# ENGLISH LANGUAGE
## GRADE 10 TERM 3 OPENER EXAMINATION 2026
### TIME: 2½ HOURS

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| **Candidate's Name:** …… | **Admission No.:** …… |
| | **Date:** …… |
| **Candidate's Signature:** …… | |

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. ***write your name, admission number, class and date in the spaces provided above.***
2. ***This paper consists of four (4) sections: A (Listening and Speaking), B (Reading Comprehension), C (Grammar and Language Structures) and D (Writing).***
3. ***answer all questions in sections a, b and c, and both questions in Section D, in the spaces provided in this booklet.***

## SECTION A: LISTENING AND SPEAKING (ORAL SKILLS) *(15 MARKS)*

**1.**

**(a)** Explain the difference between a diphthong and a pure vowel sound, giving one example of each. (4 marks)

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**(b)** From the following words, identify the one with a vowel sound that is different from the rest: bed, said, head, seed (2 marks)

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**(c)** Underline the syllable that carries the primary stress in each of the following words:(3 marks)

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