\qquad$ malaria.
20. Writers derive a lot of pleasurewriting. $\qquad$
In each of the following sentences, four words have been put in brackets. For each sentence, choose the best word and write it on the question paper in the space provided.
Example: A She requested $\qquad$ water. (for, about, like with)
B She requested for water.
21. The three boys shared the oranges $\qquad$ themselves. (within, between, to, among)
22. Grade 12 pupils were congratulated $\qquad$ their exemplary behaviour. (for, on, of, in)
23. Judy's voice could be heard $\qquad$ the noise. (over, above, upon, through)
24. Neither the headboy $\qquad$ the headgirl attended the party. (and, or, with, nor)
25. Chromium is similar in appearance $\qquad$ silver. (to, in, on, with)
26. The teacher is disappointed $\qquad$ the class. (in, to, with, of)
27. All hopes of winning the election seems to be fading $\qquad$ (off, away, up, by).
28. Did Mutinta account $\qquad$ her failure in the examination? (for, of, on, upon)
29. Mwansa was forced to resign against his $\qquad$ (mind, will, instinct, heart).
30. The matter is still $\qquad$ consideration. (on, upon, for, under)
31. Do not be jealous $\qquad$ another's success. (of, with, about, over)
32. The police asked for the description $\qquad$ the thief. (on, of, about, for)
33. A long time ago, our parents were subjected $\qquad$ harsh treatment at school. (on, from, with, to)
34. The reports deterred some women $\qquad$ having the operation.
(to, from, against, not)
35. Some people have a very poor attitude $\qquad$ work. (with, about, towards, for)
36. Standing $\qquad$ her mother, Jane greeted me. (aside, besides, beside, along)
37. I was astonished $\qquad$ his behaviour. (by, with, on, at)
38. Please find ways and $\qquad$ of raising school fees for the orphans. (methods, means, strategies, how)
39. If I were you, I $\qquad$ study hard. (can, will, must, would).
40. $\qquad$ a bit of luck, we should win the match. (By, For, With, From)

## Let's Get it Right

1. Put on and wear

To put on is to get into something be it clothes or shoes that is not yet on the body. Wear refers to something that is already on the body. Note: to put on refers to when the action is taking place but wear refers to when the action has already taken place.
2. Beside and Besides

Beside means next to.
Besides means apart from or in addition to.

## 3. Borrow and Lend

Borrow is to get or receive something that is not yours from someone. Lend is to give something to someone. Note: we borrow from and lend to.
4. Voyage and Flight

Voyage is a journey involving travel by sea or river.
Flight is a journey involving travel by air.
5. Comprise and Consist of

Both comprise and consist of mean to be made up of.
Note: the preposition of is only after consist and not comprise.
6. With a view to "-----ing" and with the view of "----ing"

Both mean planning or hoping to do something.
When we use with "a view" the preposition to follows view and the next word after to has to end in "ing".
When we use with "the view" the preposition of follows view and the next word after to has to end in "ing".
7. Wound, injury and hurt

Wound is a damaged area of the body such as cut or hole in the skin made by weapon. Injury is a physical harm done to someone's body caused by an accident or an attack. Hurt is pain.

## 8. Dusk and Dawn

Dawn is the time of the day when the sun rises around 06:00 hours.
Dusk is the time of the day when the sun sets around 18:00 hours.

## 9. Deny and Refuse

To refuse is to be unwilling to do something.
To deny is to refuse to admit the truth or that an accusation is not true.

## 10. How and what-----like?

How and what like are both used in descriptions. Note that like is only used with what and not how. Hence it is wrong to say, how is it like? But say, what is it like?

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## Let's Get it Right

## Examination Questions on the topic

## 1992 P2 [Question 1 to 3]

1. We have 2 essays to write $\qquad$ the mathematics homework Mr. Sakala gave us. [Beside, besides, aside]
2. The minister was ---------in the accident. [Wounded, hurt, injured]
3. With a view---------admission to college, he started working very hard.
[To gain, to gaining, of gaining]
1994 P2 [Question 4 to 5]
4. He --------- having stolen a book. [Denied, refused, rejected
5. Because he had fallen, his legs were -------- badly. [Paining, aching, hurting] 1997 P2
6. We went at -------- to watch the sun set. [Dawn, dusk, evening]

## 2002 P2

7. Is this -------- a computer looks like? [That, how, what]

## 2010 P2 [Question 8 to 10]

8. We travelled by boat from South Africa to Madagascar and I didn't enjoy the--------[Journey, Voyage, Flight]
9. Mutale refused to tell me -------- the new school bus looks like? [How, what, where]
10. We $\qquad$ at the garage before dawn. [ came, arrived, reached]

