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A. INTRODUCTION

1. About this pamphlet.

This pamphlet is part one of a two part series. Part one deals and tackles specifically transformations or rewrites as they are commonly known.

It contains 4 sections of transformation questions. The 1st section is notes of transformations. This is to give the pupil some understanding on how to rewrite sentence structures which are also determined by the rules of a particular sentence structure type. The 2nd section deals with topical based transformations. These transformations have covered about 18 structure topics that are taught from grade 10 to 12. Each structural topic has 12 transformation questions. The 3rd section has mixed transformation structures. These are grouped into exercises. Under this section there are 20 exercises, each containing 10 questions. The 4th section is the answer section. These are answers to all the transformation questions contained in this pamphlet.

There are a total of 416 transformation questions divided into topical and mixed transformation

2. How to use this pamphlet.

The main purpose of this pamphlet is to help the pupil practice transformation questions. The best way is first try to answer the questions oneself without aid or help. Attempting to answer the questions oneself is advantageous to the pupil because he or she will gain understanding of how transformations are tackled.

It is very good practise to try them out oneself first rather than 'running' to the answer section. The answer section is intended to provide guidance. The pupil should use the answer section for comparison with the answers he or she has written. In fact it is best to try out the topical questions after each structural topic has been taught to you by your teacher.

Before one 'dashes off' to the questions and answers, one must take time to read the notes provided on transformations. I feel these will be helpful in shading more light on how sentences are rewritten or transformed.

To the teacher intending to use this pamphlet, it can be used as an exercise and revision tool to assess the pupils on the various structures one has taught. It is advisable to give an exercise specifically based on the topic taught. The mixed transformation section can be used for revision when one wishes to test general understanding and assimilation of structures taught.

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Transformations...

Objectives: at the end of this topic you must:-

1. Know what transformation is.
2. Know the basic rules for rewriting a sentence.
3. Be able to rewrite sentences.

What is transformation?

- * **A stage in grammatical conversion:** in transformational grammar, the process of converting one linguistic construction or structure to another, following the rules that convert deep structure to surface structure

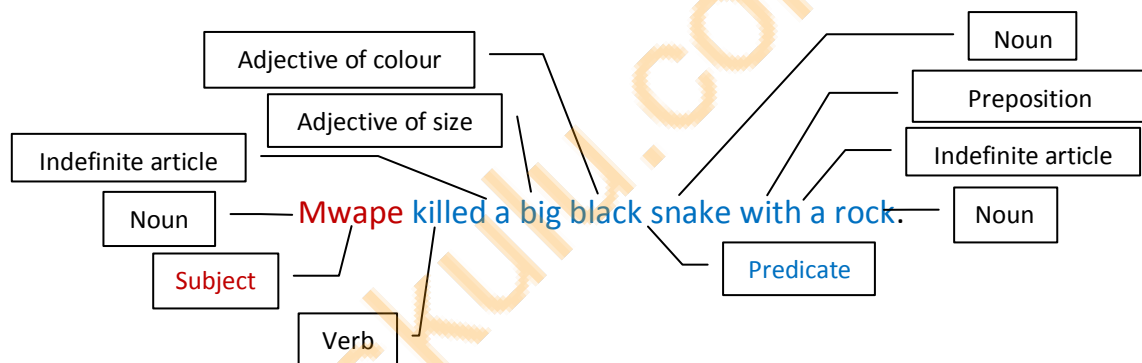
Transformations are also known as

- * Rewrites

What is to be done?

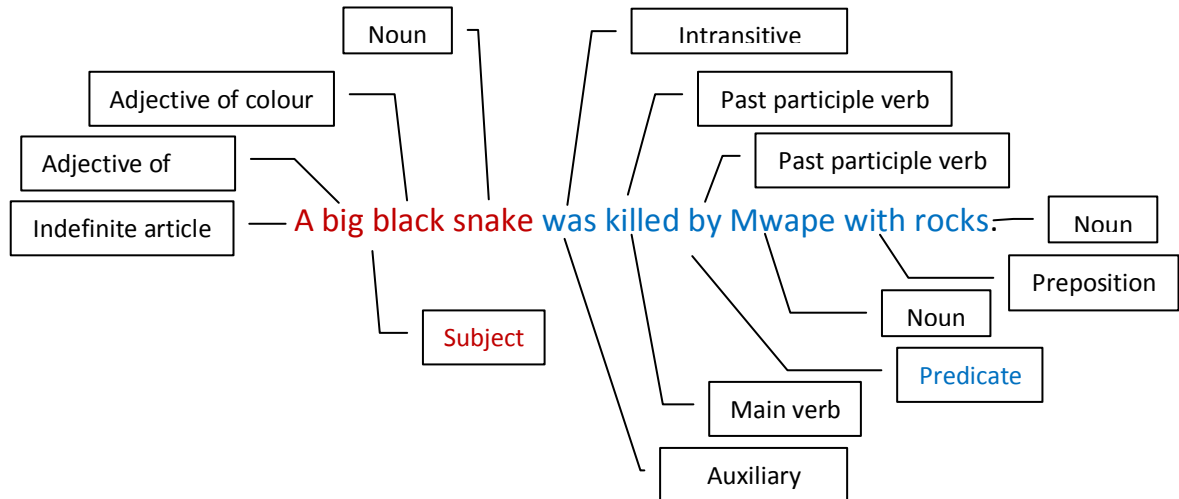
Candidates are required to change the structure of a given sentence but not the meaning. By structure of a sentence, it means the way the words are put together to give a particular meaning e.g.

From:



In the above example each word has a particular position in the sentence. Therefore, the sentence has a particular meaning. In view of this, the candidate is required to change the positions of the words in a given sentence, yet at the same time keep the same meaning e.g.

To:



This in short is transformation or rewrite

Rules for transforming sentences

In order to achieve this, the candidate must have an understanding of the basic knowledge of transforming a given sentence.

There are no fixed rules for transformation as a subject or entity. The rules that apply in transformation are from the various structures learned. Rewrites apply all rules of structure learnt by the candidate from grade 8 to 12.

But the general guide is that rewrites involve mainly

- a. **Substitution:** this is replacing a word or words with another suitable word or words e.g.

Mwansa handed in her test book.

Phrasal verb 'handed in' to be substituted

Replace the underlined with one word

Mwansa **submitted** her test book

'Submitted' substitutes 'handed in' as they mean the **same**

- b. **Addition:** this is placing in an appropriate word or words that were not in the sentence in order to maintain the meaning e.g.

Sitali caught fish using a small net.

Begin: fish ...

Fish were caught by Sitali using a small net

Added into sentence

Added into sentence

- c. **Omission:** this involves leaving out a word or words from a sentence in order to keep the meaning e.g.

A donkey cannot eat hay because it is a stupid animal.

Begin: being ...

Being a stupid animal, a donkey cannot eat hay.

Note: 'it' and 'because' have been left out of the second

Main purpose of transformations

Transformation exercises test the cumulated understanding of the rules of different structures and the application there of. Furthermore, rewrites also rely on the candidate's vocabulary – all the words used in a language as a whole.

Rewriting a sentence

In order to rewrite a given sentence, the candidate must consider the following tips

- a. Understand the meaning of the sentence e.g.

Mutinta still failed her exams no matter how hard she studied.

The sentence means that Mutinta did not pass the exams even if she studied hard

- b. Know the tense and type of sentence used e.g.

Mutinta still failed her exams no matter her she studied.

The sentence is in the past simple tense and it is showing two actions in contrast

- c. Know how the words agree with one another.

- d. Identify which word or words in a given sentence have a similar or same meaning as the printed part of the B sentence. This affects a particular part of a given sentence. it also helps the candidates have a starting point when rewriting a sentence e.g.

Mutinta still failed her exams no matter how hard she studied.

Begin: However

Therefore,

The word 'however' is similar in meaning as 'no matter how'. So 'however' substitutes 'no matter how':

Mutinta still failed her exams no matter how hard she studied.

However →
Start reading in this direction →

So the answer is:

However hard Mutinta studied, she still failed her exams.

- e. Keep the same tense of the original sentence in the B sentence. Only change the tense when it is necessary to help keep the meaning of the original sentence.
- f. Use as many words of the original sentence as possible. Never use your own words unless when necessary – when adding only. This helps the candidate avoid confusing the meaning of a given sentence e.g.

Mutinta still failed her exams no matter how hard she studied.

However hard Mutinta studied, she still failed her exams.

What to remember

- a. Never make any changes to the printed part of the B sentence.
- b. Use as many words of the original sentence as possible
- c. The B sentence is always written as one sentence and never two or more e.g.

Chewe is and intelligent girl. She is also a good teacher

Begin: Not only

Not only is Chewe intelligent but also a good teacher

- d. That at times some sentences will require moving a word or words in a given sentence from its original position to another position in order to keep the same meaning. This is common in subject-verb inversion e.g.

The meeting started immediately the chairperson had entered the office.

Begin: No sooner

No sooner had the entered the office than the meeting started.

- e. Other types of sentences will require the change of tense. Most common in direct and reported speech e.g.

“I will be home late,” he told his wife.

Begin: he told his wife that

He told his wife that he would be home late.

