ENGLISH LANGUAGE GRADE 10

OPENER EXAM TERM 2, 2026

TIME: 2½ HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. ***This paper has FIVE sections: A, B, C, D and E.***
2. ***Answer ALL questions in all sections.***
3. ***Write your answers in the spaces provided after each question.***
4. ***All answers must be written in English.***
5. ***Candidates must check that all pages are printed and no questions are missing.***
6. ***This paper consists of 12 printed pages.***

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (20 Marks)

Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

The courtroom was packed. Every wooden bench was occupied, and a ring of standing spectators pressed against the walls as if held there by the weight of the moment. At the centre of it all sat Dr. Miriam Ochieng, her hands folded neatly on the table before her, her face bearing the composed expression of a woman who had long since made her peace with whatever was to come.

Dr. Ochieng had been a medical officer at Kericho District Hospital for eleven years. In that time, she had seen the full spectrum of human suffering: children born too soon, farmers mangled by machinery, women who had walked twenty kilometres for a consultation. She had always believed that medicine was not merely a profession but a calling a covenant between the healer and the vulnerable.

Three years ago, however, something changed. A consignment of anti-malarial drugs arrived at the hospital bearing the correct labels, the correct serial numbers, but carrying a quiet, invisible defect: the dosage of the active compound was thirty percent below the registered level. In the weeks that followed, forty-seven patients who had been treated with those drugs deteriorated. Eleven of them died.