## 2013 P2

11. He was accused of stealing, but he--------- this. [Denied, refused, rejected]

## Miscellaneous questions

12. Our head teacher always -------- a black suit. [Puts on, wears, dresses]
13. We went at -------- to watch the sun rise. [Dawn, dusk, morning]
14. Sharon came by a plane from Lusaka to Ndola and she enjoyed the $\qquad$ [Journey, Voyage, Flight]
15. Bwalya worked hard so as to gain -------- to a college. [An entrance, a place, admission]
16. Do you know $\qquad$ the BMW car looks like? [How, what, where]

## Synonyms

Synonyms are words that have almost or nearly the same meanings but different spellings．

| WORD | SYNONYMS | EXAMPLE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1．Achieve | Accomplish |  |
| 2．Authentic | Genuine or Bona fide |  |
| 3．Comical［Hilarious or Humorous］ | Funny |  |
| 4．Decide | Resolve |  |
| 5．Exhausted | Tired |  |
| 6．Futile | Useless |  |
| 7．Fragile（things），Feeble（people） | Weak |  |
| 8．Hint | Suggestion |  |
| 9．Irritate | Annoy |  |
| 10．Paramount［ Essential or Vital ］ | Important |  |
| 11．Rebuke | Scold or Criticize |  |
| 12．Stunning | Beautiful | She is a stunning lady． |
| 13．Transpire | Happen |  |
| 14．Weird | Strange |  |
| 15．Wealthy［ Affluent or Well－off ］ | Rich |  |

## Examination Questions on the topic（2016 P2）

From the four options provided select the best word（s）which is or are closest in meaning to the underlined one in the sentence．

1．The production of maize in Zambia soared from 700000 metric tonnes to 900000 metric tonnes．
（A）Flew
（B）Grew
（C）Reduced
（D）Roared

2．The wisdom that we have was passed on to us by our ancestors．
（A）Forefathers
（B）Historians
（C）Predecessors
（D）Successors

3．Most people don＇t know that many millionaires are tight－fisted．
（A）Generous
（B）Industrious
（C）Miserly
（D）Modest

4．All living things have attributes that are peculiar to them．
（A）Cells
（B）Flaws
（C）Traits
（D）Viruses

5．Although she was poor，she had ample fund to cover tuition fees for her two sons．
（A）Superb
（B）Sufficient
（C）Sample
（D）Luxious

6．The head teacher rebuked the typist for the numerous mistakes that she had made in the document．
（A）Insulted
（B）Praised
（C）Retorted
（D）Scolded

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## COLLECTIVE NOUNS OF ANIMALS

The table below shows the name of sounds produced by animals, their Group name, name of their younger ones and the place where they live.

| ANIMAL | BABY ANIMAL | NAME OF SOUND | GROUP NAME | HABITAT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1.Ant | - | - | Army or Colony | Ant Hill |
| 2.Bat | - | Screech | - | Cave |
| 3.Bee | - | Buzz | Swarm | Bee Hive |
| 4.Bird | Chick | Chirp,Tweet,Sing | Flight | Nest |
| 5.Cat | Kitten | Meow | Clutter | Cattery |
| 6.Camel | - | - | Caravan | - |
| 7.Cattle | Calf | Moo | Herd | Kraal |
| 8.Chicken | Chick | Cluck | Brood | Chicken run |
| 9.Dog | Puppy | Bark | Pack | Kennel |
| 10.Dolphin | - | Click | - | - |
| 11.Eagle | - | Scream | Convocation | - |
| 12.Elephant | Calf | Trumpet | Herd | - |
| 13.Duck | Duckling | Quack | - | - |
| 14.Frog | - | Croak | Army | - |
| 15.Goat | Kid | Bleat or baa | - | - |
| 16.Owl | - | Hoot | - | - |
| 17.Pig | Piglet | Snort | - | Piggery |
| 18.Mosquito | - | Whine | Scourge | - |
| 19.Lion | Cub | Roar | Pride | Den |
| 20.Horse | Foal | - | Herd | Stable |

## More Collective Nouns

1. A flight of stairs
2. A quiver of arrows
3. A host of angels
4. A fleet of ships
5. A bouquet of flowers
6. An anthology of stories

## Exercise

 1997 P21. The pigs began to as we brought their food. [Roar, snort, scream, bark] 1997 P2
2. We saw a lion ----.-. in the cage at the zoo. [Puppy, cub, kid, calf]