B. TRANSFORMATIONS

In each of the following items, sentence A is complete, but sentence B is incomplete. Complete sentence B each time making it as similar as possible in meaning to sentence A. Make sentence B one sentence, never two.

1. CONTRAST

- 1. A Sitali is a Lozi but he cannot speak the Lozi language.
B Rewrite using ‘yet’

.....

- 2. A Phiri tried to open the tin of beans however he did not manage to.
B Rewrite using ‘even so’

.....

- 3. A The boys continued to play football although it rained heavily.
B Even though.....

.....

- 4. A Although the games were tough, the team managed to come tops.
BDespite.....

.....

- 5. A Musonda is the manager for Chilila limited. She is also an actor for Muvi TV.
B Besides.....

.....

- 6. A Malonga tried to prise open the door, yet could not do it.
Bthough.....

.....

- 7. A Even though the day is cold, Sitali continued wearing a light white vest.
B Cold.....
- 8. A Deciding against going to the cinema, Kambole went for interviews
Binstead of.....
- 9. A In spite of the car being expensive, it is in a deplorable state.
B On one.....
- 10. A The girls were brave to face their competition. The competition was tough and rough.
B No matter.....
- 11. A Though this exercise seems difficult, it is actually quite easy to tackle.
Bdifficult.
- 12. A The children still swam in the pool although it had been closed for repairs.
Bnevertheless.....

2. COMPARISON/ COMPARATIVES.

- 1. A He became more and more disappointed with each try.
B The more.....
- 2. A Mutale is taller than Mulenga.
B Mulenga is not as.....
- 3. A no sooner did Mabvuto enter the house than he locked the door behind him
Bas soon as.....
- 4. A After eating his lunch, Junza went for basketball trainings.
B Having.....
- 5. A Mutale waited for Mungole with increasing impatience.
B The longer.....
- 6. A The dog barked and yelped as it was being chased by stone throwing boys.
B Barking.....
- 7. A Musonda is brighter and more willing to help than Samoonga
B Between.....
- 8. A Musonda is brighter and more willing to help than Samoonga.
B Of.....
- 9. A As soon as the rains ceased, the football matched resumed.
B No sooner.....
- 10. A Mutale cannot run faster than 100 metres per second.
B 100 metres.....
- 11. A Having shut shop, the store keeper started off for home.
Bbefore.....
- 12. A having shut shop, the store keeper started off for home.
B After.....

3. REASON

1. A The teacher punished Michelo for late coming.
B Because.....
2. A Many pupils could not answer the maths questions because they were difficult.
Bas.....
3. A As a result of the high prices, few customers can afford to buy new clothes.
B Since the prices.....
4. A Many girls registered for the course seeing that it was cheap and affordable.
B Now that.....
5. A Mwanza failed the final examination because he concentrated on the club.
B Concentrating.....
6. A Mungole has been promoted to manager after he put in his best at work.
B Now that.....
7. A Since most of the members were absent, the meeting was put off till next week.
Bbecause.....
8. A seeing that the rains are poor, farmers resorted to irrigation methods
Bnow that.....
9. A I asked Mulenga to lend me some money as I knew that he had just got paid.
B knowing.....
10. A Looking at the current situation, Daka advised against going ahead with the plan
Bsince.....
11. A Because of the harsh economic times, Mwaanga sought employment in the mines.
B As.....
12. A Because of the harsh economic times, Mwaanga sought employment in the mines.
Bseeing that.....

4. CONDITIONALS

1. A If the team concentrates hard, they will win the next game.
Bhard.
2. A The car would be a great present if it was bought early.
B Unless.....
3. A Mphande will not be appointed to the new position unless he works impressively.
B even if.....
4. A Hamoonga would have passed the examinations if it had not been for maths.
B But for.....
5. A Unless the streets are clean and tidy, the president will not visit Livingstone.
Bproviding.....

- 6. A Ganizani would have married early if he had been serious with his proposal to Mutinta.
B If only.....
- 7. A If the teacher asks about my where about, tell him that I am unwell.
B Should.....
- 8. A If the rains come early this year, farmers will plant their seed early.
B supposing that.....
- 9. A Mwansa would not be suspended if he did not dodge lessons last week.
Bunless.....
- 10. A The games would have been interesting if all the teams had participated.
B Had.....
- 11. A The house will not be completed on time unless the builders work overtime.
B If.....
- 12. A Suppose that you were appointed prefect, would you punish late comers severely.
Bproviding.....

5. QUESTION TAG

- 1. A Moonde is the head boy of this school.
B Add a question tag.
.....
- 2. A Mulenga did not sit for the test. Uyoya did not either.
B Add a question tag.
Neither.....
- 3. A This exercise is the simplest of all the transformations.
B Add a question tag.
.....
- 4. A We are not allowed to come with cellular phones to school.
B Add a question tag.
.....
- 5. A He is not the brightest of the three boys in the family.
B Add a question tag.
.....
- 6. A Musonda, Mwape, Sitali and Junza sing in the church choir.
B Add a question tag.
- 7. A Neither Mr. Zulu nor Mr. Zimba comes for work on Sundays.
B Add a question tag.
.....

- 8. A The thief was not apprehended by the police last evening.
B Add a question tag.
.....
- 9. A Schools will be closing early August.
B Add a question tag.
.....
- 10. A Mutinta and Mwape must not wear make up at school.
B Add a question tag.
.....
- 11. A The building was demolished for health reasons.
B Add a question tag.
.....
- 12. A Transformations are not difficult to write and pass.
B Add a question tag.
.....

6. RESULT

- 1. A Since Kambunga studied hard, he managed to qualify for university.
Btherefore.....
- 2. A The dog jump over the fence for this reason it escaped the dog handler.
B Rewrite using 'as a result'
.....
- 3. A The riots were uncontrollable. Consequently the president declared a state of emergency.
Bso.....
- 4. A Mungoni is very handsome therefore; most girls are attracted to him.
B Mungoni is so.....
- 5. A The meeting is a big and important event. All the ministers are in attendance.
B The meeting is such.....
- 6. A There are a lot mangoes to go round for everyone
B There are enough.....
- 7. A The day was so hot that pupils could not go for afternoon classes
B The day was too.....
- 8. A Bubbala fought a fellow pupil in front of the teacher. He was suspended for it.
Bconsequently.....
- 9. A The gates were locked early so many pupils were stranded outside.
Bfor this reason.....
- 10. A It is such a tall building that few people ever climb to the top.
B Such.....

- 11. A Mwape is very beautiful and slim woman. Many men have asked for her hand in marriage.
B Such.....
- 12. A There was so much noise in class that the teacher grew angry and frustrated.
B So.....

7. RELATIVE CLAUSE.

- 1. A Mulenga will be leaving next week for Australia. He lives down the street.
B Mulenga who.....
- 2. A The bag is on display in another shop at a cheaper price. It's the one you bought.
B The bag, which.....
- 3. A Moonga lost the pen. Her mother had given her the pen.
B The pen that.....
- 4. A I went to see the police officer. He is uncle on my mother's side.
B join using 'who'
.....
- 5. A That is the boy. His parents came yesterday.
B Rewrite using 'whose'
.....
- 6. A The cat is dead. It's ate the meat.
B The cat that.....
- 7. A The cake which you baked was very nice and delicious.
B The cake you.....
- 8. A The girl has been expelled. We caught her stealing from the canteen.
B The girl, we.....
- 9. A Mwanza is from Mugomo village. His village is quite poor.
B Mugomo village.....
- 10. A The man you borrowed money from is looking for Sitali.
B The man from.....
- 11. A The painting the boys were looking at was done by handicapped young lady.
B The painting at.....
- 12. A The procurement committee Mundia sits on is very influential.
B The procurement committee on.....

8. ORDER OF ADJECTIVES.

- 1. A Mutinta bought a pair of shoes.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **red, high heeled, new**
.....
- 2. A Choolwe saw a man last night.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **brown, Zimbabwean, tall, old**
.....
- 3. A She tried to lift the box.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **worn out, large, black, heavy, rectangular**
.....
- 4. A This is a football.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **light, round**
.....
- 5. A The building is a structure.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **big, tall**
.....
- 6. A Musonda gave a book.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **heavy, text, green, small**
.....
- 7. A The girl looked from side to side as she crossed the street.
B Add the following adjective in their correct order **walking**
.....
- 8. A He was given a bag.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **shopping, orange big, square, long**
.....
- 9. A Zambia is playing football.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **South American, fantastic**
.....
- 10. A The lady laughed as she twirled around and around.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **round, dancing, dark, fat**
.....
- 11. A Jaganza is a defender.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **national tackling hard team.**
.....
- 12. A She met this woman last week.
B Add the following adjectives in their correct order **drunkard huge ugly Malawian**
.....

9. THE PASSIVE

1. A Munkombwe bought the car at a very cheap price.
B The car.....
2. A The president appointed the twins to represent Zambia at the commonwealth.
Bthe president.
3. A Mwanza and Dugani are milking the cows this evening.
B The cows.....
4. A Kajaliso has sent the parcel by express mail.
B The parcel.....
5. A "I will finish this job tomorrow," said Munalula.
B "This job.....," said Munalula.
6. A Someone allegedly burned down the buildings.
B The buildings.....
7. A The world cup football tournament will be won by either Brazil or Nederland.
B Either.....
8. A The teacher of English was being observed by the inspector during class.
B The inspector.....
9. A Moonze, Mwangala and Sitali are taught Physics by Mr Phiri
Band Sitali.
10. A David Livingstone secondary school were beaten 18 baskets to 5 by St. Raphael's secondary.
B St. Raphael's.....
11. A The pupils are to be rewarded for their outstanding performance by the school administration.
B The school.....
12. A These kittens were brought into Zambia by an American friend of mine last year.
BZambia.

