



EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

2026 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (SC) EXAMINATION TIME-TABLE

TIME ALLOWANCE FOR QUESTION PAPERS

Please note that TIME ALLOWED is shown against the subject /paper name, (e.g., 2167/1 History 2HRS 30 MINUTES).

NO EXTRA TIME IS ALLOWED.

Any time allocated for reading through the questions, writing candidate details, studying maps, etc. is included in the total time shown.

Write your details immediately the examination commences and NOT before the start time.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR HEADS OF EXAMINATION CENTRES

- (1) Papers included in the same period should begin at the same time, except that, where a candidate is writing two papers in the same period, the second should be timed to follow the first after an interval not exceeding a quarter of an hour.
- (2)
 - (i) The Examinations Council of Zambia will consider applications from Centres for modification of the Time -Tables
 - (ii) Time -Table clashes: Heads of the Examination Centres should check the Time -Tables and report in writing any clashes to the Examinations Council of Zambia immediately.

This should include:

- (a) two papers set in the same period with a third paper set in the other period on the same day;
- (b) two papers set in the same period, but with no papers set in the other period on the same day.

If there is a Time -Table clash as mentioned in (a), the Head will be requested to write to the Executive Director, Examinations Council of Zambia, suggesting how the clash may be resolved.

If there is a Time -Table clash as mentioned in (b), one of the papers may be transferred to the other period on the same day provided that the security of the examination is maintained. The Head of the Examination Centre will be required to write to the Executive Director, Examinations Council of Zambia, to inform the Council which paper is to be transferred.

- (3) Examination Centres must ascertain from the Examinations Council of Zambia, the dates for any papers not mentioned.
- (4) Notices of the times at which the examination will start and of any changes in this Time - Table as printed, will be communicated by the Examination Centre to the candidates.
- (5) No candidate may take more than one of the papers bracketed together.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS/CENTRES SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CANDIDATES UNDER EXAMINATION.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Teachers are advised to ensure that their learners are carefully drilled to carry out these instructions. Numbers 3, 4 and 11 below are very frequently disregarded and candidates sometimes suffer a loss of marks in consequence.

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.
2. If an examination question paper for which you are not entered is handed to you, or if the questions indicate that a map or other form should also have been included, speak to the invigilator immediately.
3. Attend carefully to any general instructions that may be given at the head of a question paper (e.g., Instructions limiting the number of questions that may be answered).

4. Write your Centre Number, and Candidate Examination Number in the spaces provided ON and IN the Question paper/Answer Sheet and on any other examination material you have used.
5. Leave a margin at both right-hand and left-hand edges. Begin the answer to each separate part of a question on a fresh line.
6. **Do not fold your Answer Sheets / Question Paper at any time.**
7. Write the number of the question clearly in the left-hand margin at the beginning of each answer. Do not copy the question. Where you are required to indicate the question number, be careful to use the same numbering system of the question paper.
8. Write your answers in black or blue-black ink. Red ink must not be used. Fountain pens or ball-point pens may be used.
9. If your work cannot be read, you will be automatically penalized. Remember that handwriting and spelling will be taken into account during marking.
10. HB pencils must be used for answering multiple-choice tests and soft erasers should be used. Pencils or crayons in other colours maybe used for diagrams only. **Do not use ink to shade the multiple-choice Answer Sheets.**
11. The use of map stencils in all Geography papers is forbidden. Bring mathematical, drawing and dissecting instruments for papers which permit the use of such instruments into the examination room. Candidates are warned that the use of electronic calculators in the examination room is limited strictly to non-programmable calculators. Pocket computers and any other supplementary material must in no circumstances be taken into the Examination Room.
12. The use electronic calculators in the examination room is permitted for the following subject papers:
 - 4024/2 Mathematics Paper 2
 - 5054 Physics
 - 5070 Chemistry
 - 5124 Science
 - 4030 Additional Mathematics
 - 7110/2 Principles of Accounts
 - 7100 Commerce

13. No additional time will be allowed for failure of a calculator or any other instrument in the examination room.
14. Read each question very carefully. Much time may be wasted in writing down information that is not asked for, and no marks are given for it.
15. Do not spend too much time on one question so as to leave yourself no time to answer others which you are able to answer.
16. As soon as notice is given to stop writing, tie any loose papers to the left-hand corner of the question paper. Do not tie so tightly that the pages tear apart when they are turned over.
17. If you arrive after 30 minutes from the starting time of an examination will not be allowed to enter into the examination room. Absolute punctuality is essential. Take note that you 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.
18. Candidates with formal approved Special Educational Needs (CSEN), are eligible for 25 percent extra time of the duration of the examination paper.

19. CAUTION TO CANDIDATES BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS

- 19.1. The Head of School/Centre shall announce a caution to the candidates at an assembly that examinations were about to start and candidates should not involve themselves in examination malpractices such as smuggling of unauthorised materials including exercise books, notes, text books, cellular phones, etc. in the examination room or somebody else writing an examination on behalf of a candidate or writing on their body parts/clothing.
- 19.2. Where a candidate will be involved in examination malpractice, results of such a candidate will be nullified.

