



THE NERDS EXAMINATIONS BOARD
PRIMARY LEAVING EXAMINATION
2025

ENGLISH 4/4

Time Allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes

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Read the following instructions carefully:

1. Do not write your **school** or **district name** anywhere on this paper.
2. This paper has two sections **A** and **B**.
Section **A** has **50 questions** and **section B** has **5 questions**. This paper has **16 pages** printed altogether.
3. Answer **all** questions. All the working for both sections **A** and **B** must be shown in the spaces provided.
4. **All** working must be done using a **blue** or **black** ball point pen or ink. Any work done in pencil will **NOT** be marked except drawings and diagram.
5. Unnecessary **changes** in your work and handwriting that cannot be easily read may lead to loss of marks.
6. Do not fill anything in the table indicated **"For examiners' use only"** and the boxes inside the question paper.

FOR EXAMINERS' USE ONLY		
Qn. No.	MARKS	EXR'S No.
1 – 10		
11 – 20		
21 – 30		
31 – 40		
41 – 50		
51		
52		
53		
54		
55		
TOTAL		

SECTION A (50 MARKS)

Sub-section I

In questions 1-5, fill in the blank spaces with a suitable word or group of word to complete the sentences.

1. How _____ did you pay for that diskette?
2. _____ you write neatly, you will score poor scores.
3. The thieves broke _____ Kasule's garage and took off with his new car.
4. If I had money, I _____ visit the zoo tomorrow.
5. All stations should abide _____ the rules of UCC.

In questions 6-15, use the words in brackets to complete the sentences correctly.

6. She had a lot of _____ in her composition. (repeat)
7. Having _____ from the store room, Namukasa threw away all the tomatoes. (rot)
8. Of all the boys in Primary Seven, Samson is the _____. (humble)
9. The old man who passes by everyday was convicted for _____. (rob)
10. He _____ wrote his father's name on the examination paper. (accident)
11. By the time mummy came back, we _____. (to bath)
12. He _____ denounced Ritanah as his daughter. (public)
13. That book is not mine alone, it is _____. (we)
14. _____ beds are good because they don't easily burn in case of a fire outbreak. (metal)
15. There were many _____ of flue in the world last month. (crisis)

In questions 16-17, re-arrange the words in ABC order.

16. sauna fan hotel gym menu
- _____

17. message massage marry messenger
- _____

In questions 18-19, use the words below in sentences to show the difference in meaning.

18. reply _____

19. reply _____

In questions 20-21, write the following in short forms.

20. acting _____ 21. tenth _____

In questions 22-24, give one word for the underlined group of words.

22. Few companies have existed for one thousand years.

23. The woman who looks after sheep has built a very strong shed for her ewes.

24. The children ready for final exams are very busy.

In questions 25-26, re-write giving the plural of the underlined words.

25. This talk show will feature the Minister of Education.

26. Most of the land ladies carry handkerchief in their bags.

In questions 27-28, re-write giving the opposites of the underlined words.

27. The MTN mast near our home is immovable.

28. My young sibling is in upper primary now.

In questions 29-30, Re-arrange the words below to form correct meaningful sentences.

29. to good it children I don't good mistreat think is

30. news on Radio Canary Mugume not a is reporter One.

Sub-section II

In questions 31-50, re-write as instructed in brackets.

31. Cows eat grass. (Begin: Grass.....)

32. A dog is used for security. It also needs to be protected and well catered for. (...much as..)

33. I sat my PLE from that school. The school has been closed due to malpractice. (...where...)
34. John wants to build a school. John wants to build a church. (...either....or.....)
35. He says, "I take this bag to school every day." (Begin: He says that.....)
36. You needn't buy another DVD player. (.....necessary.....)
37. I did not write well, I did not get the pass mark. (Begin: Had.....)
38. I hate watching sports on television. (.....don't like.....)
39. We cannot tune to CNN. They cannot tune to CNN. (.....and neither.....)
40. How ignorant you are in the case! (Begin: You.....)
41. Wilson is an actor. He comes from Ghana. He is short and loving. (Re-write without using who, and, or from) _____
42. The invigilator found a piece of written work in my pocket. He allowed me in the examination room. (.....in spite.....)
43. Many teachers were present but Mr. Ekudo was absent. (Begin: Whereas)
44. People of Teso are growing millet. (Begin: Millet.....)