10. USING ADVERBS AND ADJECTIVES

1. A Moonze is so intelligent that she come position one in class.
B Such.....
2. A Mubanga is a hard worker. His managers have a lot of confidence in him.
B Mubanga is such.....
3. A Sitali has attended to a lot of people that he is exhausted.
B So.....
4. A Mount Everest is so high that it is considered as the highest mountain in the world.
B Such.....
5. A Mwanza is very short tempered. Most of his friends avoid him.
B So.....

- 6. A Kambela will be very big girl when she grows up that many will doubt her age.
B Such.....
- 7. A The pot was so hot. Mapulanga failed to lift it off the stove.
B The pot is too.....
- 8. A Mandunga bought plenty of sugar. He failed to resell it all.
B So.....
- 9. A The dogs are extremely big that our neighbours fear them.
B So.....
- 10. A He is a very good actor. He cannot forget his lines
B He is too.....
- 11. A The examination was so difficult that many candidates had little hope of passing it.
B Such.....
- 12. A So large is the teaching staff that one cannot know all the teachers.
B The teaching staff is too.....

11. FRONTED ADJECTIVES

- 1. A Even though the day is hot, Sitali continued wearing a large thick coat
B Hot as.....
- 2. A Chanda went on to win the race despite having a bad leg.
B A bad.....
- 3. A The wall was high but the thieves managed to scale it
B High though.....
- 4. A Mutinta is extremely beautiful, yet no man asks her hand in marriage.
B Beautiful as.....
- 5. A The party revellers continued to dance although it was late into the night.
B late.....
- 6. A The examinations were seemly tough however many candidates scored distinctions.
B Tough.....
- 7. A People will still wear their winter coats although the day will be bright and warm.
B Bright as.....
- 8. A Choongo usually scores the highest in English in spite of being noisy in class.
B Noisy.....
- 9. A Although Matete is fast, he has not won many sprint races in the past.
B Fast as.....
- 10. A The goal keeper is so tall nevertheless the ball beat into the goal.
B So tall.....
- 11. A Algeria qualified to the round of sixteen even though they were a terrible team.
B Badly as.....

- 12. A Changala, Mwango and Jembo had plenty of information but they did not know.
- B Plenty.....

12. THAT CLAUSE

- 1. A It surprised the members of staff that the head boy was caught drinking beer.
- B That.....
- 2. A He is unfortunate because he cannot pay his examination fees
- B That.....
- 3. A It was hard to believe that Lesotho beat Zambia 3 goals to 1
- B That.....
- 4. A No one was surprised to see Cameroon beaten 4 goals to 1 by Brazil.
- B That.....
- 5. A The school bus is always late from town. This is normal.
- B That.....
- 6. A The science teacher was greatly shocked to see the experiment go wrong.
- B That.....
- 7. A The tourist are captivated by the Victoria falls because they are a mighty wonder to watch.
- B That.....
- 8. A It came as no surprise that the examinations were leaked a week before.
- B That.....
- 9. A People were astounded by Musenge’s cruelty towards children.
- B That.....
- 10. A In order to be admitted for a degree programme, you must have a merit in English language and literature.
- B That.....
- 11. A Just because the electorate has voted for you does not allow you start to plunder national resources.
- B That.....
- 12. A Every pupil agreed that the transformation exercise was passable.
- B That.....

13. SUBJECT – VERB AGREEMENT

- 1. A Zambia and five other countries qualified for the 2022 world cup finals.
- B Zambia, as well as.....
- 2. A I am not interested in football. My brother is not interested in football either.
- B Neither.....
- 3. A Mwape as well as Mutinta has been invited to the celebrations.
- B Both.....
- 4. A The head teacher wasn’t in school. His deputy was also not in school.
- B Neither.....

- 5. A All the sugar was loaded onto the train last night.
B All the bags.....
- 6. A All the pieces of furniture were in the store
B All the furniture.....
- 7. A The suitcases were left behind at the bus terminus
B The luggage.....
- 8. A The plane and its crew were lost in the storm
B The plane together with.....
- 9. A We did not see her at school. Nobody else saw her there.
B We did not see her at school and neither.....
- 10. A My cousin enjoyed herself at the party and so did I.
B Both.....
- 11. A Teachers always blame pupils for their poor examination results and pupils
always blame teachers.
B Teachers and pupils.....
- 12. A Neither Mwansa nor Sitali is wearing school uniform.
B Both Mwansa.....

14. DIRECT AND REPORT SPEECH

- 1. A "The head teacher wants to see Mr Phiri in his office," announced the secretary.
B The secretary announced that.....
- 2. A "I have just finished reading 'Things Fall Apart' by Achebe," said Mwape.
B Mwape said.....
- 3. A "The centre can no longer hold the massive weight of the bridge!" The engineer
shouted.
B The engineer shouted that.....
- 4. A "We will meet soon on the other side of the river," Mundia said to Chipo.
B Mundia told.....
- 5. A "Mulenga, is Chansa the last born in your family?" Asked Mweemba.
B Mulenga was.....
- 6. A Musopelo asked the teacher if they were to come for study on Saturdays.
B "....."
- 7. A "Mulenga, is Chansa the last born in your family?" Asked Mweemba.
B Mweemba asked Mulenga.....
- 8. A Chanda told the boys that they were going for interviews the week after next.
B "....." said Chipo to the boys.
- 9. A The driver shouted at the pedestrian to get out of the way.
B "Get....."
- 10. A The master on duty informed that pupils that school would running on half day
starting tomorrow.
B "School....."

- 11. A The tourist exclaimed that the Victoria Falls were a mighty wonder to watch.
B The tourist exclaimed, “.....
- 12. A Mutinta asked Mwansa who had left the dogs unchained in the backyard.
B “.....asked Mutinta,.....

15. PHRASAL VERBS

- 1. A The soldiers gave up early during the war.
B Rewrite replacing the underlined with one word
.....
- 2. A Mr Rupiah Banda was taken aback by Mr Michael Sata’s election victory.
B Rewrite the sentence in 11 words
.....
- 3. A The old man fainted because of the hot weather.
B The old man passed.....
- 4. A The passengers alighted the plane.
B The passengers got.....
- 5. A “You are to obey all rules set by the institution,” announced the principal.
B Replace the underlined with a phrasal verb.
.....
- 6. A They interrupted the meeting without due consideration for privacy.
B They barged.....
- 7. A She is a reject among her own people.
B She is a cast.....
- 8. A Chilengwa could not understand what the cause of the problem might be.
B Chilengwa could not suss.....
- 9. A The two football players almost had a face off after the foul.
B Replace the underlined with **1** word
.....
- 10. A The joke was so funny that Magoye burst out laughing.
B The joke was so funny that Magoye cracked.....
- 11. A The weather will clear up at any moment since the rains have gone.
B Rewrite in **12** words.
.....
- 12. A She thought about what he had said earlier very carefully.
B She chewed.....

16. PARTICIPLE PHRASE

- 1. A A snake bit my brother. He was walking in the bush.
B Walking.....
- 2. A The suspect was detained since morning. The police set him free in the evening.
B Detained.....

- 3. A The lion didn't attack the Impala because it had eaten one a while ago
B Having.....
- 4. A Mwangala was sent to fetch Mutinta when the family heard of her illness
B Hearing.....
- 5. A As we were passing through the park, an elephant chased us.
B Passing.....
- 6. A Mulenga was sorry to hear that her friend died through neglect.
B To her.....
- 7. A Mulonga played so well that everyone was astonished.
B To.....
- 8. A The boarding master bought beef for pupils as he hoped to avoid a riot.
B Hoping.....
- 9. A The tourist crossed the narrow dangerous bridge in order to get closer to the falls' edge.
B To.....
- 10. A A passing car knocked down and killed the dog as the dog ran out onto the road.
B Running.....
- 11. A The watchman watered the garden late in the morning and it remained moist till after sunset.
B Watered.....
- 12. A The mad dog broke the rope and ran through the compound.
B Having.....

17. UNREAL PAST

- 1. A It is time for us to start making our own notes.
B It's high time.....
- 2. A we must prepare for the final examinations
B It's time we.....
- 3. A Mwense wanted to behave like my father.
Bthough.....
- 4. A Mulenga and Mundia should leave immediately.
B It's time.....
- 5. A Now is the time for Mulenga to apply for the vacancy in the company.
B It's time.....
- 6. A Submission of exercises and homework are overdue.
B It's high time.....
- 7. A She should be considered for promotion.
B It's time.....
- 8. A The time has come for people to elected the right person for president.
B It's high time.....

- 9. A They better start improving on their performance and results
B It's high time.....
- 10. A Jelita and Mwansa ought to concentrate on their work.
B It's time.....
- 11. A Dabwiso must begin to attend evening classes in English language.
B It's high time.....
- 12. A Daka has to pay the rentals this evening.
B It's time.....

