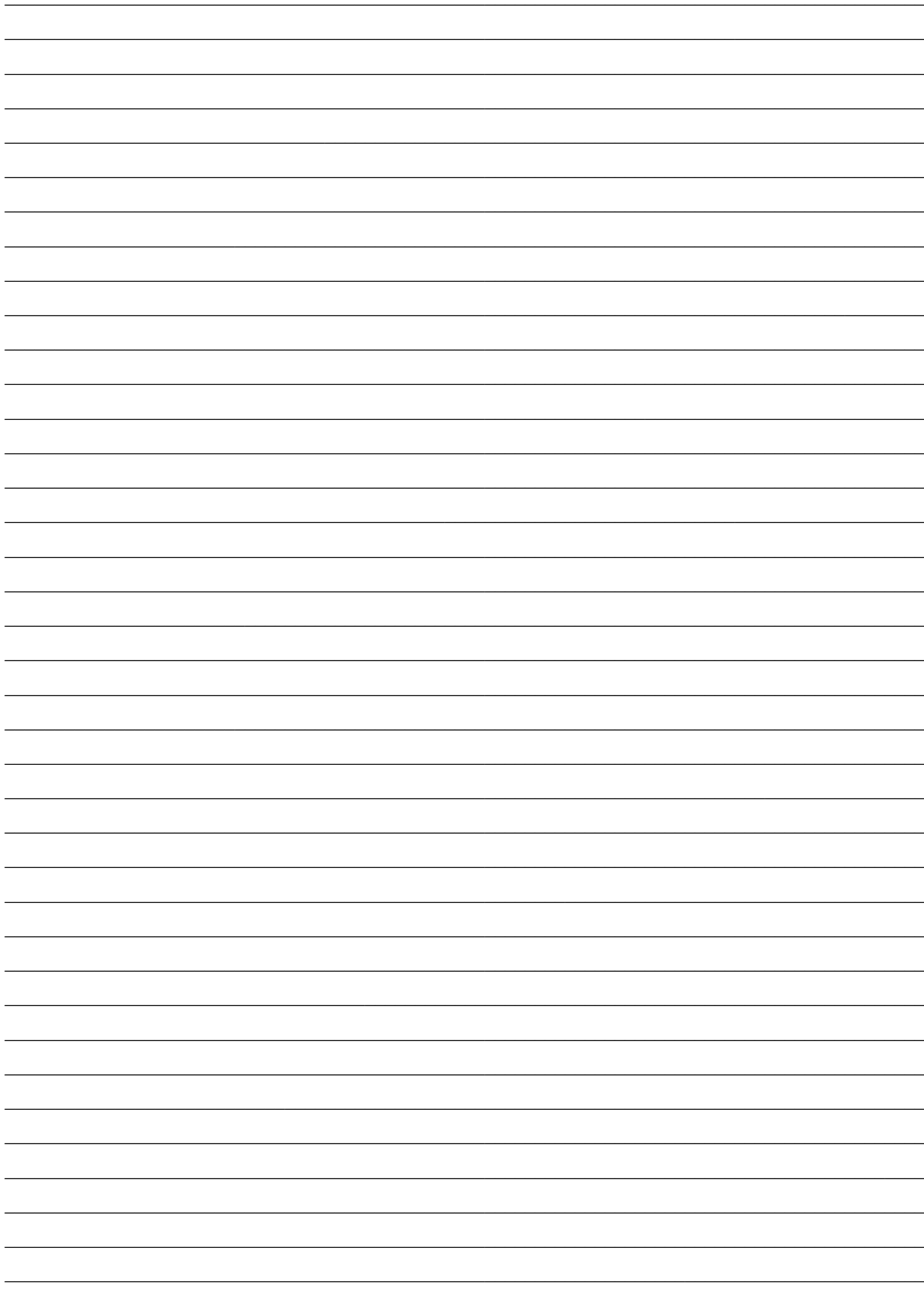


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ANSWERS AND MARKING SCHEME
KENYA PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT
TERM 3: FIRST ASSESSMENT 2026
GRADE 4 – ENGLISH COMPOSITION ACTIVITY

Time: 40 Minutes

EXPECTED COMPOSITION

Topic: OUR HOME GARDEN

Sample Answer

Our Home Garden

Our home garden is very important to our family. It is behind our house. We grow vegetables such as sukuma wiki, spinach, tomatoes and onions. My mother waters the plants every morning while my brother and I remove weeds.

The garden looks green and beautiful during the rainy season. We also have a few fruit trees such as pawpaw and banana. The vegetables help us to get healthy food and save money because we do not buy many vegetables from the market.

One Saturday, I planted new tomato seedlings with my father. After a few weeks, the plants grew well and produced many tomatoes. We harvested the tomatoes and shared some with our neighbours. I felt very happy because I had helped my family.

Our home garden teaches us to work hard and take care of the environment. I love our home garden because it provides food, keeps our compound attractive and brings our family together.

MARKING SCHEME (10 MARKS)

Area Assessed	Description	Marks
Relevance to the Topic	Composition is about Our Home Garden and stays on the topic	2
Content Development	Clear ideas about the garden, activities done, benefits, and experiences	3
Organization	Has a beginning, middle, and ending; ideas flow logically	2
Grammar and Sentence Structure	Correct simple grammar, tense, punctuation, and sentence construction	2
Spelling and Vocabulary	Correct spelling of common words and appropriate vocabulary	1
TOTAL		10

PERFORMANCE LEVELS

Exceeding Expectations (9–10 Marks)

- Fully relevant to the topic
- Well-developed ideas
- Clear organization

- Very few or no grammar and spelling mistakes

Meeting Expectations (7–8 Marks)

- Relevant to the topic
- Adequate development of ideas
- Minor grammar or spelling errors that do not affect meaning

Approaching Expectations (5–6 Marks)

- Some relevant ideas
- Limited development
- Frequent grammar or spelling errors

Below Expectations (1–4 Marks)

- Little or no relevance to the topic
- Very short or incomplete composition
- Many grammar and spelling errors that make understanding difficult

DETAILED SCORING GUIDE

Score	Interpretation
10	Excellent composition with rich content, correct grammar, and clear organization
9	Very good composition with only minor errors
8	Good composition with adequate details
7	Satisfactory composition; a few important details may be missing
6	Fair attempt with limited ideas and noticeable errors
5	Basic attempt with weak organization
4	Poor composition with very limited relevant content
3	Very poor; ideas are unclear
2	Minimal writing related to the topic
1	Extremely limited response
0	No attempt or completely unrelated response

ASSESSOR'S RECORDING TABLE

Learner Score	Level	Description
15–20	4	Exceeding Expectations
8–14	3	Meeting Expectations
5–7	2	Approaching Expectations
1–4	1	Below Expectations