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45. Candidates should be disciplined if they want to pass. (.....or else.....)
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46. I can't wait to tour western Uganda during the holiday. (....look forward.....)
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47. It becomes very expensive when the journey is long. (Begin: The....., the.....)
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48. There was almost nobody in the post office. (.....hardly.....)
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49. Sentamu may not replay to her letter. (.....likely.....)
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50. The teacher will ask for the books at noon. Boniface will finish copying the notes at 10:30a.m. (Begin: BY the time.....)
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SECTION B (50 MARKS)

51. **Read the passage below and in full sentences answer the questions below.**

Last week, our class visited a post office at 10:00am. We travelled by a minibus. When we reached the post office, we were welcomed by Mrs. Opi. Our teacher Mr. Mbabazi, introduced us to Mrs. Opi.

Mrs. Opi told us that the post office offers many services. For examples, she said it helps people to communicate with one another. People send and receive letters, parcels, money and telegrams through the post office. Letters and parcels are either registered or not.

“Even love letters?” Apio interrupted, sending everyone into wild laughter. After the laughter had died to a few giggles, Mrs. Opi said that the post office receives all kinds of letters. But she quickly cautioned us against getting involved in romantic relationships at our age.

The post office has post-boxes which have numbers. Each user has a special post office box number. Letters and small parcels are put in each post-box. This is where the owners get them from. The post office receives rental fees from each user. This is paid only once a year.

We were shown stamps which are stuck on letters to be sent by the post office. The stamps had very exciting photos, especially those that had tropical plants. Each stamp has an amount of money. Unless the letter has a stamp, it cannot be posted. When you buy a stamp, then you have paid money for the postage of your letter. The letters to be posted are put in a letter slot. “You will soon see some people come to post letters through the slot,” Mrs. Opi said.

“What are these pretty papers?” Tinka pointed.

“Those are called aerogrammes,” Mrs. Opi answered. “They are special papers you write on and fold without putting in an envelope. You only buy a stamp.”

“What is that big book?” Hadijah inquired.

“That is the Post Office Directory,” said Mrs. Opi. “Who can tell us what is in that book?” Mrs. Opi asked.

The pupils learnt that addresses of people, schools, companies and the others are found in the directory.

“What is the difference between private box and a telegram?” asked Wakisa while smiling.

“A private box is where people without post-boxes get their letters and parcels. A telegram is a special way of sending a message quickly through electrical signals.”

“Is it like a money order?” Wakisa inquired again. “No, a money order is a special form you fill in so as to send someone money,” Mrs. Opi answered

Mr. Mbabazi thanked Mrs. Opi for the information given to the class about the post office. We, the primary five Blue’s gave a vote of thanks to the team and boarded our minibus back to Alua Primary School.

Questions

a) What is the passage about?

b) Which class visited the post office?

c) At what time did the class visit the post office?

d) When did the pupil visit the post office?

e) Who welcomed the class at the Post Office?

f) Why do you think the children went to the Post office?

g) Which messages are sent using electrical signals?

h) Where can one find the address of Alua Primary School if one doesn't know it?

i) How can you send money to someone through the post office?

j) Write the Post Office in short.

52. **Read the poem below carefully and in full sentences, answer the questions that follow.**

*I did not take time to listen when my parents talked to me with love
About the fruits of staying in school
I was very foolish indeed. That I couldn't follow my teacher's advice
How stupid I was at that time!
That I didn't admire fellow young boys and girls,
Who woke up every morning to go to school!
To gain knowledge that has made them big men and women
Leaving me a miserable dropout
I am now the fertile ground for child labour
Early marriage has been my title
Abortion has been number one on my chores
Sugar daddies have made me their waitress
All leaving me without rights and freedom
Are you still in school?
Please listen to my sorrowful words
And don't drop out of school
Listen to your parents and teachers
Then you will be a responsible being*
Kabyeraranga Sinyola

Questions

a) To whom should the writer have listened?

b) What did the writer's parents talk about?

c) How did the writer show that she was stupid?

d) According to the poem, why do boys and girls go to school?

e) What does the poet call her chore?

f) How have the sugar daddies made the writer's life bad?

g) Who wrote the poem?

h) What does the writer tell other not to do?

i) Suggest a suitable title to the poem.

j) Give another word a group of words to mean sorrowful as used in the poem.