18. SUBJECT – VERB INVERSION

- 1. A He seldom visits the village.
B Rarely.....
- 2. A Junza does not enter his parents' bedroom until they allow him to.
B Not until.....
- 3. A They only realised how deadly the lion was after meeting it.
B Only.....
- 4. A She is a niece of my uncle. I am a good friend of hers.
B Not only.....
- 5. A Immediately the president's car drove in all the police officers gave a salute.
B No sooner.....
- 6. A The goods train developed a mechanical fault just as it was about to depart.
B Hardly.....
- 7. A Chilufya can complain as much as he likes but no one will attend to his problem.
B However.....
- 8. A We are not allowed to come with cellular phones to school.
B under no circumstances.....
- 9. A It is not common for wild animals to be seen in the middle of Livingstone city.
B Seldom.....
- 10. A The bus no longer passes this route on its way to South Africa.
B Scarcely.....
- 11. A there was a lot of noise in the class. As a result the teacher punished them.
B Such.....
- 12. A Mutinta is very beautiful and tall. All the men can't help but admire her.
B So.....

C. MIXED TRANSFORMATIONS

EXERCISE 1

- 1. A All the fruits are not ripe
B None.....

- 2. A I have never before been asked to accept a bribe.
B Never before.....
- 3. A The wedding dress was so light and short but it was presentable.
B In spite of.....
- 4. A He had hardly scored when the crowd stood up in joy.
B Hardly.....
- 5. A Everyone who sees the baskets in the museum admires them because they are such beautiful examples of craftsmanship.
B Being such.....
- 6. A She was carrying a heavy basket.
Bwas heavy.
- 7. A The headmaster claimed that he had said nothing about the holiday.
B The headmaster denied.....
- 8. A The result was unavoidable.
B The result could.....
- 9. A We found out when he died how rich he was.
B It was not until.....
- 10. A Dalitso was able to make himself heard only by shouting on top of his voice.
B Only by.....

EXERCISE 2

- 1. A this briefcase must not be touched on any account.
B On no account.....
- 2. A My wife has never fed me this well before.
B Never before.....
- 3. A Mwape came first in the final examination. This was out of her hard work.
B Only.....
- 4. A While in South Africa, I enjoyed the most beautiful scenery.
B Nowhere.....
- 5. A Because the bus broke down, it reached the bridge in the dark.
B If the bus.....
- 6. A The war between the allied forces and Iraq was so bad that thousands of adults as well as children were killed.
B So.....
- 7. A The teacher had scarcely entered the classroom when he noticed that his duster was missing.
B No sooner.....
- 8. A They could not assess the damage until the floods had receded.
B Not until.....
- 9. A Sichone agreed to play for the country after hours of persuasion.
B Only after.....

- 10. A Everyone agreed that they should convene an emergency meeting.
- B It was.....

EXERCISE 3

- 1. A Eukeria felt so annoyed that she gave way to anger.
- B So.....
- 2. A The passengers don't blame the driver for the accident in any way.
- B In no way.....
- 3. A It surprised the members of staff that the head boy was caught drinking beer.
- B That.....
- 4. A The deposit will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- B Under no.....
- 5. A Inonge seldom comes late for class.
- B Seldom.....
- 6. A It surprised us all that she accepted the prefect's punishment.
- B Her.....
- 7. A The chairman made his speech so impressive that the audience listened to him.
- B Such.....
- 8. A The prefects rarely come for classes.
- B Rarely.....
- 9. A The pupils had scarcely started eating when the head teacher stormed into the dining hall.
- B Scarcely.....
- 10. A Chipo has never seen such an immaculate jewel before.
- B Never before.....

EXERCISE 4

- 1. A The boarding master bought some beef for pupils as he hoped to avoid a riot.
- B Hoping.....
- 2. A Mutinta little thought that she would one day become head girl.
- B Little.....
- 3. A "The head teacher has arrived," Lombe told Kamwanya.
- B Lombe told Kamwanya.....
- 4. A Mundia is short. He cannot touch the chalk board.
- Bso.....
- 5. A I can't believe that I have been selected to study languages at the university.
- B That.....
- 6. A If we pay school fees, we will be given food.
- B Unless.....
- 7. A The plane and its crew were lost in the storm.
- B The plane as well as.....

- 8. A A snake bit my brother. He was walking through the field
B Walking.....
- 9. A Even if you study hard, you will fail the examination.
B No matter.....
- 10. A Himoonga managed to stop the roof from collapsing.
B Himoonga succeeded.....

EXERCISE 5

- 1. A He was excited to go to the airport and meet the president.
B Going.....
- 2. A the farmer gave one third of his property to his two daughter and the rest to his four sons.
B The farmer divided.....
- 3. A I play a lot of basketball and exercise by going on long walks.
B Apart.....
- 4. A Now is the time for you to take the matter seriously.
B It's.....
- 5. A The Lion didn't attack the Zebra because it had eaten one earlier ago.
B Having.....
- 6. A It was reported that he had beaten his rival.
B He was.....
- 7. A She struggled harder and harder but accomplished less and less.
B The harder.....
- 8. A Ponga and four other grade 12 boys are studying in the library.
B Ponga together with.....
- 9. A It will need a genius to operate this machine.
B A genius.....
- 10. A As soon as the serial killer was arrested, the whole country rejoiced.
B No sooner.....

EXERCISE 6

- 1. A Immediately Mandela arrived in Lusaka, he was greeted by president Mwanawasa.
B hardly.....
- 2. A The new PTA chairwoman could not adapt to her new job.
B The new PTA chairwoman could not cope.....
- 3. A He was arrested because he stole a book.
B Seeing that.....
- 4. A Nelson Mandela is not only an outstanding humanist; he is also a great son of Africa.
B Besides.....

- 5. A Every little fish is able to swim.
Bcan.....
- 6. A Although the examination was difficult, the grade 12s remained calm.
Bdespite.....
- 7. A She told me that her father was sick.
Bof.....
- 8. A "What does it look like?" he asked.
B How.....
- 9. A He was sorry to hear that his friend had died out of neglect.
B To his.....
- 10. A The telephone wire has been cut.
Bwire.

EXERCISE 7

- 1. A How did you manage to come to school?
B How did you succeed.....
- 2. A had they not interfered, there could have been no problem.
B But for.....
- 3. A After having passed Kafue, the conductor examined my ticket.
B When.....
- 4. A The minister came to school in order to discuss the food crisis.
Bwith a view.....
- 5. A I will not forgive until he apologises.
B Not until.....
- 6. A He must not on any account inform his parents.
B On no
- 7. A As there was no lift, I had to walk six kilometres to the scene of the accident.
B There.....
- 8. A Junza would not eat meat under any circumstances.
B Under no.....
- 9. A Mwanza was sent to fetch Mutinta when the family heard that he was ill.
B Upon.....
- 10. A All the solutions provided are not satisfactory.
B None.....

EXERCISE 8

- 1. A They played with increasing restlessness.
B The longer.....
- 2. A Our teacher said he was pleased we had corrected our composition so carefully.
B Our teacher congratulated.....
- 3. A Botswana and five other countries are participating in the all Africa games.
B Botswana as well as.....

- 4. A Banda allowed Moomba read her letter.
Blet.....
- 5. A The teacher did not allow Wamunyima to play in the match.
B The teacher prevented.....
- 6. A Did she explain why she is late?
B Did she account.....
- 7. A He always respects his uncle.
B He always looks.....
- 8. A Although Michelo is a young man, he can usually handle problems at work.
Bcope.....
- 9. A The boys from Highlands all arrived at the meeting late.
Bturned.....
- 10. A As soon as she entered the room, she was greeted with a deafening applause.
B Hardly.....

EXERCISE 9

- 1. A Moonze rarely speaks in class.
B only occasionally.....
- 2. A He lost his job and his wife left him on the same day.
B Not only.....
- 3. A The fridge is beyond repair.
B In no way.....
- 4. A The loan from the bank solved his financial problems
B His.....
- 5. A We were often worried by his bad behaviour at school.
B His.....
- 6. A As we were going through the park, an elephant chased us.
B Going.....
- 7. A As the dog ran out onto the road, a passing lorry knocked it down and killed it.
B Running.....
- 8. A The jury returned to the court room after deciding on their verdict.
B Having.....
- 9. A Mubanga is more careless and lazier than any other pupil in the class.
B Mubanga is the.....
- 10. A I would rather starve than eat worms.
B I prefer.....

EXERCISE 10

- 1. A She says she cannot do better than that.
B She says that is.....
- 2. A They searched with increasing curiosity.
B The longer.....

- 3. A Misozi was excited. She could not sleep.
Bto.....
- 4. A If it had not been for the puncture, I would have got home before dark.
B But for.....
- 5. A They waited with increasing impatience.
B the longer.....
- 6. A In your place I would ask for a higher wage.
B If I.....
- 7. A I was happy because I borrowed a pen from Mwale.
B I was happy because Mwale.....
- 8. A That explains why Mwanga left for Lusaka so suddenly.
B That accounts.....
- 9. A Can you tolerate your wife’s continual complaints?
B Can you put.....
- 10. A Both the personnel manager and his assistants are going to attend the workshop.
B Either the personnel manager.....