## 2002 P2

3. I like the --------- of the birds in the morning. [Crying, Singing, buzzing, hooting] 2002 P2
4. We came across a big --------- of lions in the Kafue Park. [Herd, Pride, Pack, Colony] $\underline{2006 ~ P 2}$
5. You will be lucky to see a $\qquad$ of lions in the Park. [Group, flock, pride, bunch] 2010 P2
6. Nomiya received a --------- of flowers from her cousin yesterday.
[Bundle, Bouquet, Branch, bunch]
$\underline{2010 ~ P 2}$
7. I saw a --------- of ships at the harbour last week. [Crowd, flight, fleet]
2016 SPE P2
8. The horse, as well as its -------- , was seen standing in a stable. [kid, foal, cub, calf] MOCK
9. I have never seen a $\qquad$ of dogs during day time. [Pride, Herd, Pack, Swarm]
10. The lioness never leaves its $\qquad$ alone. [Puppy, Foal, cub, calf]
11. The $\qquad$ of an elephant is terrifying. [Roar, snort, trumpet, buzz]
12. Climbing a $\qquad$ of stairs is very exhausting. [Fleet, Flight, Bouquet, host]
13. The archer directed his -------- of arrows at me. [Host, Fleet, Bouquet, quiver]
2010 Miscllaneous Exercise
The underlined words in the following sentences are incorrectly used. Supply the correctword and write it in the spaces provided for each sentence.
Example: We reached at the garage before dawn. Answer: Arrived1 Mutale refused to tell me how the new school bus looks like.
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3. The farmer's definition of a herb is 'a plant in a wrong place'.
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$\qquad$
4. Has somebody been here?
5. I have looked for this word in the dictionary but I still don't understand it. $\qquad$6. Of the three, Zangose is the better intelligent.
$\qquad$
7. When he arrived at home, he was received by smiles.
7 $\qquad$
8. If I knew, I can come.

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10. Nomiya received a bundle of flowers from her cousin yesterday.
11. The dog waved its tail when it saw its master.
11 $\qquad$
12. I saw three sheeps at the park last week.
12 $\qquad$
13. My head was paining yesterday.
14. I saw a crowd of ships at the harbour last week.
15. A bird of prey has four toes on each leg.
13 $\qquad$
16. All invited guests were sitted by 10.00 hours.
14 $\qquad$
15 $\qquad$
16 $\qquad$
17. The alterations rendered the document null and bad.
17 $\qquad$
18. A good lawyer will always have many customers.
18 $\qquad$
19. We travelled by boat from South Africa to Madagascar and I didn't the journey.
20. When my father died in a car accident, my family was in morning for three months.

## Homophones

## Exercise

## 1992 P2

1. The --------- factor in his success was his determination. [Principle, principal, principled]

## 2013 P2

2. I will $\qquad$ a poem by Shakespeare. [Sight, Cite, Site]

2013 P2
3.The children $\qquad$ very excited. [were, where, wear]

## 2013 P2

4.The teacher discussed the matter $\qquad$ [Feather, farther, further].

## 2013 P2

5.Mufulo's $\qquad$ shop has empty shelves. [Glossary, grossary, grocery]

## 2013 P2

6. After singing at the concert the whole night, Mwaba's voice sounded a bit $\qquad$ . [Hose, hoarse, horse]

## 2013 P2

7.All the doctor's efforts to resuscitate her was in

$\qquad$ [Vane, vein, Vain]

2013 P2
8. Kafula and Chansa ate $\qquad$ food in the pack. [They, Their, There]

## 2013 P2

9. Bupe enjoys $\qquad$ mangoes. [Roll, Row, Raw]

## 2013 P2

10. Children are right now playing behind that tractor which is $\qquad$ . [Stationary, Stationery, Stationaly]

## 2013 P2

11. The young teacher was $\qquad$ promoted to the post of Deputy Head teacher. [later, latter, letter]

2013 P2
12. The Benguela Railway was closed because of the $\qquad$ warfare in Angola. [gorila, gorilla, letter]

## 2013 P2

13. This is the man $\qquad$ son has drowned. [who's , whose, whom]
14. Our mango tree has. $\qquad$ plenty of fruits this year. [born, bore, borne]