- 19.3. All articles such as exercise books, notes, textbooks, mathematical sets (box) and cellular phones should be surrendered to the invigilator as candidates enter the examination room.
- 19.4. Where a teacher or some other person writes an examination on behalf of a candidate, the results of such a candidate will be nullified in all subjects. The teacher will face criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action while any other person will be reported to the police for criminal prosecution.
- 19.5. Teachers in 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.
- 19.6. Candidates must return immediately to the Invigilator any incorrect question paper given to them and must not take any used or unused writing paper out of the Examination Room. Any rough work must be done on the official answer paper and if not to be sent with answers, must be left on the desks to be collected by the Invigilator.
- 19.7. Disorderly conduct or causing disturbances in or near the examination room will be treated as misconduct leading to disqualification and nullification of results in all the subjects.
- 19.8. 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.



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**MORNING SESSION BEGINS AT 08:00 HOURS
MID-MORNING SESSION BEGINS AT: 11:30 HOURS
AFTERNOON SESSION BEGINS AT 14:00 HOURS**

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

DAY	BEGIN AT 08:00 HOURS	BEGIN AT 11:30 HOURS	BEGIN AT 14:00 HOURS
FRIDAY 30 TH OCTOBER 2026	GUIDELINES TO CANDIDATES AND INVIGILATORS		
MONDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER 2026	1121/2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2 -2HRS	1121/1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1 -1HR 45MINS	6045/1 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY 1 - 2HRS 30MINS
TUESDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER 2026	5090/2 BIOLOGY 2 -1HR 45MINS	5090/1 BIOLOGY 1 -50MINS	2011/2 LITERATURE IN ENGLISH 2 -1HR 45MINS
WEDNESDAY 4 TH NOVEMBER 2026	4024/1 MATHEMATICS 1 -2HRS	2011/1 LITERATURE IN ENGLISH 1 -1HR 30MINS	6020/1 MUSICAL ARTS EDUCATION 1 - 2HRS 30MINS

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THURSDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER 2026	4024/2 MATHEMATICS 2 (CALCULATOR VERSION) - 2HRS 30MINS		7100/1 COMMERCE - 2HRS 30MINS
FRIDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER 2026	5054/2 PHYSICS 2 -2HRS 5124/1 SCIENCE 1 -2HRS	5054/1 PHYSICS 1 -1HR	3147/1 LONDA 1 -2HRS 3148/1 LUVALE 1 -2HRS 3149/1 KIIKAONDE 1 -2HRS 3153/1 ICIBEMBA 1 -2HRS 3154/1 CHITONGA 1 -2HRS 3156/1 CINYANJA 1 -2HRS 3160/1 SILOZI 1 -2HRS
MONDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER 2026	5070/2 CHEMISTRY 2 -2HRS 5124/2 SCIENCE 2 -2HRS	5070/1 CHEMISTRY 1 -1HR	3147/2 LONDA 2 -2HRS 3148/2 LUVALE 2 -2HRS 3149/2 KIIKAONDE 2 -2HRS 3153/2 ICIBEMBA 2 -2HRS 3154/2 CHITONGA 2 -2HRS 3156/2 CINYANJA 2 -2HRS 3160/2 SILOZI 2 -2HRS
TUESDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER 2026	2030/1 CIVIC EDUCATION - 2HRS 30MINS	6010/1 ART AND DESIGN 1 -1HR 30MINS	2167/1 HISTORY 1 - 2HRS 30MINS
WEDNESDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER 2026	2044/1 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 2HRS 30MINS 2046/1 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 2HRS 30 MINS		2167/2 HISTORY 2 - 2HRS 30MINS
THURSDAY 12 TH NOVEMBER 2026	7010/1 COMPUTER STUDIES 1 - 2HRS 40MINS	7110/1 PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS 1 -1HR	7110/2 PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS 2 -2HRS

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FRIDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER 2026	6065/1 FOOD AND NUTRITION 1 - 2HRS 6075/1 HOME MANAGEMENT 1 - 2HRS 6050/1 FASHION AND FABRICS 1 - 2HRS	2218/1 GEOGRAPHY 1 -1HR30MINS	2218/2 GEOGRAPHY 2 -2HRS
MONDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER 2026	4030/1 ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS 1 -2HRS	3017/1 CHINESE LANGUAGE 1 -1HRS 45MIN	5037/1 AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE 1 -2HRS
TUESDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER 2026	4030/2 ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS 2 - 2HRS 30MINS	3016/1 FRENCH LANGUAGE 1 -2HRS	6080/1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION 1 -2HRS 30MINS

NOTES:

1. Attendance registers: one copy of the marked attendance register must be enclosed in the package for answer scripts.
2. Seating plans: two copies of the seating plan must be made for each paper. One copy to be packed together with the answer scripts and the other copy to remain in school.
3. Scripts must be packed and sealed within the examination room in the presence of candidates and the bags endorsed by a candidate and an invigilator.
4. Examination supervisors' reports, endorsed by the Head of School/Centre must be submitted together with answer sheets in separate envelopes.
5. All examination sessions should start on time as indicated on the timetable. The School/Centre will be penalised for starting the examinations late or earlier than the stipulated time.

