GRADE 8 – 2026

ENGLISH PAPER 1

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes | Total: 50 marks

Learner's Name	Assessment Number	School Name	School Code

INSTRUCTIONS TO LEARNERS

1. This question paper contains 50 multiple choice questions.
2. Answer ALL questions on the separate answer sheet provided.
3. Do all necessary rough work on the question paper.
4. Use an ordinary HB pencil.
5. Confirm that the answer sheet has your assessment number, name, school name and learning area.
6. Keep the answer sheet clean and dry. Do not fold it.
7. For each question, four options A, B, C and D are given. Only ONE option is correct.
8. On the answer sheet, draw a DARK LINE inside the box containing your chosen letter.
9. Keep the dark line within the box and make no marks outside the boxes.

Questions 1–6

Read the passage below and answer questions 1–6.

Digital communication has changed how people share information. Smartphones, video calls and high-speed internet allow messages to travel quickly across long distances. Learners can access educational resources, while families can communicate even when members live far apart. Businesses also use digital platforms to hold meetings and share documents.

However, these developments require responsible use. Spending too much time on screens can reduce physical activity and may contribute to eye strain and social isolation. Digital platforms can also be misused for cyberbullying or spreading false information. Young people therefore need to balance online activities with exercise, face-to-face interaction and other meaningful activities.

1. Which of the following is an example of a modern communication development mentioned in the passage?

A. High-speed internet
B. Postal stamps
C. Wooden sailing ships
D. Smoke signals

2. What does the passage suggest about video calls?

A. They allow people in different places to hold meetings