KENYA CERTIFICATE OF BASIC EDUCATION (K.C.B.E)

GRADE 10 – LITERATURE

April 2026

Time: 2 Hours

Code: CKEAB 004



LEARNER'S DETAILS

Name: _____School: _____

Assessment Number: _____School Code: _____ Date: _____Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO LEARNERS

i. Answer all questions
ii. Write your answers in the spaces provided.
iii. Use clear, neat, and grammatically correct English.
iv. Manage your time carefully to complete both sections.
v. Follow the word limits where indicated.
vi. Check your work before submission.

1. Oral Literature (10 marks)

a) Define oral literature. (2 marks)

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b) Identify four genres of oral literature. (4 marks)

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

c) Explain two functions of oral literature in society. (4 marks)

i. _____

ii. _____

2. Oral Narrative (10 marks)

Read the short story:

Wisdom in the Time of Drought

The sun had been merciless for weeks, burning the earth until it cracked like broken pottery. Kamau, a hardworking farmer, stood at the edge of his field, worry etched across his face. His maize stalks, once green and promising, now