EXERCISE 11

- 1. A They were delayed at the border.
B They were held.....
- 2. A We were happy to go to the airstrip to meet the minister.
B We enjoyed.....
- 3. A My sister enjoyed herself at the party and so did I.
B Both.....
- 4. A The talk was long and difficult but useful.
B In spite of.....
- 5. A He is unlucky because he cannot be admitted into university.
B That.....
- 6. A Mutinta didn’t realise how crowded Livingstone was until she went there.
B Not until.....
- 7. A we realised what a good leader she was when we got into her class.
B It was not.....
- 8. A He despised his grandfather.
B He looks.....
- 9. A We hope to hear another lecture from professor Nsofu in the near future.
B We look forward.....
- 10. A Janza is the brightest and most careful child in school.
B Janza is brighter.....

EXERCISE 12

- 1. A The inexperienced motorist increased speed only when the road ahead was quite clear.
B Not until.....
- 2. A The last general elections were in 2011.
B There.....
- 3. A Beef cost K17.00 per kg. Kapenta costs K8.50 per kg.
B Kapenta.....
- 4. A They made the speaker laugh.
Breduced.....
- 5. A She is a very good actor. She cannot forget her lines.
B She is too.....
- 6. A I am tired but I can still study.
B Tired.....
- 7. A If I had not intervened, he would have been punished.
B Had it.....
- 8. A They sat in the half moon, thus completing a circle with their host
B By.....
- 9. A Shamasamu was very happy and did not remember to say good bye.
B Shamasamu was too.....
- 10. A I came here in order to discuss my problems with my head teacher.
B I came here with a view.....

EXERCISE 13

- 1. A As soon as she arrived a careless waiter spilt a drink on her new dress.
B No sooner.....
- 2. A The patient should not on any account take more than one tablet at a time.
B On no account.....
- 3. A Mwape played so well that everyone was astonished.
B To.....
- 4. A She said Moonze had been leading a pretty wild life.
B She accused.....
- 5. A He was afraid that they would tell all their friends.
B He was afraid of.....
- 6. A Mundia has been at this school for three weeks.
B Mundia came to this school.....
- 7. A what a pity, they are not here.
B I wish.....
- 8. A Mwamba likes football better than cycling.
B Mwamba prefers.....

- 9. A Would you help me?
B Would you mind.....
- 10. A last night a burglar stole all my money.
B last night all.....

EXERCISE 14

- 1. A Farming is hard work but it is very rewarding.
B Although.....
- 2. A Life is more pleasant today than it was long ago.
B Long ago.....
- 3. A The mad dog broke the chain and ran through the neighbourhood.
B Having.....
- 4. A The thieves were made to return the money.
B They made.....
- 5. A Lungowe does not greet me and neither does her friend.
B Neither.....
- 6. A As Joleha ran down the path, Podani called her name.
B Running.....
- 7. A The girl is both clever and beautiful.
B Apart from.....
- 8. A The boys were given permission to talk during the English lesson.
B The teacher of English let.....
- 9. A I have seen Chabota on punishment on very few occasions.
B Seldom.....
- 10. A The chairman and the board members are in a meeting.
B The chairman with.....

EXERCISE 15

- 1. A She did not know that she was going to have an accident.
B Little.....
- 2. A It is difficult to believe that South Africa beat Brazil at football.
B That.....
- 3. A Although the situation was serious, we didn't give up.
B Serious.....
- 4. A If I didn't attend extra lessons, I would fall in English.
B but for.....
- 5. A The issue is still under discussion.
B We are still.....
- 6. A He does not often visit his mother.
B Hardly.....
- 7. A Both the boys and the girls have not done the work.
B Neither.....

- 8. A After Musonda had finished his supper, his mother sent him to bed.
B Having.....
- 9. A She does not know anything about motor mechanics.
B She has.....
- 10. A It is time for us to start copying the board notes.
B It's high time.....

EXERCISE 16

- 1. A The members of the church praise the new pastor because he is very helpful.
B Being.....
- 2. A Mabuvto was very annoyed. Consequently she slapped her husband.
B So.....
- 3. A As Mweene grew older, he became increasingly depressed and disillusioned.
B The older.....
- 4. A Sophisticated equipment cannot be dismantled by amateurs.
B Amateurs.....
- 5. A "I am going to punish all of you if you don't do this homework," said the teacher
B The teachers said.....
- 6. A The manager gave his workers a reward for coming first in the competition.
B Having.....
- 7. A Even though a telephone directory is useful, it has its limitations.
B Despite.....
- 8. A Both my sister and my brothers do not know how to cook nshima.
B Neither.....
- 9. A The school is visited regularly by a team of inspectors.
B A team of.....
- 10. A The film was so good that I went to see it again the following night.
B It was such.....

EXERCISE 17

- 1. A Everyone agreed that they should convene an emergency meeting.
B It was.....convened.
- 2. A She promised that she would marry him the next day.
B ".....," she promised.
- 3. A It is not possible that Sakala is visiting his girl friend this evening.
B For Sakala.....
- 4. A He is too good an actor to forget his lines.
B Such.....
- 5. A He did not see Chanda; he saw Bupe.
Bthat he saw.
- 6. A The judge will decide whether to hang him or not.
B The decision.....

- 7. A I should like you all to consider this matter seriously.
B This is.....
- 8. A Being without a house affects one’s efficiency as a worker.
B Without.....
- 9. A Would you close the door, please?
B I should.....
- 10. A He remembered locking the door.
B He was sure.....

EXERCISE 18

- 1. A It is ten years since Mr Musonda came to live next door to us.
B Mr. Musonda came to live.....
- 2. A Mwangala isn’t very interested in international affairs.
B Mwangala takes.....
- 3. A I shall go to the meeting provided you go with me.
B Unless.....
- 4. A Thanks to Chimuka, I got to the other side of the river.
B If it hadn’t been.....
- 5. A It seems that he went out of the house only once during the morning.
B He seems.....
- 6. A The results of industrialisation have been seen more clearly in Europe than anywhere else.
B Nowhere.....
- 7. A They invited me to spend my holidays with them in Lusaka.
B They suggested.....
- 8. A I am sorry I did not meet her when I was in Ndola,
B I wish.....
- 9. A The headmaster said that he was very pleased that we had done so well in the examinations.
B The headmaster congratulated.....
- 10. A I have never seen a better goalkeeper than Phiri.
B Phiri.....

EXERCISE 19

- 1. A They were so interested in the subject of the talk. They completely forgot the time.
B They were so.....
- 2. A They were nearly killed. Only their faithful hound saved them.
B If it.....
- 3. A They thought the policeman had nothing to complain about.
B They didn’t think.....

- 4. A People should not kill animals. They should only do so if they are certain that they are harmful.
B People.....unless.....
- 5. A They accused the man of robbery, but he said that he had been nowhere near the bank at the time.
B They accused the man of robbery, but he denied.....
- 6. A People should obey the law. Otherwise they may be arrested.
B If.....
- 7. A Malumo realised that he had missed the bus. If however, he could find a taxi, he would still be able to catch his plane.
B Malumo realised that although.....
- 8. A It was almost impossible to relax and enjoy the show because of the noise outside.
B The noise outside.....
- 9. A It would be a good idea if you rang her up and told her that you're going to be late.
B You'd.....
- 10. A "I don't know if Sitali will ever come here again," he said.
B He said that.....

EXERCISE 20

- 1. A I have never seen such a busy man before.
B He is.....
- 2. A Mpundu was kind to come and see us.
B It.....
- 3. A Obviously Moonga wanted to purchase the car.
B It was.....
- 4. A Because he was ill, the doctor advised him to stay at home
B Being.....
- 5. A The children would have drowned if the Sobek people hadn't come quickly.
B But for.....
- 6. A They demanded to be given their money as soon as they finished the work
B No sooner.....
- 7. A Although she was unhappy, she still went for the party.
B Unhappy.....
- 8. A The secretary was very pleasant. We met her at the office yesterday.
B The secretary who.....
- 9. A My pupils didn't work hard. Otherwise they would have passed the test.
B If only.....
- 10. A Chilongo is humble. She is a prostitute.
B No matter.....

D. ANSWERS

TOPICAL TRANSFORMATIONS

1. Contrast

- 1 Sitali is Lozi, yet cannot speak the Lozi language.
- 2 Phiri tried to open the tin even so he did not manage to.
- 3 Even though it rained heavily, the boys continued to play football.
- 4 The team managed to come tops despite the games being tough.
- 5 Besides being manager for Chalila limited, Musonda is also an actor for Muvi TV.
- 6 Malonga could not prise the door open though he tried to.
- 7 Cold though the day is, Sitali continued wearing a light white vest.
- 8 Kambole decided to go for interviews instead of going to the cinema.
- 9 On one hand the car is expensive and on the other it is in a deplorable state.
- 10 No matter how tough and rough the competition was, the girls were brave to face their competition.
- 11 This exercise is actually easy to tackle though it seems difficult.
- 12 The pool had been closed for repairs nevertheless the children still swam in it.

