



SURE KEY EXAMINATIONS BOARD  
PRIMARY LEAVING EXAMINATION  
2020  
ENGLISH

**Time Allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes**

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**Candidate's Name:** .....

**Candidate's Signature:** .....

**School Random No.** .....

**District ID:**.....

**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. The paper has **16 printed pages** 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.
5. Unnecessary **changes** in your work and handwriting that cannot easily be read may lead to loss of marks.
6. Do not fill anything in the table indicated: "**For Examiners' Use only**" and 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

#### Questions 1 to 50 carry one mark each

In each of the questions **1** to **5**, fill in the blank space with a suitable word.

1. My sister is old ..... to join Primary One.
2. I congratulate you ..... your excellent performance.
3. The bigger the car, the ..... expensive it is.
4. The teacher sat ..... his table and had lunch.
5. No sooner ..... we gone out of the room than it began raining.

In each of the questions **6** to **15**, use the correct form of the word given in the brackets to complete the sentence.

6. Having ..... on the bed, I felt a little better. (lie)
7. Stop ..... my bag, Steve. (dirty)
8. Phiona is the ..... of the twin sisters. (beauty)
9. There were several ..... in the store. (mousetrap)
10. The bees ..... the children yesterday. (sting)
11. Many people attended the ..... of the minister. (bury)
12. A friend of ..... has won a prize. (you)
13. The old man treated us with ..... (kind)
14. I have met my friend .....since the year began. (two)
15. Musa rode the bicycle ..... (careful)

In each of the questions **16** and **17**, re-write the sentence giving the plural form of the underlined word.

16. My uncle’s brother-in-law will attend the wedding.

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17. The chief visited our school yesterday.

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In questions **18** and **19**, arrange the given words in alphabetical order.

18. desk, chair, table, stool

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19. frost, fry, free, fray

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For questions **20** to **22**, re-write the sentence giving one word for the underlined group of words.

20. My friend comes from an area which is having many mountains.

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21. If I do not pass the examination, the teachers will not be happy with me.

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22. The farmer sold some of the young sheep.

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For questions **23** and **24**, write the full form of the given short form.

23. PE .....

24. Dr. ....

In questions **25** and **26**, re-write the sentence giving the opposite form of the underlined word.

25. He is a very rich man.  
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26. Some of our prefects are responsible.  
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For questions **27** and **28**, use the given word in a sentence to show that you know the difference in their meaning.

27. row .....  
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28. raw .....  
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For questions **29** and **30**, re-arrange the given words to form correct sentences.

29. baked tasty the cakes Who?  
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30. one I in God believe.  
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## Sub-Section II

For each of the questions **31** to **50**, re-write the sentences as instructed in the brackets.

31. "I am not a thief," the man denied. (Re-write the sentence beginning:  
The man denied that.....)

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32. Both Kevin and Simon have come early.  
(Re-write the sentence using: .....and so.....)

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33. Despite having a lot of money, he did not take his children to school.  
(Re-write the sentence beginning: Although.....)

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34. He has bought a radio. He has bought a television.  
(Re-write as **one** sentence using: .....not only.....)

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35. His mother has come back from Mombasa.  
(Re-write the sentence using: .....returned.....)

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36. It was not necessary for the boy to escape from school.  
(Re-write the sentence using: .....needn't.....)

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37. Joy is taller than Jacob.  
(Re-write the sentence using: .....as.....as.....)

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38. Mary will take care of the baby.  
(Re-write the sentence ending: .....by Mary.)  
  
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39. Mrs. Othieno lent six thousand shillings to Jane for buying bread.  
(Re-write the sentence using: .....borrowed.....)  
  
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40. Those butchers' have been closed.  
(Re-write the sentence using: .....has.....)  
  
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41. Mugabi is a very clever boy. He can pass this question.  
(Re-write as one sentence using: .....such a.....)  
  
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42. Neither child was hurt in the accident.  
(Re-write the sentence beginning: Neither of.....)  
  
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43. Rose gave us some sweets because she wanted us to vote for her.  
(Re-write the sentence using: .....so that.....)  
  
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44. Sarah refused to say the answer again.  
(Re-write the sentence using: .....repeat.....)  
  
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45. The goat died. It was bitten by a snake yesterday.  
(Re-write as one sentence using: .....which.....)

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46. To play with friends is good.  
(Re-write the sentence beginning: It is.....)

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47. Unless you wake up early, you won't catch the first bus.  
(Re-write the sentence beginning: If.....)

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48. We went to bed after saying our evening prayers.  
(Re-write the sentence beginning: By the time.....)

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49. What an honest boy he is!  
(Re-write the sentence beginning: He.....)

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50. Whose diary is this?  
(Re-write the sentence using: .....whom.....)

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## SECTION B: 50 MARKS

**Questions 51 to 55 carry ten marks each.**

- 51.** Read the passage below and then answer **in full sentences** the questions that follow.

One Saturday afternoon, my mother sent me to the market to buy a cluster of matooke. I asked my brother, George, to accompany me. On our way, just two hundred metres from home, we met a smart but blind man with his white stick. We greeted him and he answered delightedly. 'Do you see any blue car parked around here?' the man asked, before we passed him.

'Yes,' I said. 'It's parked just across the road.'

He asked me to lead him to it. At first, I was scared. I asked George if I could help the man.

