**OPENER TERM 3 2026**

**GRADE 10 LITERATURE** **I**
**Time:** 2 Hours

**NAME: …… ADM ……. CLASS …….**

**SECTION A (40 MARKS)**

**TASK 1: ORAL LITERATURE [20 MARKS]**

*Read the story below and answer the questions that follow.*

**The Hare and the Elephant's Well**

In a time of great drought, the animals of the savanna gathered to dig a well. "We must all work together," the Lion decreed. Every animal toiled under the hot sun except for the Hare. He sat under a baobab tree, grooming his whiskers. "I am too delicate for such dusty work," he smirked.

When the well was finished and filled with cool, sweet water, the Lion made a law: "Only those who dug shall drink." But every night, when the moon was high, the Hare would sneak to the well, drink his fill, and then stir up the mud so the water was foul for the others.

The animals were furious. The Elephant offered to stand guard. As the Elephant waited, the Hare approached carrying a calabash of wild honey. "Greetings, Great One," the Hare whispered. "I have no need for your muddy well water. I drink only this heavenly nectar." He gave the Elephant a taste. The honey was so delicious the Elephant begged for more. "I will give you all of it," the Hare promised, "but this nectar is so powerful that it makes your limbs shake. I must tie your legs to this tree so you do not fall over while drinking." The greedy Elephant agreed. Once the Elephant was bound, the Hare drank the water, bathed in it, and danced around the helpless giant, singing, "Big body, small wit!"

**<u>QUESTIONS</u>**