| Phrasal Verbs |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Phrasal verbs are phrases that are made up of a verb and a preposition whose meaning can't be taken directly from the individual words used but has a hidden meaning. |  |  |
| Phrasal verb | Meaning | Example |
| 1.Abide by | Follow a decision or rule | Pupils should abide by school rules. |
| 2.Account for | To explain | I was told to account for why I failed the Math test. |
| 3.Alight from | Get down from a vehicle |  |
| 4.Keep abreast of | Up to date | Pupils should keep abreast of what is happening in the country and the world. |
| 5.Back up | support | Whenever you are court it is paramount to back up what you are saying by providing evidence. |
| 6.Bail out | Save or rescue | After our boat capsized in the Kafue river, we were bailed out by the fire brigade. |
| 7.Bank on | Count on or rely on | Students do not always bank on lecturers for success in the exam. |
| 8.Blow up | Explode | The bridge was blown up by the terrorist. |
| 9.Buy into | Accept an idea | I don't buy into the theory of evolution. |
| 10.Call for | Requires or demands | Passing any examination calls for a lot of hardwork. |
| 11.Call off | Cancel | The meeting with the president has been called off. |
| 12.Care for | Like | Do you care for Apples or Oranges? |
| 13.Call on | Visit |  |
| 14.Carry on | Continue | Despite being tired, he carried on playing running. |
| 15.Cut back | Reduce | Pupils should cut back the time they spend doing things that don't add to their academic life. |
| 16.Come across | Find unexpectedly | While I was looking for my pen, I came across my calculator. |
| 17.Fall through | Be unsuccessful | My plan to see my brother tomorrow has fallen through. |
| 18. Get along | Be at peace without conflicts | Mary and John get along very well. |
| 19.Look into | Investigate | The police are looking into the theft that happened at our house. |
| 20. Look up | Search in a reference book such as a dictionary. | Mr Sakala asked us to look up the word in the dictionary. |
| 21.Look down on | Despise |  |
| 22.Make off with | Steal | Thieves broke into our house and made off with K100. |
| 23.Put off | Postpone/Take to a later date | The date of the wedding ceremony has been put off. |
| 24.Put out | Extinguish a fire | The Fire Brigade did everything they could to put out the fire. |
| 25.Put up with | Tolerate/be patient with |  |
| 26. Turn down | Reject an offer/proposal | Mary turned down my proposal to marry her. |
| 27.Take after | Resemble or look alike | Isaac takes after his brother Jonathan. |
| 28. Talk into | Persuade or convince | The saleslady talked me into buying this phone. |
| 29.Turn out | Attendance | The turnout of people at Church was low. |

## Examination Questions on the topic

(ECZ 2009 School Certificate/GCE Paper)

1. They took $\qquad$ their heels. (up, on, to, above)
2. She was praised $\qquad$ telling the truth. (over, for, on, about)
3. Ducks wade $\qquad$ dirty water.(in, through, into, along)
4. The thieves broke into the bank safe and made. $\qquad$ large sums of Money.(away, up, off)
5. No one liked the song but it soon caught $\qquad$ (off, up, on, in)
6. Humans are liable $\qquad$ error. (for, to, with, by)
7. Brothers and sisters should get. $\qquad$ very well. (in, by, with, along)
8. I couldn't make. $\qquad$ who he was since it was dark. (in, out, on, up)
9. Martin didn't really want to go to church, but her friends talked her. $\qquad$ It. (against, for, into,)
10. The soldiers carried $\qquad$ with exercises despite the heavy rain.(ahead, on, over)
11. My uncle died three years ago but it's taking me a long time to get $\qquad$ .it( on, over, by)
12. Our enemies blew $\qquad$ the bridge to delay our advance.(by, over, across, up)
13. The President will come here next week to drum $\qquad$ support for his candidate. (for, at, up, on)
14. Jane backed $\qquad$ of the debate when nobody agreed with her. (out, off, down, about)
15. When I was looking for my pen, I came $\qquad$ my lost stamp. (by, over, Across, upon)
16. The Minister of Education wanted to visit our school next week, but his plans have fallen $\qquad$ (out, forward, through, down)
17. Our church wants to cut $\qquad$ .the amount spent on the Pastor's trips. (out, on, back)
18. She was literally screaming $\qquad$ rage. (in, by, with, under)
19. The board chairperson presided $\qquad$ the meeting in a biased manner (in, on, over)
20. She could not make it to school for she was incapacitated $\qquad$ Illness. (with, from, by, in

## EXERCISE

Complete each sentence using one of the Phrasal Verbs listed below:
The meanings of the verbs are shown in brackets.

| call off | give up | put out | care for |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| put up with | looking forward to | run into | look up |
| got over | put off | talk (somebody) into | take after |
| 1. The firemen were able to $\ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ t h e ~ f i r e ~ v e r y ~ q u i c k l y . ~(e x t i n g u i s h) ~$ |  |  |  |