53. **Below is Alinda Viviane's Holiday plan for December, 2025. Study it and in full answer the questions about it.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Break up for holiday	4 Write Math holiday work	5	6 Write Science holiday work
7 Church at St. Peters' Namugongo	8	9 Helping mom cook	10 Wash and pack my clothes	11	12 Visit Aunt Flavia in Soroti	13
14 Go to church with cousins	15 Help aunt on farm	16	17 Visit Uncle Walter	18 Do SST holiday work	19	20 Go back to Namugongo (my home)
21 Write English holiday work	22 Buy birthday gifts	23 Attend Aunt Barbra's birthday	24 Shop for x-mas with Dad	25 Celebrate x-mas	26 Open x-mas gifts	27
28	29	30	31 Watch news and fire works			

Questions

- Whose holiday plan is shown above?

- For which month was the above plan made?

- When did Alinda Viviane break up for holidays?

- What did Viviane do on the 2nd Thursday of the month?

- What do you think was celebrated on Christmas Day?

- Where does Alinda Viviane stay?

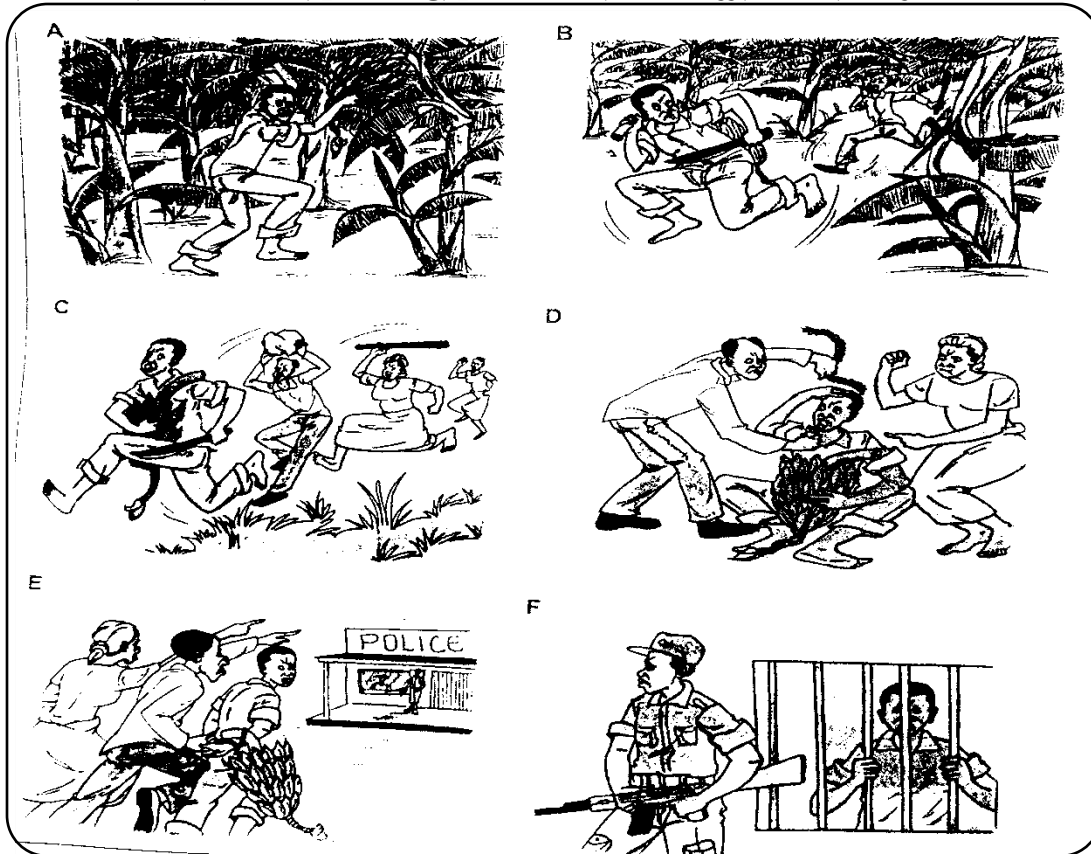
- When did this month end?

- If you were a Seventh Day Adventist, for how many days would you go for prayer in this month?

i) What did she do on 24th December 2020?

j) When did she visit Uncle Walter?

54. **The picture A-F tell a story. Write a sentences about each picture to describe what is happening. You may use the following words:** *cut, chasing, banana, arrest, police station, run, prison, pleading, plantation, handcuff, sticks, thief.*



Questions

a) Picture A _____

b) Picture B _____

c) Picture C _____

d) Picture D _____

e) Picture E _____

f) Picture F _____

g) Did the thief succeed in stealing the banana?

h) Where is the thief in picture F?

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