JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

GOLDEN MERIT

GRADE NINE 2026

ENGLISH PAPER 2 {9}

Learner's Name: _____

Assessment No. _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

(i). Write your name. Assessment number. (ii). Answer all questions in the spaces provided,

TIME : 1 HR 40 MIN

SECTION	MAXIMUM SCORES	LEARNER'S SCORE
	50 MARKS	

POETRY (10 MKS)

Read the poem below and then answer the questions that follow.

When, in disgrace with Fortune and men's eyes,
I all alone beweep my outcast state,
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,
And look upon myself and curse my fate,
Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,
Featured like him, like him with friends possessed,
Desiring this man's art and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contented least,
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising;
Hapily I think on thee, and then my state,
(Like to the lark at the break of day arising)
From sullen earth sings hymns at heaven's gate,
For thy sweet love remembered such wealth brings
That then I scorn to change my state with kings.

(William Shakespeare's Sonnet 29)

1. Identify any three pairs of words that rhyme in this poem. (3mks)

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2. Give two instances of alliteration in this poem. (2mks)

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3. Imagine you are performing this poem to learners who are visually impaired. Explain three ways in which you would ensure that they get the message effectively. (3mks)

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