2. Comparison

- 1 The more he tried, the more disappointed he became.
- 2 Mulenga is not as tall as Mutale.
- 3 Mabvuto locked the door behind him as soon as he entered the house.
- 4 Having eaten his lunch, Junza went for basketball trainings
- 5 The longer Mutale waited Mungole the more impatient Mutale grew.
- 6 Barking and yelping, the dog was being chased by stone throwing boys.
- 7 Between Musonda and Samoonga, Musonda is brighter and more willing to help.
- 8 Of the two, Musonda is the brighter and more willing to help.
- 9 No sooner did the rains cease than the football match resume.
- 10 100 metres per second is the fastest Matete can run
- 11 The store keeper shut shop before he started off for home
The store keeper shut shop before starting off for home.
- 12 After shutting shop, the store keeper started off for home.

3. Reason

- 1 Because of late coming, Michelo was punished by the teacher.
- 2 Many pupils could not answer the maths questions as they were difficult.
- 3 Since the prices are high, few customers can afford to buy new clothes.
- 4 Now that the course was cheap and affordable, many girls registered for it.
- 5 Concentrating on the club, Mwanza failed the final examination.
- 6 Now that Mungole put in his best at work, he has been promoted to manager.
- 7 The meeting was put off till next week because most of the members were absent.

- 8 Farmers resorted to irrigation methods now that the rains are poor.
- 9 Knowing that Mulenga had just got paid, I asked him to lend me some money.
- 10 Daka advised against going ahead with the plan since he looked at the current situation.
- 11 As the economic times were harsh, Mwaanga sought employment in the mines.
- 12 Mwaanga sought employment in the mines seeing that the economic times were harsh.

4. The conditional

- 1 The team will win the next game if they concentrate hard.
- 2 Unless the car was bought early, it would not be a great present.
- 3 Even if Mphanda works impressively, he will not be appointed to the new position.
- 4 But for maths, Hamoonga would have passed the examinations.
- 5 The president will not visit Livingstone providing the streets are clean and tidy.
The president will not visit Livingstone providing that the streets are clean and tidy.
- 6 If only Ganizani had been serious with his proposal to Mutinta, he would have married early.
- 7 Should the teacher ask about my where about, tell him that I am unwell.
- 8 Supposing that the rains come early this year, will farmers plant their seed early?
- 9 Unless Mwansa did not dodge lessons last week, he would not be suspended.
- 10 Had all the teams participated, the games would have been interesting.
- 11 If the builders don't work overtime, the house will not be completed on time.
- 12 You would punish late comers providing you were appointed prefect.
You would punish late comers providing that you were appointed prefect.

5. Question tag

- 1 Moonde is the head boy of this school, isn't he?
- 2 Neither Mulenga nor Uyoya sat for the test, did he?
Neither Mulenga nor Uyoya sat for the test, did she?
- 3 This exercise is the simplest of all the transformations, isn't it?
- 4 We are not allowed to come with cellular phones to school, are we?
- 5 He is not the brightest of the three boys in the family, is he?
- 6 Musonda, Mwape, Sitali and Junza sing in the church choir, aren't they?
- 7 Neither Mr. Zulu nor Mr. Zimba comes for work on Sundays, does he?
- 8 The thief was not apprehended by the police last evening, was he?
- 9 Schools will be closing early August, won't they?
- 10 Mutinta and Mwape must not wear make up at school, mustn't they?
- 11 The building was demolished for health reasons, wasn't it?
- 12 Transformations are not difficult to write and pass, are they?

6. Result

- 1 Kambunga studied hard therefore he managed to qualify to university.
- 2 The dog jumped over the fence as a result it escaped the dog handler.
- 3 The riots were uncontrollable so the president declared a state of emergency.
- 4 Mungoni is so handsome that most girls are attracted to him.
- 5 The meeting is such a big and important event that all the ministers are in attendance.
- 6 There are enough mangoes to go round for everyone.
- 7 The day was too hot for the pupils to go for afternoon classes.
- 8 Bubbala fought a fellow pupil in front of the teacher consequently he was suspended for it.
- 9 The gates were locked for this reason many pupils were stranded outside.
- 10 Such a tall building is it that few people ever climb to the top.
- 11 Such a beautiful and slim woman is Mwape that many men have asked for her hand in marriage.
- 12 So much noise was there in class that the teacher grew angry and frustrated.

7. Relative clause

- 1 Mulenga who lives down the street will be leaving next week for Australia.
- 2 The bag, which you bought, is on display in another shop at a cheaper price.
- 3 The pen that Moonga lost had been given to her by her mother.
- 4 I went to see the police officer who is uncle on my mother's side.
- 5 That is the boy whose parents came yesterday.
- 6 The cat that ate the meat is dead.
- 7 The cake you baked was very nice and delicious.
- 8 The girl, we caught her stealing from the canteen, has been expelled.
- 9 Mugomo village which Mwanza is from is quite poor.
Mugomo village that Mwanza is from is quite poor.
- 10 The man from whom you borrowed money is looking for Sitali.
- 11 The painting at which the boys were looking was done by handicapped young lady.
- 12 The procurement committee on which Mundia sits is very influential.

8. Order of adjectives

- 1 Mutinta bought a pair of new high heeled red shoes.
- 2 Choolwe saw an old tall brown Zimbabwean man last night.
- 3 She tried to lift the worn out heavy rectangular black box.
- 4 This is a light and round football.
- 5 The building is a big and tall structure.
- 6 Musonda gave a small heavy green text book.

- 7 The walking girl looked from side to side as she crossed the street.
- 8 He was given a big long square orange shopping bag.
- 9 Zambia is playing fantastic South American football.
- 10 The round fat dark dancing lady laughed as she twirled around and around.
- 11 Jaganza is a hard tackling national team defender.
- 12 She met this ugly huge drunkard Malawian woman last week.

9. The passive

- 1 The car was bought at a very cheap price by Munkombwe.
- 2 The twins were appointed to represent Zambia at the commonwealth by the president.
- 3 The cows are being milked by Mwanza and Dugani this evening.
- 4 The parcel has been sent by express mail by Kajaliso.
- 5 "This job will be finished tomorrow by me," said Munalula.
- 6 The buildings were allegedly burned down.
- 7 Either Brazil or Nederland will win the world cup football tournament.
Either Nederland or Brazil will win the world cup football tournament.
- 8 The inspector observed the teacher of English during class.
- 9 Mr. Phiri taught physic to Moonze, Mwangala and Sitali.
- 10 St. Raphael's beat David Livingstone secondary school 18 baskets to 5.
- 11 The school administration rewarded the pupils for their outstanding performance.
- 12 An American friend of mine brought these kittens into Zambia.

10. Adverbs and adjectives

- 1 Such an intelligent girl is Moonze that she comes position one in class.
- 2 Mubanga is such a hard worker that his managers have a lot of confidence in him.
- 3 So many people has Sitali attended to that he is exhausted.
- 4 Such a high mountain is Mount Everest that it is considered the highest mountain in the world.
- 5 So short tempered is Mwanza that most of his friends avoid him.
- 6 Such a big girl Kambela will be when she grows up that many will doubt her age.
- 7 The pot is too hot for Mapulanga to lift it off the stove.
- 8 So much sugar was bought by Mandunga that he failed to resell it.
- 9 So big are the dogs that our neighbours fear them.
- 10 He is too good an actor to forget his lines.
- 11 Such a difficult examination it was that many candidates had little hope of passing it.
- 12 The teaching staff is too large for one to know all the teachers.

11. Fronted adjectives

- 1 Hot as the day is, Sitali continued wearing a large thick coat.
- 2 A bad leg though Chanda has, he went on to win the race.

- A bad leg as Chanda has, he went on to win the race.
- 3 High though the wall was, the thieves managed to scale it.
- 4 Beautiful as Mutinta is, no man asks her hand in marriage.
- 5 Late though the night was, the party revellers continued to dance.
Late as the night was, the party revellers continued to dance.
- 6 Tough though the examinations seemed, many candidates scored distinctions.
Tough as the examinations seemed, many candidates scored distinctions.
- 7 Bright as the day will be, people will still wear their winter coats.
- 8 Noisy though Choongo is in class, he usually scores the highest in English.
Noisy as Choongo is in class, he usually scores the highest in English.
Noisy though Choongo is in class, she usually scores the highest in English.
Noisy as Choongo is in class, she usually scores the highest in English.
- 9 Fast as Matete is, he has not won many sprint races in the past.
- 10 So tall though the goal keeper is, the ball beat him into the goal.
So tall as the goal keeper is, the ball beat him into the goal.
- 11 A bad team though Algeria were, they qualified to the round of sixteen.
A bad team as Algeria were, they qualified to the round of sixteen.
- 12 Plenty of information though Changala, Mwangi and Jembo had, they did not know.
Plenty of information as Changala, Mwangi and Jembo had, they did not know.

12. That clause

- 1 That the head boy was caught drinking beer surprised the members of staff.
- 2 That he cannot pay his examination fees is unfortunate.
- 3 That Lesotho beat Zambia 3 goals to 1 is hard to believe.
- 4 That Cameroon was beaten 4 goals to 1 by Brazil did not surprise anyone.
- 5 That the school bus is always late from town is normal.
- 6 That the experiment went wrong greatly shocked the science teacher.
- 7 That the Victoria Falls are a mighty wonder to watch captivates the tourists.
- 8 That the examinations were leaked a week before did not come as a surprise.
- 9 That Musenge's cruelty towards children astounded the people.
- 10 That you must have a merit in English language and literature in order to be admitted for a degree programme.
- 11 That the electorate has voted for you do not allow you to start to plunder national resources.
That the electorate has voted for you do not allow you to start plundering national resources.
- 12 That the transformation exercise was passable was agreed by every pupil.

