



EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ESWATINI

Eswatini Primary Certificate Examination – 2025-2027

ENGLISH LANGUAGE - PAPER 1

Reader's Copy

TIME : 30 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE INVIGILATOR

1. Attached are the Listening Passages.
2. Allow the reader to practise reading the passages **before they are read aloud to the candidates**. The practise reading should be done in your presence **before the candidates enter the examination room**.
3. The candidates should be allowed to open the question paper and answer the questions as the passages are being read twice.
4. The time (approximately 30 minutes) allocated for this Part includes the time the reader takes to read the passages, and for candidates to answer the questions.
5. After Section 1, instruct candidates to go on to do Section 2 of the paper.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE READER

1. Read each passage at moderate speed **twice only**.
2. Before each reading, allow the candidates to read the questions for one minute.
3. Read the first passage (Exercise 1) and pause for 1 minute before reading the passage for the second time.
4. Pause for 2 minutes before reading the second passage (Exercise 2).
5. Again, pause for 1 minute before reading the passage for the second time.
6. Your voice should be loud and clear but the effect should not be exaggerated or unnatural.

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Exercise 1

Listening to the following talk by Zano Dlamini and then answer the questions below.

You will hear the talk twice.

A job at a retail shop

*My name is Zano Dlamini. I work as a sales associate at a local retail store called Walmart store. This store is housed in a beautiful double storey building in the city. For my job, I help customers find items that they need. Sometimes, I assist those short ones reach out to items packed in higher shelves. My job has taught me to understand how customers communicate when they need help. There are two ways customers usually use to signal for help. The first one, and maybe the most common, is that they can directly call out to me if I am standing nearby. They can also press a service button that will notify me that a customer needs help. After I receive the location of where the customers are, I go to them and assist them. I always assist my customers with a smile because they are our most important people. It is for this reason that I got Employee of the Month Awards for the past two months. **

Reader pauses for 1 minute

Now you will hear the talk again.

*Reader repeats from * to ***

Reader pauses for 2 minutes before Exercise 2

Exercise 2

Listen to the following conversation between two friends at school and then answer the questions below.

- *Nomsa: Hi Buhle.
- Buhle: Hi Nomsa. Hey, have you been to the art classroom today?
- Nomsa: No, I had to visit the dentist and unfortunately I missed the bus which would have helped me arrive in time for the art class.
- Buhle: Well, Mr. Sambo put up a notice about a big project that's going on uptown. You know the City Council has been doing a lot of work to fix up Mdada Street to make it look nicer. Well, they want to create a mural.
- Nomsa: You mean like make a painting on the entire wall of the building?
- Buhle: Exactly!
- Nomsa: But where?
- Buhle: It's that big wall on the side of the national library. And the pupils from our school are invited to do the whole thing – create a design and paint it. I wish I could be a part of it but I'm too busy.
- Nomsa: (*excitedly*) Wow! I would like to help design a mural. Imagine everyone in town walking past that wall and seeing my artwork every day.
- Buhle: I knew you would be interested. They want the mural to be about nature, so I guess all the design ideas we come up with should have a nature theme.
- Nomsa: That makes sense. They have been planting so many trees and flowers along the street and in the park, as well.
- Buhle: If you are interested, you should talk to Mr Sambo.
- Nomsa: This could be so much fun. Maybe I should visit the zoo this weekend, you know, to see the wild animals and get some ideas to inspire me.
- Buhle: (*with humour*) Well, maybe you should go to Mr Sambo first to get more information on the mural.
- Nomsa: That's right, Buhle. Good idea. Thank you for letting me know friend. I will go to him right away. **

Reader pauses for 1 minute

Now you will hear the conversation again.

*Reader repeats from * to ***

Reader pauses for 2 minutes before instructing candidates to move to Section 2.

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