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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 41 of 2010

TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL
CHIEF DIRECTORS
HEAD OFFICE DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS
CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS
DEPUTY CHIEF / SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
(GRADE 12)
TEACHER UNIONS / ORGANISATIONS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

DATE: 23 AUGUST 2010

<p>GRADE 12 TRIAL EXAMINATIONS: POSTPONEMENT & FINAL TIME TABLE</p>
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A BACKGROUND

1. *Assessment Instruction 35 of 2010*, dated 12 July 2010 that provides the Provincial Grade 12 Trial Time table extending from 24 August 2010 to 22 September 2010, has reference.
2. In view of the current national industrial action and the notification by all Teacher Unions of their intention to participate in the action this week, a disruption to the Trials programme is anticipated.
3. The Provincial Department is determined to ensure that Grade 12 learners are offered an opportunity to write these important examinations as previously planned, hence the decision to postpone this examination by one week.
4. The Trial examination is not only a summative assessment opportunity, but is also vital preparation for all Grade 12 learners to work in examination conditions with time limits. The papers enable learners and teachers to be aware of content gaps and sections that may pose challenges to individual learners. A Trial examination is intended to inform remedial measures by teachers and direct final revision on the part of learners.

B 2010 GRADE 12 TRIAL TIME TABLE AMENDMENTS

- An amended time table for the Grade12 Trial examination is attached for information and implementation. (Annexure A)
- Kindly note that the amendments have been kept to a minimum.
- The examination commences on Monday 30 August 2010 and concludes on Thursday 23 September 2010.
- Two sessions are scheduled for each day. The morning session will commence at 09h00 and the afternoon session will commence at 14h00.
- The postponement of this examination has necessitated the compressing of the time table and the utilisation of some Saturdays. The Department regrets this action. Subjects with small numbers of learners were moved to Saturdays in order to lessen the impact. The use of Saturdays has also obviated taking the trial examination into the school holidays and possibly the 4th Term. It has also allowed the Province to accommodate all subjects offered by all schools.

C. WAY FORWARD

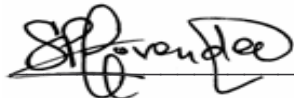
- This Assessment Instruction should be read in conjunction with the media releases that commence on Monday 23 August 2010 on Provincial radio stations and in newspapers.
- While the Department cannot predict when the industrial action will end, it is its intention to do everything possible to ensure that all Grade 12 learners are given the opportunity to write this important examination.
- Should the need arise, Schools Governing Bodies, parents and school communities, as well as Senior Managers at Head Office and Districts will be mobilised to ensure administration of the examination.
- Arrangements for the collection of question papers and marking memorandums will differ from district to district and challenges in this regard will be addressed by the District Director.
- Question papers will be available on the website (<http://examinations.250free.com>) at 09h15 and 14h15 respectively with the marking memoranda available one hour after the official conclusion of each session daily.
- ***Departmental officials and school Principals are cautioned that not adhering to the Provincial Trial Time table and altering a Provincial examination question paper is an irregularity and will result in candidates having final results withheld while School Based Assessment (SBA) irregularities are investigated.***

D. CONCLUSION

The Provincial Department of Education is concerned that our Grade 12 learners will not be adequately prepared for the final National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination scheduled to start in October 2010. The Provincial Trial examination is an important part of this preparation and therefore the Department of Education is determined to do everything reasonably possible to ensure that this examination is administered in a credible manner.

While being mindful of the constitutional rights of the civil servants of South Africa it is also important to respect and protect the rights of our children, especially Grade 12 learners at this critical time of the year.

Therefore, a special appeal is made to all education stakeholders, especially SGBs, parents, school communities and educators to support the Grade 12 class of 2010 to prepare for the final examinations and in so doing for their future.



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**2010 GRADE 12 TRIAL EXAMINATION:
 FINAL TIMETABLE**
 23 AUGUST 2010

WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
Monday 30/08	History P1 (3hrs)	Afrikaans Home, 1st Add Lang P1 (2hrs) 2nd Add Lang P1 (2hrs)
Tuesday 31/08	IsiXhosa Home Lang, 1st Add P1 (2hrs) Sesotho Home Lang P1 (2hrs) Non-official Languages P1(2 hrs)	Economics (3hrs)
Wednesday 01/09	IsiXhosa, Home Lang, 1st Add P2 (2½hrs) Sesotho, Home Lang P2 (2½hrs)	IsiXhosa, Home Lang, 1st Add P3 (2½hrs) Sesotho, Home Lang P3 (2½hrs) Non-official Languages P2(2 hrs)
Thursday 02/09	History P2 (3hrs)	Afrikaans Home, 1st Add Lang P2 (2½hrs) 2nd Add Lang P2 (2 hrs)
Friday 3/09	Mathematics P1 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P1 (3 hrs)	English Home Lang, 1st Add. Language P1 (2hrs)
Saturday 04/09	Mechanical Technology (3hrs) Design (3 hrs)	Music P1 (3 hrs) THEORY Electrical Technology (3 hrs)
WEEK 2	09:00	14:00
Monday 6/09	Mathematics P2 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P2 (3hrs)	Mathematics P3 (2hrs)
Tuesday 07/09	Physical Science (Physics) P1 (3hrs)	Computer Application Tech P2 (3 hrs) THEORY
Wednesday 08/09	English Home Lang P2 (2½hrs) and First Add. Language P2 (2hrs)	English Home Lang P3 (2½hrs) and First Add. Lang P3 (2½hrs)
Thursday 09/09 RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY	Agriculture Science P1 (2½hrs)	
Friday 10/09 RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY	Agriculture Science P2 (2½hrs)	
Saturday 11/09	Dramatic Arts (3 hrs)	Music P2 (1½ hrs)

WEEK 3	09:00	14:00
Monday 13/09	Physical Science (Chemistry) P2 (3hrs)	Engineering Graphic & Design P1 (3 hrs) Dance Studies 3 hrs
Tuesday 14/09	Accounting (3hrs)	Engineering Graphic & Design P2 (3 hrs)
Wednesday 15/09	Geography (Theory) P1 (3hrs)	Geography (Mapwork) P2 (1½hrs)
Thursday 16/09	Business Studies (3hrs)	Afrikaans Home, 1st Add Lang P3 (2½hrs)
Friday 17/09	Life Sciences P1 (2½hrs)	
Saturday 18/09 RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY		
WEEK 4	09:00	14:00
Monday 20/09	Life Sciences P2 (2½hrs)	Tourism (3 hrs) Agricultural Management Practices (2½ hrs)
Tuesday 21/09	Computer Applications Technology P1 Practical	Visual Arts (3 hrs) Civil Technology (3 hrs)
Wednesday 22/09	Consumer Studies (3 hrs) Hospitality Studies (3 hrs)	Religion Studies P1 (2 hrs) Information Technology P1 Practical 3 hrs
Thursday 23/09	Information Technology P1 Theory 3 hrs	Agricultural Technology (3 hrs) Religion Studies P2 (2 hrs)
Friday 24/09	HERITAGE DAY	