KENYA JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

GRADE 8 — END OF TERM 2 EXAMINATION 2026

ENGLISH

Paper 1: Reading Comprehension, Oral Skills and Grammar

KJSEA 901/1

TIME: 1 Hour 40 Minutes

Candidate's Name		**Adm Number**	
School Name		**School Code**	
Candidate's Signature		**Date**	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This paper consists of 50 Multiple Choice Questions.

2. Answer ALL questions on the answer sheet provided, NOT on this question paper.

3. Use an ordinary HB pencil. For each question, ONLY ONE answer is correct.

4. Do all rough work on this question paper. Keep the answer sheet clean and dry.

5. Answer all questions in English.

SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE (50 Marks)

Read Passage 1 below and answer questions 1 – 8.

Water is life. This statement, though simple, captures a profound truth about our existence on earth.
Every living organism, from the tiniest bacterium to the largest whale, depends on water to survive.
Yet today, billions of people across the world lack access to clean, safe drinking water. The global
water crisis is not merely an environmental issue it is a humanitarian emergency of staggering proportions.

Across sub-Saharan Africa, millions of women and girls wake before dawn and walk kilometres to
collect water from rivers, ponds, and unprotected wells. The water they bring home is often turbid,
laden with pathogens that cause deadly diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery. Children
who should be in school spend their mornings and evenings fetching water. The burden falls disproportionately on the female population, trapping women and girls in a cycle of poverty.