2. Can I have a banana instead? I don't $\qquad$ oranges. (like)
3. We are all $\qquad$ the party. (expect with pleasure)
4. Have you $\qquad$ your illness yet? (recover from)
5. I'll try to $\qquad$ her $\qquad$ coming with us. (persuade)
6. We'll have to $\qquad$ the meeting till next week.( postpone)
7. Can you guess who I $\qquad$ yesterday? (meet)
8. The District Governor is sick. He's had to $\qquad$ his visit. (cancel)
9. I've broken my leg. I'll have to $\qquad$ football for six months. (stop doing Something)
10. I cannot $\qquad$ this behaviour from a child. (tolerate)
11. If I had a big dictionary I would $\qquad$ Every phrasal verb. (search in a reference book)
12. Mary $\qquad$ her mother. (Looks alike)

## Rewrites Involving Direct and Reported Speech

A Direct speech is used when we report what someone says by repeating the exact words. In written, this is represented by enclosing someone's words in quotations marks.

Reported speech refers to the change from the exact words (Direct speech) that the first person used to the words that the second person uses to transmit the same information.

When changing a direct speech to a reported speech or vice-versa, only certain words are changed as shown in the table below.

| Direct Speech | Reported Speech |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. This | That |
| 2. Now | Then |
| 3. Next | Following |
| 4. Today | That day |
| 4. Tomorrow | The following day |
| 5. Yesterday | The previous day |
| 6. Will | Would |
| 7. Can | Could |
| 8. Have | Had |
| 9. Here | There |
| 10. | He, She or Me |
| 11. My | His or Her |
| 12. You | Him or her or they or them |
| 13. am | Was |

## Examples

## 1991 P2 (Direct to Reported Speech)

1." I am a busy man and I cannot go on advising you on the same issues," said the boss to his assistant.
Begin: The boss told his assistant that he was a busy man and he could not go on advising him on the same issues.

## 1992 P2 (Reported to Direct Speech)

2. She promised that she would marry him the next day.

Begin:" I will marry you the following day," she promised.

## 1993 P2

3." I am sorry," said Cheelo, "I can't speak any more loudly than that."

Begin: Cheelo apologized that he could not speak any more loudly than that.
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## Rewrites Involving Direct and Reported Speech Exercise

## 1994 P2

1. He asked when the patient would be discharged.
Begin: He asked," $\qquad$ ."

## 1995 P2

2. "I am going to punish all of you if you don't do this homework, "said the teacher. Begin: The teacher said that $\qquad$ 1996 P2
3." I have never been tempted to steal," she said, "because I am here to work." Begin: She said that $\qquad$ 1997 P2
4." We are so far behind that I don't think we will pass the examination, "said Mary.
Begin: Mary complained that $\qquad$

## 1998 P2

5. He told Mary that Mulenga was back.
Begin: " $\qquad$ " He said.

## 1999 P2

6. The teacher asked Jack if Elizabeth was telling the truth.
Begin: "Jack, $\qquad$

## 2000 P2

7." I will have done this homework by tomorrow, sir" he told his teacher.
Begin: He told his teacher that $\qquad$
2002 P2
8." I have broken my walking stick," complained the old man.
Begin: The old man complained that $\qquad$

## Rewrites Involving Direct and Reported Speech

## 2006 P2

9." My daughter will join her brother in Kasama next year, "He said.
Begin: He said that. $\qquad$

## 2007 P2

10." How much did this dress cost you? "Joseph asked Mary.
Begin: Joseph asked Mary. $\qquad$

## 2008 P2

11." Put down your pen, John. "Shouted the teacher.
Begin: The teacher commanded John $\qquad$

## 2009 P2

$\qquad$ me. Begin: The teacher said, "

## 2011 P2

13. "I don't know if my friends will come tomorrow," John said.
Begin: John wondered. $\qquad$

## 2012 P2

14. Michael asked Namakau where her younger sister was.
Begin: "

$\qquad$
" asked Michael.

## 2013 P2

15. Mr Chama said, "Son, wake up early tomorrow morning."
Begin: Mr Chama reminded. $\qquad$

## 2016 SPE

16." I will write the homework tomorrow "said Doreen.
Begin: Doreen said that. $\qquad$

## $\underline{2016 ~ P 2}$

17." I am not responsible for this loss in any way, "said the goalkeeper.
Begin: The goalkeeper said that. $\qquad$

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A present continuous tense is a sentence that starts with a word ending in "ing".

