

ENGLISH AND LITERATURE GRADE 10
END TERM 1 EXAMINATION 2026

Time: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer ALL questions.
2. Write your answers clearly.

QUESTION 1: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Agriculture plays a major role in improving the lives of many families. Through farming, communities are able to produce food, earn income and create employment opportunities. In recent years, modern technology has improved farming methods, making it easier for farmers to increase productivity. However, challenges such as climate change, pests and limited resources continue to affect agricultural activities. To overcome these challenges, farmers are encouraged to adopt sustainable practices such as irrigation, crop rotation and proper soil management.

- a) According to the passage, state two benefits of agriculture. (4 marks)

- b) Identify two challenges facing farmers today. (4 marks)

- c) State two modern farming practices mentioned in the passage. (4 marks)

- d) Explain the importance of sustainable farming practices. (4 marks)

- e) Give a suitable title for the passage. (4 marks)

QUESTION 2: GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

a) Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech. (4 marks)

i) She said, "I am working hard."

ii) John said, "We will visit the farm tomorrow."

b) Fill in the blank spaces with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (4 marks)

i) The farmer ____ (plant) maize yesterday.

ii) The students ____ (write) their exams now.

c) Change the following sentences into passive voice. (4 marks)

i) The teacher marked the books.

ii) The farmer grows vegetables.

d) Use the following words to construct sentences of your own. (4 marks)

i) Sustainable

ii) Productivity

e) Identify the part of speech of the underlined words. (4 marks)

i) The hardworking farmer succeeded.

ii) They quickly completed the task.

QUESTION 3: FUNCTIONAL WRITING (20 MARKS)

You are the secretary of the Agriculture Club in your school.

Write a formal invitation to parents inviting them to attend an agricultural exhibition.

Include:

- Date
- Venue
- Purpose of the exhibition
- Activities to be showcased

QUESTION 4: LITERATURE (20 MARKS)

Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

The field stands silent and wide,
Waiting for the farmer's stride.
Seeds of hope in careful rows,
Promise life as rainfall flows.

- a) Identify the persona in the poem. (4 marks)

- b) State the main theme of the poem. (4 marks)

- c) Identify and explain one literary device used. (4 marks)

- d) What mood is created in the poem? (4 marks)

- e) Explain the message of the poem. (4 marks)

QUESTION 5: ORAL SKILLS (20 MARKS)

- a) State four functions of stress in speech. (8 marks)

- b) Differentiate between verbal and non-verbal communication. (4 marks)

- c) Give four examples of non-verbal communication. (4 marks)