'I don't think he's blind,' George whispered. 'How did he know the colour of the car?'

'He may be a wrong person,' I told him. 'And the car has tinted glasses.'

But then I remembered that it would be unfair to refuse to lead the blind. I told my brother to wait for me as I held the blind man's left hand and led him across Kanongo Road. As we were about to reach the car, the door of the other side opened. I think the driver opened it. I led him to it.

'Thank you very much for your kind behaviour,' the blind man said. 'What's your name?'

I said, 'My name is Maggie Aloyo.'

'You are a well-brought up girl, Maggie,' he said. 'Receive these sweets and share with your brother.'

As I was receiving the sweets, he grabbed my hands and started pulling me inside. I cried for help. My brother saw what was happening and shouted, 'People, help! My sister is being abducted! Help! Help.....'

When the driver saw that many people were rushing towards the car, he told the blind man to let go of my hands. My whole body trembled with fear and tears started rolling down my cheeks.



- (a) On which day was the writer sent to the market?  
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- (b) Why was the writer sent to the market?  
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- (c) What did the blind man ask the writer to do?  
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- (d) What did the writer remember?  
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- (e) What shows that the writer was well brought up?  
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- (f) Why did the writer cry?  
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- (g) Who is the writer of the story?  
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Give another word or group of words with the same meaning as each of the underlined words in the passage.

- (h) scared: .....
- (i) trembled: .....
- (j) Suggest a suitable title to the passage.  
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52. The sentences below are **not** in **correct order**. Re-write them in the to correct order to form a good composition about “Our School”.
- 1. First and foremost, the teachers are very friendly to pupils.
  - 2. For that reason, the pupils excel in their examinations.
  - 3. Hygiene is the practice of keeping ourselves and our living places clean.
  - 4. I like my school very much.
  - 5. Secondly, the school has various co-curricular activities.
  - 6. The pupils enjoy various games and sports.
  - 7. There are many reasons why I like it.
  - 8. They also enjoy Music, Dance and Drama.
  - 9. They help the pupils solve their academic challenges.
  - 10. Thirdly, I like the hygiene of my school.

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53. The information below was pinned on the notice board of Peace Primary School, Kitgum on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. Study it carefully and then answer **in full sentences** the questions that follow.

**TO ALL PRIMARY SEVEN PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO ATTEND A CLASS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR **18<sup>TH</sup> January, 2021**. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO FORGE A WAY OF HELPING OUR CANDIDATES EXCEL IN THEIR EXAMINATIONS.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Do not bring eats and drinks.
- Pay picnic money. (Shs. 90,000)

**THANK YOU**

**MANAGEMENT**

**5<sup>TH</sup> December, 2020.**

- (a) Where was the information pinned?

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- (b) When was the information pinned?

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- (c) To whom was the information intended?

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- (d) When is the class meeting to take place?

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(e) Why is the meeting being called?

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(f) What shouldn't the parents do?

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(g) What should be paid?

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(h) How much is being charged for picnic?

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(i) Who wrote the information?

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(j) When was the information written?

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54. Read the poem below and then answer **in full sentences** the questions that follow.

I'm a creature the size  
Of a man's thumb.  
I walk innocently about  
Without causing trouble,  
But people think I'm a rebel.

When a mention is made  
Of my name,  
Even a congregation scatters  
I become their king for a minute,  
As the preacher also vacates his seat!

The young fear me  
And so do the old  
Cowards and the brave  
Have unequal fears for me  
I am powerful indeed!  
I'm a common creature,  
I wriggle my body as I walk  
I irritate the bodies  
Of creatures that talk  
I'm Mr. Caterpillar!

(a) What does the creature compare his size with?

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(b) Does the creature cause trouble?

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(c) What happens to a congregation when the creature’s name is mentioned?

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(d) Apart from the young and the old, mention the **two** groups of people that fear the creature.

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(e) What happens to the creature’s body as it walks?

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(f) What does the creature do to the bodies of creatures that talk?

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(g) Who is the creature?

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For each of the questions (h) and (i), give another **word** or **group of words** with the same meaning as each of the **underlined words** in the poem.

(h) think .....

(i) powerful .....

(j) Suggest a suitable title to the poem.

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55. Below is an application letter with gaps. Fill in the **missing words** to make a **complete application** for a shop assistant. Make **use of** the **words provided** in the table below.

Loro Model Primary School,  
P. O. Box 556,  
Kamdini.

4<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

The Manager,  
Loro Starlight Shop,  
Plot 5  
Loro Township.

..... Sir,

**RE: APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SHOP ASSISTANT.**

I am a ..... year old boy and I am soon sitting for my Primary Leaving Examination at .....Model Primary School. My mother has advised me to take up a job during the long school ..... after the examinations. She said that this would keep me busy and stop me worrying about the examination results.

I have bought things from your shop often and I like the way it is running. I think, ....., that it would be better if you hired somebody to help you run it since both you and your wife are very busy all the time and your children do not live with you.

I am an ..... and very hardworking boy. Could you consider hiring me as your shop assistant?

The ..... of Loro Model Primary School, as well as other adults in Loro Township can tell you about my .....

I will be very ..... if I am given a chance to work in your shop.

..... faithfully,  
Patrick Ekonga  
**PATRICK EKONGA**

Yours	however	honest	grateful
Loro	character	Headmistress	
holidays	Dear	thirteen	