## Examples

## 1998 P2

1. As he moved through the woods wasps stung him.
Begin: Moving through the woods, he was stung by wasps.
Note: when answering such a question start by asking yourself questions like moving, moving where, who or what was moving.it is wrong to write, Moving through the woods, wasps stung him.

## 2000 P2

2. The manager gave his workers a reward for coming first in the competition. Begin: Having come first in the competition, the workers were given a reward by the manager.

## Exercise

## 1999 P2

1. As the dog ran out onto the road, a passing car knocked it down and killed.
Begin: Running out onto the road $\qquad$

## 2002 P2

2. As John went into the shop, a thief stole his wallet.
Begin: Going into the shop $\qquad$

## 2007 P2

3. The teacher congratulated the pupils on performing well in a competition. Begin: Having $\qquad$
2008 P2
4. As we sat on the beach, a large hippo chased us.
Begin: Sitting $\qquad$

## 2009 P2

5. As the horse galloped across the road, it narrowly missed the car. Begin: Galloping
6. The snake was crossing the road when peter killed it. [2010 P2]
Begin: Crossing $\qquad$
7. As we were chatting under a tree by the roadside, a car nearly hit us. [2011 P2]
Begin: Chatting $\qquad$
8. The team won the game after playing very well. [Mock]
Begin: Having $\qquad$

## Rewrites Involving Contrast

A Contrast is a sentence that compares and connects 2 sentences that are opposite in meaning.
Usually most contrast involve words like despite, in spite of, although and however. Note: Both despite and in spite of mean regardless but only in spite is followed by of.

## 1994 P2

1. It rained at lunch time but sports day was still a great success.

Begin: In spite of the rain at lunch time, sports day was still a great success.

## 2000 P2

2. Even though a telephone directory is useful, it has its own limitations.

Begin: Despite its usefulness, the telephone directory has its own limitations.
3. He was tired. He managed to win the race.

Begin: Although he was tired, he managed to win the race.

## Exercise

1. Even if you are a careful driver, you will have an accident eventually. [1998 P2]

Begin: However $\qquad$
2. Josephat is dull but he managed to pass the examination. [2001 P2]

Begin: Dull $\qquad$
3. In spite of the good seed, the crop did not grow well. [2007 P2]

Begin: Although the seed was good, the crop did not grow well.
4. Although she looks old, this woman is young. [2008 P2]
Begin: ........................................................................looks.
5. Although Mupeta has achieved great success, he is modest. [2016 SPE]

Begin: Despite the fact that Mupeta has achieved great success, he is modest.
6. Although Betty is very tall, she is not good at long jump. [2016 P2]

Begin: In spite of $\qquad$
7. Mulimba was sick for the most part of his final year but he managed to get distinctions.
Begin: In spite
8. She had a disadvantaged background, yet she became a prominent person in society Begin: Despite $\qquad$



## Rewrites Involving Too-----To

## Examples

1992 P2

1. He is a very good actor. He cannot forget his lines.

Begin: He is too good an actor to forget his lines.
1993 P2
2. John was very happy and did not remember to say goodbye.

Begin: John was too happy to remember to say goodbye.
$\underline{2002 \text { P2 }}$
3. Arnold is sick so he must see a doctor.

Begin: Arnold is too sick not to see a doctor.

## Exercise

2006 P2

1. The injury was minor. He could not play.

Begin: The injury was too $\qquad$
$\underline{2007 \text { P2 }}$
2. The nuts are hard. The old man cannot chew them.

Begin: The nuts $\qquad$ too $\underline{2011 \text { P2 }}$
3. She is so intelligent that she will be selected for Grade Ten.

Begin: She is too $\qquad$


## SECTION 2: COMPREHENSION

Comprehension is a verb meaning to appreciate something. It is drawn from the root word 'comprehend. According Longman Dictionary of contemporary English to comprehend means is to 'understand'.

Comprehension passages are fairly short and are drawn from all aspects from life. A passage may be on Sport, Science, Politics, Religion History, people's activities, Tourism Geography and from works of fiction. Some of the passages may be technical. ie the use of English in those passages may be specialised. This is the type of English which is unusual in everyday conversations.
The instructions at the beginning of the passage are straight forward. A candidate is expected to read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow the passage. Below are some hints on how to approach a comprehension passage.