13. Subject – verb agreement

- 1 Zambia as well as five other countries qualified for the 2022 world cup finals.
- 2 Neither my brother nor I am interested in football.

Neither I nor my brother is interested in football.

- 3 Both Mwape and Mutinta have been invited to the celebrations.
- 4 Neither the head teacher nor his deputy was in school.
- 5 All the bags of sugar were loaded onto the train last night.
- 6 All the furniture was in the store.
- 7 The luggage was left behind at the bus terminus.
- 8 The plane together with its crew was lost in the storm.
- 9 We did not see her at school and neither did anyone else.
- 10 Both my cousin and I enjoyed ourselves at the party.
Both my cousin and I enjoyed the party.
- 11 Teachers and pupils always blame each other for the pupils' poor examination results.
- 12 Both Mwansa and Sitali are not wearing school uniform.

14. Direct and reported speech

- 1 The secretary announced that the head teacher wanted to see Mr. Phiri in his office.
- 2 Mwape said he had just finished reading 'Things Fall Apart' by Achebe.
- 3 The engineer shouted that the centre could no longer hold the massive weight of the bridge.
- 4 Mundia told Chipu that they would soon meet on the other side of the river.
- 5 Mulenga was asked by Mweemba if Chansa was the last born in his family.
Mulenga was asked by Mweemba if Chansa was the last born in her family.
- 6 "Are we to come for study on Saturdays?" Musopelo asked the teacher.
- 7 Mweemba asked Mulenga if Chansa was the last born in his family.
Mweemba asked Mulenga if Chansa was the last born in her family.
- 8 "We are going for interviews the week after next," said Chipu to the boys.
"You are going for interviews the week after next," said Chipu to the boys
- 9 "Get out of the way!" shouted the driver at the pedestrian.
- 10 "School will be running on half day starting tomorrow," the master on duty informed the pupils.
- 11 The tourist exclaimed, "The Victoria falls are a mighty wonder to watch!"
- 12 "Mwansa," asked Mutinta, "who has left the dogs unchained in the backyard?"

15. Phrasal verbs

- 1 The soldiers surrendered early during the war.
- 2 Mr Rupiah Banda was surprised by Mr Michael Sata's election victory.
Mr Rupiah Banda was shocked by Mr Michael Sata's election victory.
- 3 The old man passed out because of the hot weather.
- 4 The passengers got onto the plane.
The passengers got on the plane.
- 5 "You are to abide by all rules set by the institution," announced the principal.

- 6 They barged into the meeting without due consideration for privacy.
They barged in the meeting without due consideration for privacy.
- 7 She is a reject among her own people.
- 8 Chilengwa could not suss out what the cause of the problem might be.
- 9 The two football players almost had a face off after the foul.
- 10 The joke was so funny that Magoye cracked up.
- 11 The weather will improve at any moment since the rains have gone.
- 12 She chewed over what he had said earlier very carefully.
She chewed on what he had said earlier very carefully.

16. Participle phrase

- 1 Walking in the bush, my brother was bitten by a snake.
- 2 Detained since morning, the suspect was set free in the evening by the police.
Detained since morning, the suspect was set free by the police in the evening.
- 3 Having eaten an impala a while ago, the lion didn't attack this one.
- 4 Hearing of Mutinta's illness, the family sent Mwangala to fetch her.
- 5 Passing through the park, we were chased by an elephant.
- 6 To her sorrow, Mulenga heard that her friend died through neglect.
- 7 To astonishment of everyone, Mulonga played so well.
- 8 Hoping to avoid a riot, the boarding master bought beef for pupils.
- 9 To get closer to the fall's edge, the tourists crossed the narrow dangerous bridge.
- 10 Running out onto the road, the dog was knocked down and killed by a passing car.
- 11 Watered in late in the morning by the watchman, the garden remained moist till sunset.
- 12 Having broken the rope, the mad dog ran through the compound.

17. The unreal past

- 1 It's high time we started making our own notes.
It's high time we started to make our own notes.
- 2 It's time we prepared for the examinations.
- 3 Mwense wanted to behave as though he were my father.
- 4 It's time Mulenga and Mundia left immediately.
- 5 It's time Mulenga applied for a vacancy in the company.
It's time for Mulenga to apply for a vacancy in the company.
- 6 It's high time the exercises and homework were submitted.
- 7 It's time she was considered for promotion.
- 8 It's high time the people elected the right person for president.
- 9 It's high time they started improving on their performance and results.
It's high time they started to improve on their performance and results.
- 10 It's time Jelita and Mwansa concentrated on their work.
- 11 It's high time Dabwiso began to attend evening classes in English language.
It's high time Dabwiso began attending evening classes in English language.

- 12 It's time Daka paid the rentals this evening.
It's time for Daka to pay the rentals this evening.

18. Subject – verb inversion

- 1 Rarely does he visit the village.
- 2 Not until Junza's parents allow him to enter their bedroom, does Junza do so.
- 3 Only did they realise how dangerous the lion was after meeting it.
- 4 Not only is she my uncle's niece but also a good friend of mine.
- 5 No sooner did the president's car drive in than the police officers gave a salute.
- 6 Hardly did the goods train depart when it developed a mechanical fault.
- 7 However how much Chilufya complains, no one will attend to his problem.
- 8 Under no circumstances are we allowed to come with cellular phones to school.
- 9 Seldom are wild animals seen in the middle of Livingstone city.
- 10 Scarcely does he bus pass this route on its way to South Africa.
- 11 Such a lot of noise was in the class that the teacher punished them.
- 12 So beautiful and tall is Mutinta that all the men can't help but admire her.

MIXED EXERCISES

Exercise 1

1. None of the fruits are ripe.
2. Never before have I ever been asked to accept a bribe.
3. In spite of the wedding dress being so light and short, it was presentable.
4. Hardly had he scored when the crowd stood up in joy.
5. Being such beautiful examples of craftsmanship, the baskets in the museum are admired by everyone who sees them.
6. The basket she was carrying was heavy.
7. The headmaster denied having said anything about the holiday.
8. The result could not be avoided.
9. It was not until his death that we found out how rich he was.
10. Only by shouting on top of his voice was Dalitso able to make himself heard.

Exercise 2

1. On no account must this briefcase be touched.
2. Never before has wife fed me this well.
3. Only by her hard work did Mwape come first in the final examination.
4. Nowhere else did I enjoy the most beautiful scenery than in South Africa.
5. If the bus had not broken down, it would have reached the bridge before dark.
If the bus had not broken down, it would have reached the bridge in the light.
6. So bad was the war between the allied forces and Iraq that thousands of adults as well as children were killed.

7. No sooner had the teacher entered the classroom than he noticed that his duster was missing.
8. Not until the floods had receded, could they assess the damage.
9. Only after hours of persuasion did Sichone agree to play for the country.
10. It was agreed by everyone that an emergency meeting should be convened.
It was agreed upon that an emergency meeting should be convened.
It was agreed by everyone that they should convene an emergency meeting.

Exercise 3

1. So annoyed was Eukeria that she gave way to anger.
2. In no way do the passengers blame the driver for the accident.
3. That the head boy was caught drinking beer surprised the members of staff.
4. Under no circumstances will the deposit be refunded.
5. Seldom does Inonge come late for class.
6. Her accepting the prefect's punishment surprised us all.
Her acceptance of the prefect's punishment surprised us all.
7. Such an impressive speech did the chairman make that the audience listened to him.
8. Rarely do the prefects come to class.
9. Scarcely had the pupils started eating when the headmaster stormed into the dining hall.
10. Never before has Chipso seen such an immaculate jewel.

Exercise 4

1. Hoping to avoid a riot, the boarding master bought some beef for pupils.
2. Little did Mutinta think that one day she would become head girl.
3. Lombe told Kamwanya that the head teacher had arrived.
4. Mundia is so short that he cannot touch the chalk board.
5. That I have been selected to study languages at the university is unbelievable.
6. Unless we pay school fees, we will not be given food.
7. The plane as well as its crew was lost in the storm.
8. Walking through the field, my brother was bitten by a snake.
9. No matter how hard you study, you will fail the examination.
10. Himoonga succeeded in stopping the roof from collapsing.

Exercise 5

1. Going to the airport to meet the president excited him.
Going to the airport and meeting the president excited him.
2. The farmer divided one third of his property between his two daughters and the rest among the four sons.
3. Apart from playing a lot of basketball, I exercise by going on long walks.
4. It's high time you took the matter seriously.
It's time you take the matter seriously.

5. Having eaten a Zebra earlier ago, the lion didn't attack this one.
6. He was reported to beaten his rival.
7. The harder she struggled, the less she accomplished.
8. Ponga, together with four other grade 12boys, is studying in the library.
9. A genius will be needed to operate this machine.
10. No sooner was the serial killer arrested than the whole nation rejoiced.

