SOUTH AFRICAN OLYMPIADS
ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE
MEMORANDUM — GRADE 10 — 2026

QUESTION ONE: COMPREHENSION (Total: 15)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
1.1	(c)
1.2	(c)
1.3	(b)
1.4	(d)
1.5	(c)
1.6	(a)
1.7	(d)
1.8	similar / same (antonym of "diverse")
1.9	understanding / sympathy / insight (synonym of "empathy")
1.10(a)	also — Adverb
1.10(b)	Subject: festival. Predicate: also emphasizes the skills needed for the future.
1.10(c)	skills
1.10(d)	for — Preposition
1.11	True
1.12	more sympathetic

QUESTION TWO: VISUAL LITERACY (Total: 5)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
2.1	(d)
2.2	Metaphor
2.3	(c)
2.4	(d)
2.5	harmless / safe / secure

QUESTION THREE: VERB TENSES (Total: 5)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
(a)	The boy is speaking the truth.
(b)	Mr. Cooper has been speaking about Dinosaurs.
(c)	Amy will be going to school tomorrow.
(d)	I had finished my assignment.
(e)	Priya shall have finished her stitching by then.

QUESTION FOUR: PROVERBS (Total: 5)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
1	C
2	E
3	A
4	B
5	D

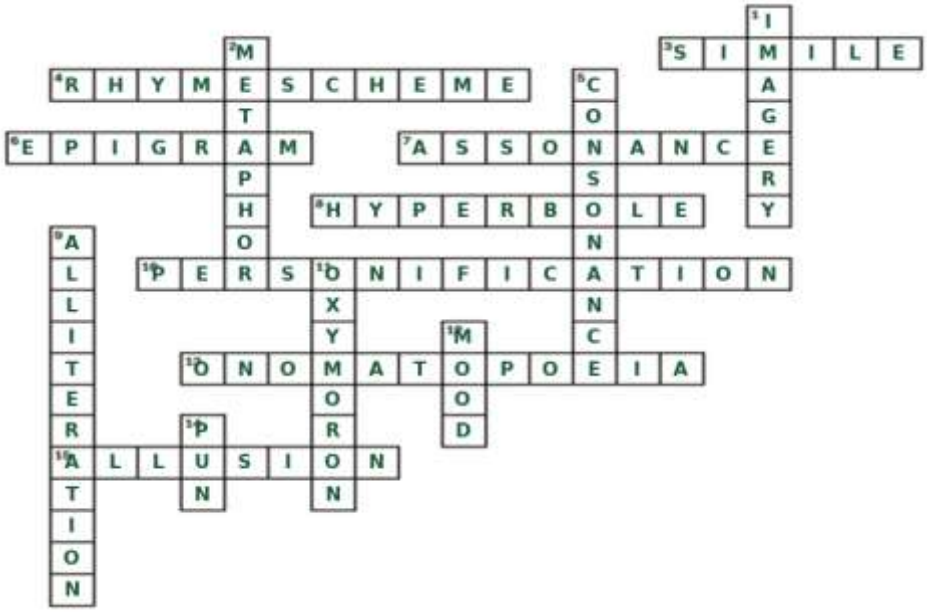
QUESTION FIVE: WORD FORMS (Total: 3)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
(a)	fanciful
(b)	hopefully
(c)	peacefully

QUESTION SIX: LOGIC (Total: 2)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
(a)	A promise
(b)	Six feet underground

QUESTION SEVEN: CROSSWORD — LITERARY TERMS (Total: 15)



TOTAL MARKS: 50