- It is essential to read through the passage very quickly to help you determine what kind of passage it is. The first step is called skimming. To 'skim' means to read through quickly in order to get the main ideas. You can at this stage skim through the questions as well.
- The second step involves reading through the passage again, this time carefully and with understanding. Take note of the difficult and underlined words. This process of reading s called scanning. To 'scan' means to examine closely or making a search for something.
- Now you are ready to answer the questions in comprehension and there are three types of questions in comprehension, these include;
(i) The multiple choice questions.
(ii) The open-ended (free response) questions, where candidates are free to use their own words other than those in the passage.
(iii) The vocabulary questions.


## MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS.

This part usually comprises questions 1-8 each question carrying 2 marks in most cases. When answering multiple choice questions, read the questions carefully and examine the four free alternatives which are usually $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{D}$. Candidates have to be extra careful when aiming at the best answer. They need to examine critically the part of the passage (paragraph) from where the question is asked. Sometimes the difference between the best answer and the distracter is very minimal. This can be in form of a word, a phrase, tense or even a spelling mistake. Multiple choice questions usually have special reference to the paragraph the question is related. The question may begin as follows;
According to paragraph $1 \ldots .$.

## SECTION 3: SUMMARY WRITING

A summary is a brief account of a story or speech heard, read or seen. In a nutshell, summary is about being economic with words by only supplying the sought for information.

The aim of candidates in a summary component should be to answer the question as opposed to reducing the passage. It is not summary if one leaves out what he is asked of by the examiner.

## HINTS

1. Strictly stick to the required number of words. No word estimation will suffice. Pay keen attention to the instruction, "In not more than ... words, write a connected summary ......"
2. Marks are given according to the number of required answers [relevant points] brought out. Candidates ought to know that the relevant points in the passage are spread across the passage hence the need for them to read and understand the whole passage.
3. While candidates are allowed to use their own language, the meaning of the original passage should at no time be altered. The candidates ought to give grammatical competence precedence.
4. Candidates must avoid falling prey to including unnecessary examples, adjectives, definitions and over-flowery expressions which are not in any way helping them to answer the question.
5. Always write in prose unless the question demands otherwise.
6. Do not include points, though relevant but are not in the passage. All the relevant points must be derived from the given passage.

## PROCEDURE

1. Read and understand the question.
2. Scan the passage to have a feel of it before reading it carefully in order to identify the needed points. You may take note of the points by ticking against them. Other candidates do this by underlining the said points.
3. Avoid gross errors of tense, repetition, wrong sentence construction, Paragraph inadequacy, wrong use of words, subject-verb agreement, use of run-on sentences and most of all errors of rubric.

## Passage 1. Summary (20 Marks) (Example from 2011 P2)

Read the following passage carefully and then answer the question that follows;

1. Carbonated drinks have flooded the market. These are effervescent drinks that release carbon dioxide under conditions of normal atmospheric pressure. Carbonation may occur naturally in spring water that has absorbed carbon dioxide at high pressures underground. It can also be a by-product of fermentation, such as beer and some wines.
2. Many curative properties have been attributed to effervescent waters, which aid digestion and calm nerves. Carbonated drinks have high acidity level. This creates an imbalance in the body in that it leads to acidosis. Too much acid also creates a problem of digestion in the system. All carbonated drinks are beneficial to the body because a large proportion of them is water, which is greatly needed by those people who rarely take it in its pure form. On the other hand, Carbonated drinks have carbonic acid that inhabits the use of calcium in the body, thereby adversely affecting bone formation. This gives rise to osteoporosis or softening of the teeth and bones. Such drinks, therefore, are not ideal for children and women after menopause. Consuming carbonated drinks in excess forces the body to harbor carbon dioxide, which can cause more distension (swell out by pressure from within) of the stomach and more acid reflux.
3. Some carbonated drinks contain sugar and this helps to supplement the body with glucose, which is responsible for energy. In the grand scheme of all the complexities regarding carbonated drinks, it is very clear that people are stuck with them, as they will always be readily available on the market at affordable prices.
4. The biggest challenge that we have is that people are not being given the correct information concerning the content of carbonated drinks. Carbonated drinks, just like others, result in loss of appetite if taken shortly before meals. Ariticicial carbonation was first introduced in 1767 by Joseph Priestley and was commercialized in 1807 by Benjamin Silliman, a Yale University Chemistry Professor, who bottled and sold carbonated water. After 1830, sweetened and flavoured carbonated drinks became popular and the trend evolved.
5. Today, heavily sweetened carbonated drinks and sodas are among the most popular beverages in the world. In the last two decades, the introduction of diet drinks containing artificial sweeteners has increased sales of carbonated beverages. Some carbonated drinks contain caffeine, which causes addiction. In this regard, when carbonated drinks are not taken by people used to them, unexplained tiredness and headache result.
6. It is stressed that people should opt for pure fruit juices. Pure juices may be expensive but you do not need to buy them all the time. You may instead, just buy oranges, guavas and mangoes. Then squeeze out the juice from these fruits, and give it to a child as opposed to buying carbonated drinks. Experts say one can or bottle of a carbonated drink has about 10 teaspoons of sugar, 150 calories, 30 to 55 milligrams of caffeine and is loaded with artificial food colours and sulphites. Carbonated drinks that are caffeinated lead to jitters, insomnia, irregular heartbeat, vitamin and mineral depletion and breast lumps. The sugar added to carbonated drinks increases insulin levels, which can lead to diabetes and excessive weight gain.