Exercise 6

1. Hardly did Mandela arrive in Lusaka when he was greeted by president Mwanawasa.
2. The new PTA chairwoman could not cope with her new job.
3. Seeing that he stole a book, he was arrested.
4. Besides being an outstanding humanist, Nelson Mandela is a great son of Africa.
5. Every little fish can swim.
6. The grade 12s remained calm despite the examination being difficult.
7. She informed me of her father's sickness.
She told me of her father's sickness.
8. "How does it look?" he asked.
9. To his sorrow he heard that his friend had died out of neglect.
To his sorrow he heard that his friend had died through neglect.
10. Someone has cut the telephone wire.
Somebody has cut the telephone wire.

Exercise 7

1. How did you succeed in coming to school?
2. But for their interference, there could have been no problem.
3. When we had passed Kafue, the conductor examined our tickets.
4. The minister came to school with a view to discussing the food crisis.
5. Not until he apologises will I forgive him.
6. On no account must he inform his parents.
7. There being no lift, I had to walk six kilometres to the scene of the accident.
There being no lift, I had to walk six kilometres to the accident scene.
8. Under no circumstances would Junza eat meat.
9. Upon hearing that Mutinta was ill, the family sent Mwanza to fetch him.
10. None of the solutions provided is satisfactory.

Exercise 8

1. The longer they played, the more restless they became
2. Our teacher congratulated us on having corrected our compositions so carefully.
3. Botswana as well as five other countries is participating in the all Africa games.
4. Banda let Moomba read the letter.
5. The teacher prevented Wamunyima from playing in the match.
6. Did she account for her lateness?

- Did she account for her being late?
7. He always looks up to his uncle.
He always looks to his uncle.
 8. Although Michelo is a young man, he can cope with problems at work.
 9. The boys from highlands all turned up for the meeting late.
The boys from highlands all turned up late for the meeting.
 10. Hardly did she enter the room when she was greeted with deafening applause.

Exercise 9

1. Only occasionally does Moonze speak in class.
2. Not only did he lose his job but also his wife on the same day.
3. In no way can the fridge be repaired.
In no way is the fridge repairable
4. His financial problems were solved with the loan from the bank.
His financial problems were solved by the loan from the bank.
5. His bad behaviour at school often worried us
6. Going through the park, we were chased by an elephant.
7. Running out onto the road, the dog was knocked down and killed by a passing lorry.
8. Having decided on their verdict, the jury returned to the court room.
9. Mubanga is the most careless and laziest of any pupil in the class.
10. I prefer starving to eating worms.
I prefer to starve to eating worms.

Exercise 10

1. She says that is the best she can do.
2. The longer they searched the more curious they became.
3. Misozi was too excited to sleep.
4. But for the puncture, I would have got home before dark.
5. The longer they waited, the more impatient they grew.
The longer they waited, the more impatient they became.
6. If I were you, I would ask for a higher wage.
If I were in your place, I would ask for a higher wage.
7. I was happy because Mwale lent me his pen.
8. That accounts for Mwanga's leaving for Lusaka so suddenly.
9. Can you put up with your wife's continual complaints?
10. Either the personnel manager or his assistants are going to attend the workshop.

Exercise 11

1. They were held up at the border.
2. We enjoyed going to the airstrip to meet the minister.
3. Both my sister and I enjoyed ourselves at the party.
Both my sister and I enjoyed the party.

4. In spite of being long and difficult, the talk was useful.
5. That he cannot be admitted into university is unlucky.
6. Not until Mutinta went to Livingstone, did she realise how crowded it was.
7. It was not until she went to class did we realise what a good leader she was.
8. He looks down on his grandfather
He looks down upon his grandfather.
9. We looked forward to hearing another lecture from professor Nsofu in the near future.
10. Janza is brighter and more careful than any child in school.

Exercise 12

1. Not until the road ahead was quite clear did the inexperienced motorist increase speed.
2. There haven't been any general elections since 2011.
3. Kapenta costs twice as less as beef.
Kapenta costs half as much per kg as beef
4. They reduced the speaker to laughter
5. She is too good an actor to forget her lines.
6. Tired though I may be, I can still study.
Tired though I am, I can still study.
Tired as I may be, I can still study.
Tired as I am, I can still study.
7. Had it not been for my intervention, he would have been punished.
8. By sitting in the half moon, they completed a circle with their host.
9. Shamasamu was too happy to remember to say good bye.
10. I came here with a view to discussing my problems with my head teacher.

Exercise 13

1. No sooner did she arrive than a careless waiter spilt a drink on her new dress.
2. On no account should the patient take more than one tablet at a time.
3. To everyone's astonishment, Mwape played so well
4. She accused Moonze of having led a pretty wild life.
5. He was afraid of them telling all his friends.
6. Mundia came to this school three weeks ago
7. I wish they were here.
8. Mwamba prefers football to cycling
9. Would you mind helping me?
10. Last night all my money was stolen by a burglar.

Exercise 14

1. Although farming is hard work, it is very rewarding.
2. Long ago life was not as pleasant as it is today.
3. Having broken the chain, the mad dog ran through the neighbourhood.

4. They made the thieves return the money.
5. Neither Lungowe nor her friend greets me.
6. Running down the path, Joleha was called by Podani.
7. Apart from being clever, the girl is beautiful.
8. The teacher of English let the boys talk during the English lesson.
9. Seldom have I seen Chabota on punishment.
10. The chairman with the board members is in a meeting.

Exercise 15

1. Little did she know that she was going to have an accident.
2. That South Africa beat Brazil at football is difficult to believe.
3. Serious though the situation was, we didn't give up.
Serious as the situation was, we didn't give up
4. But for attending extra lessons, I would fail in English.
5. We are still discussing the issue.
6. Hardly does he visit his mother.
7. Neither the boys nor the girls have done the work.
8. Having finished his supper, Musonda was sent to bed by his mother.
9. She has little knowledge of motor mechanics.
10. It's high time we started copying the board notes.
It's high time we started to copy the board notes.

Exercise 16

1. Being very helpful, the new pastor is praised by the members of the church.
2. So annoyed was Mabvuto that she slapped her husband.
3. The older Mweene grew, the more he became disillusioned and depressed.
4. Amateurs cannot dismantle sophisticated equipment.
5. The teacher said that he was going to punish us all if we didn't do this homework.
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The teacher said she was going to punish us all if we didn't do this homework.
6. Having come first in the competition, the workers were given rewards by the manager.
Having come first in the competition, the workers were rewarded by the manager.
7. Despite being useful, a telephone directory has its limitations.
8. Neither my sister nor my brothers know how to cook.
Neither my brothers nor my sister knows how to cook.
9. A team of inspectors regularly visited the school.
10. It was such a good film that I went to see it again the following night.

Exercise 17

1. It was agreed that an emergency meeting should be convened.
It was agreed that an emergency meeting be convened.
2. "I will marry you tomorrow," she promised.
"Tomorrow, I will marry you," she promised.
3. For Sakala to visit his girl friend this evening is not possible.
4. Such a good actor is he that he cannot his lines.
5. It was not Chanda but Bupe that he saw.
6. The decision whether to hang him or not lies with the judge.
The decision lies with the judge whether to hang him or not
7. This is a matter that I should like you all to consider seriously.
8. Without a house affects one's efficiency as a worker.
9. I should close the door, please.
10. He was sure to lock the door.
He was sure of locking the door.

Exercise 18

1. Mr. Musonda came to live next door to us ten years ago.
2. Mwangala takes little interest in international affairs.
3. Unless you go with me, I shall not go to the meeting.
4. If it hadn't been for Chimuka, I would not have got to the other side of the river.
5. He seems to have gone out of the house only once during the morning.
6. Nowhere else have the results of industrialisation been seen more clearly than in Europe.
7. They suggested that I spend my holidays with them in Lusaka.
They suggested I spend my holidays with them in Lusaka.
8. I wish I met her when I was in Ndola.
9. The head master congratulated us on doing so well in the examinations.
10. Phiri is the best goal keeper I have ever seen.

Exercise 19

1. They were so interested in the subject of the talk that they completely forgot the time.
2. If it had not been for their faithful hound that saved them, they would have been killed.
3. They didn't think that the policeman had anything to complain about.
4. People should not kill animals unless they are certain that they are harmful.
5. They accused the man of robbery but he denied being anywhere near the bank at the time.
6. If people obey the law, they will not be arrested.
7. Malumo realised that although he had missed the bus, he could find a taxi and would still be able to catch his plane.

8. The noise outside almost made it impossible to relax and enjoy the show.
9. You'd do well if you rang her up and told her that you're going to be late.
You'd do well to ring her up and tell her that you're going to be late.
10. He said that he didn't know if Sitali would ever come here again.

Exercise 20

1. He is the busiest man I have ever seen.
2. It was kind of Mpundu to come and see us.
3. It was obvious that Moonga wanted to purchase the car
4. Being ill, he was advised by the doctor to stay at home
Being ill, he was advised to stay at home by the doctor.
5. But for the Sobek people coming quickly, the children would have drowned.
6. No sooner did they finish the work than they demanded to be given their money.
7. Unhappy though she was, she still went to the party.
Unhappy as she was, she still went to the party.
8. The secretary who we met at the office yesterday was very pleasant.
9. If only my pupils studied hard, would they have passed the test?
10. No matter how humble Chilongo is, she is a prostitute.

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