



EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

2026 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION TIME-TABLE

Supervisors are required to take all necessary steps to ensure that the following instructions are brought to the attention of the candidates.

1.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1.1 Be seated in the examination room five minutes before the start of the Examination. No talking is allowed once you are in the examination room.
- 1.2 If an examination question paper for which you are not entered is handed to you, or if an examination question paper which is not being written in that session is given to you, inform the invigilator immediately.
- 1.3 Attend carefully to any general instructions that may be given at the head of a question paper (e.g., use of an HB pencil only).
- 1.4 Use of an HB pencil only to shade your answers.
- 1.5 **Do not fold your Answer Sheets at any time.**
- 1.6 Do not copy the question.
- 1.7 Read each question very carefully.
- 1.8 Do not spend too much time answering one question so as to leave yourself no time to answer others which you are able to.
- 1.9 As soon as notice is given to stop writing, make sure you hand in the Answer Sheet.
- 1.10 If you arrive after 30 minutes from the starting time of an examination you will not be allowed to enter into the Examination Room. Absolute punctuality is essential for all the papers. You are also not allowed to leave the examination room 30 minutes before the end of the period allotted to the paper, except by special permission of the Supervisor.
- 1.11 Candidates with formal approved Special Educational Needs (SEN), are eligible for 25 percent extra time of the duration of the examination paper.

2.0 CAUTION TO CANDIDATES AND TEACHERS BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION

- 2.1 The Head of the Examination Centre shall announce to the candidates at an assembly that examinations are about to begin and caution them not to involve themselves in examination malpractices such as smuggling of unauthorised items like exercise books, notes, textbooks, mobile phones, etc. into the examination room or to allow somebody else writing an examination on their behalf or writing on your body parts/ clothing.
- 2.2 Where a candidate will be involved in examination malpractice, the results of such a candidate will be nullified.
- 2.3 All unauthorised items such as exercise books, notes, textbooks and mobile phones should not be allowed in the examination room.
- 2.4 Where a teacher or some other person writes an examination on behalf of a candidate, the results of such a candidate will be nullified. The teacher will face criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action. Any other person who may not be a Ministry of Education official will be reported to the police for criminal prosecution.
- 2.5 Teachers handling examination classes should also actively sensitize candidates against examination malpractices and the ensuing penalties which include nullification of all results and being barred from writing examinations conducted by the Examinations Council of Zambia.
- 2.6 Disorderly conduct or causing disturbances in or near the Examination Room shall be treated as misconduct leading to disqualification and nullification of results in all the subjects.
- 2.7 Use of vulgar or inappropriate Language in or near the Examination Room or on the scripts will be treated as misconduct leading to disqualification and nullification of results in all the subjects.
- 2.8 A candidate who arrives after 30 minutes from the starting time of an examination will not be allowed to enter into the Examination Room. Absolute punctuality is essential for all papers. Candidates are not allowed to leave the examination room 30 minutes before the end of the period allotted to the paper except by special permission of the Supervisor.



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THE PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION FOR 2026 WILL BE WRITTEN ON THE DATES AND TIMES SHOWN IN THE TIME-TABLE BELOW AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS IN ZAMBIA

DATE	FIRST SESSION	SECOND SESSION
MONDAY 26 TH OCTOBER, 2026	GUIDELINES TO CANDIDATES AND INVIGILATORS	
TUESDAY 27 TH OCTOBER, 2026	08:00 - 09:30 HOURS 1/1 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE (90 MINUTES)	10:30 - 11:30 HOURS 4/1 - INTEGRATED SCIENCE (60 MINUTES)
WEDNESDAY 28 TH OCTOBER, 2026	08:00 - 09:30 HOURS 3/1 - MATHEMATICS (90 MINUTES)	10:30 - 11:30 HOURS 6/1 - SPECIAL PAPER 1 (60 MINUTES)
THURSDAY 29 TH OCTOBER, 2026	08:00-09:15 HOURS 2/1 - SOCIAL STUDIES (75 MINUTES)	10:30 - 11:30 HOURS 7/1 - SPECIAL PAPER 2 (60 MINUTES)
FRIDAY 30 TH OCTOBER, 2026	08:00-09:15 HOURS 82/1 - TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (75 MINUTES) 83/1 - HOME ECONOMICS AND HOSPITALITY (60 MINUTES) 84/1 - EXPRESSIVE ARTS (75 MINUTES)	10:30 - 11:30 HOURS ZAMBIAN LANGUAGES 5/1 - CINYANJA 5/2 - ICIBEMBA 5/3 - SILOZI 5/4 - CHITONGA 5/5 - LUVALE 5/6 - LUNDA 5/7 - KIIKAONDE (60 MINUTES)

Please note that:

- i) The first session begins at 08:00 Hours,
- ii) The second session begins at 10:30 Hours,
- iii) Candidates with formal approved Special Educational Needs (SEN), are eligible for 25 percent extra time for the duration of the examination paper