## QUESTION

According to the passage, what are the negative effects of the consumption of carbonated drinks by human beings? Use not more than 140 words. Excess words will be cancelled. The summary has been started for you.

## Passage 2: Summary (20 Marks)

## Read the following passage and then answer the question that follows

Black jack vegetable is known botanically as bidens pilosa and in South Africa local names include muxiji and gewone knapseherel. Like many indigenous African vegetables, black jack has an impressive nutritional profile that comes with a very wide variety of benefits. Black jack is a great choice for the prevention and treatment of diabetes due to the presence of various nutrients. Firstly, black jack has plenty of antioxidants which are involved in regulating blood sugar. The higher the amount of antioxidants in the body, the greater the body's capacity to keep blood sugar under control. Studies show that people whose diets are rich in antioxidants have a dramatically lower incidence of diabetes.

Black jack is greatly beneficial to the cardiovascular system which relates to the heart and blood vessels. The fiber abundantly present in black jack tremendously boosts heart health. What's more, fiber provided by black jack minimises belly fat, the most dangerous form of fat to carry. Belly fat, also referred to as visceral fat, surrounds vital organs like the heart and liver. This situation dramatically increases the risk of heart disease, heart attack, stroke, diabetes, cancer, and other chronic diseases. By keeping belly fat away, black jack tremendously promotes general cardiovascular health.

The antioxidants in black jack also help keep the cardiovascular system in good health. Studies continue to show a strong relationship between diets rich in antioxidants and very low rates of cardiovascular diseases such as heart disease, high blood pressure, cholesterol abnormalities, and stroke. Black jack, due to its abundance of fiber, promotes healthy digestion, stimulates digestive muscle movements and generally improves the way these muscles work thus preventing acid reflux, bloating, and many other digest disorders. Other ways include warding off piles or hemorrhoids and acting as a prebiotic by creating a suitable environment for proper multiplication and function of healthy gut bacteria. These bacteria are essential for healthy digestion and overall wellbeing.

Black jack has powerful anti-cancer features too. Again, fiber takes on a leading role in countering cancer by preventing insulin resistance, a condition found to increase the risk of cancer especially hormone-related cancer like breast and prostate cancer. Besides preventing cancer, antioxidants in black jack are powerful enough to stop cancer growth and kill cancer cells. With such a potent anti-cancer profile black jack is an excellent food choice for the prevention and treatment of breast, prostate, colon, and any type of cancer.

There are so many more benefits associated with black jack. The anti-inflammatory powers of this vegetable also offer protection against cognitive decline. This means that eating black jack can prevent memory loss related to age and chronic diseases such as diabetes. Black jack is also believed to fight off bacterial and fungal infections. It is a highly nutritious vegetable with benefits that are too many to list.

In not more than 100 words, write the health benefits of black jack. The summary has been started for you.

Black jack has a wide range of health benefits. These include

## How to answer

Black jack has a wide range of health benefits. These include Prevention and treatment of diabetes. It can be used in regulating blood sugar and beneficial to the cardiovascular system which relates to the heart and blood vessels. The fiber abundantly present in black jack tremendously boosts the heart health and minimises belly fat. The antioxidants in black jack also help keep the cardiovascular system in good health, promotes healthy digestion, stimulates digestive muscle movements, and generally improves the way these muscles work. Additionally, it prevents acid reflux, bloating, and many other digestive disorders. In addition, it wards off piles or hemorrhoids and acts as a prebiotic. Black jack has powerful anti-cancer features too. Antioxidants in black jack are powerful enough to stop cancer growth and kill cancer cells. Consequently it can be used in the prevention and treatment of breast, prostate, colon, and any type of cancer. The anti-inflammatory powers of this vegetable also offer protection against cognitive decline. Diabetes can prevent memory loss related to age and chronic diseases such as diabetes and believed to fight off bacterial and fungal infections.

