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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 42 OF 2010

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(GRADE 10-12)
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DATE: **08 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**RE-SCHEDULED AND COMPRESSED GRADE 12 TRIAL
EXAMINATION PROGRAMME**

The Public Sector Strike has been suspended. This strike has inevitably impacted negatively and disrupted the conduct and administration of the Grade 12 Trial Examination in 2010. Hence the need to re-strategise and schedule a revised programme.

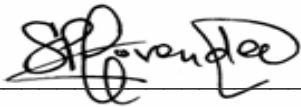
1. Assessment Instruction 41 of 2010 entitled – **Grade 12 Trial Examinations: Postponement and Final time Table** dated 23 August 2010 is hereby officially withdrawn.
2. This Assessment Instruction 42 of 2010 provides direction for the Management, Conduct and Administration of Grade 12 Trial Examinations, re-scheduled for 13 to 23 September 2010.
3. A REVISED AND COMPRESSED PROVINCIAL TIME-TABLE FOR TRIAL EXAMINATIONS as per the attached Annexure 1 has been compiled and focuses on SELECTED SUBJECTS only due to serious time constraints.

4. NOTE WELL:

- ***Schools that have conducted and administered internally set Trial Examinations are advised and encouraged to continue with the internal programmes and are not obliged to observe the Provincial Revised and Compressed Trial Time Table. However, if such schools wish to utilise the Provincially set question papers that will be written between 13 -23 September 2010, then such school managers must comply with and adhere to the Provincial Revised and Compressed Trial Examination Time Table.***
 - ***Internally set Trial Examination question papers written by functional schools and administered during the strike period will be fully recognised and accepted by the Department of Education.***
 - ***All schools that did not conduct and administer Trial Examinations are compelled to follow and observe the Provincial Revised and Compressed Trial Examination Time Table attached.***
5. The provincially set Trial Examination question papers shall be made available for collection from District offices/nodal points. The marking memoranda will be available from District Offices after the completion of the examination.
 6. There are instances where some subjects that were in the original time table have now been dropped in the Revised Provincial Time Table. Guidance on the calculation and computation of School Based Assessment, as well as the trial examination component, shall be provided as soon as an expected National Directive is received.
 7. The decision to compress the Provincial Trial Examination is intended to enable schools to focus on Teaching and Learning Recovery Plans, especially Curriculum coverage per subject. Provincial Question Papers that have been set in subjects not covered in the Revised and Compressed Trial Examination Time Table shall be released shortly for use as part of the Intensive Revision and Remedial programme at school and district levels.
 8. During the conduct, administration and implementation of the Provincial Revised and Compressed Time Table, school principals must not suspend the teaching and learning catch-up programmes in the school. Whenever it is possible after each examination session, serious and intensive teaching and learning must continue in the interests of learners being adequately prepared for the final examination commencing on 15 October 2010.

CONCLUSION

All education stakeholders are reminded that during this difficult period of recovering lost teaching/ learning time and in doubling our efforts, the primary focus must be mentoring, guiding and supporting grade 12 learners. Therefore the commitment, dedication and sacrifice of all education stakeholders is both anticipated and appreciated.



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REVISED AND COMPRESSED PROVINCIAL TIME-TABLE FOR TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

13 TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2010

WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
Monday 13/09	PHYSICAL SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY) PAPER 2 (3HRS)	HISTORY P1(3HRS) COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (CAT) P2
Tuesday 14/09	ACCOUNTING (3HRS)	ENGLISH HOME, ENGLISH FIRST ADD. LANG P1 (2HRS)
Wednesday 15/09	GEOGRAPHY (THEORY) P1 (3HRS)	GEOGRAPHY P2 MAP WORK (1½HRS)
Thursday 16/09	MATHEMATICS P1 (3HRS) MATHEMATICAL LITERACY P1 (3HRS)	ENGLISH HOME, ENGLISH FIRST ADD. LANG P2 (2HRS)
Friday 17/09	LIFE SCIENCES P1 (2½HRS)	ENGLISH HOME, ENGLISH FIRST ADD. LANG P3 (2½HRS)
WEEK 2	09:00	14:00
Monday 20/09	LIFE SCIENCES P2 (2½HRS)	AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE P1 (2½HRS) TOURISM (3 HRS)
Tuesday 21/09	PHYSICAL SCIENCE (PHYSICS) P1 (3HRS) CAT P1 (ONLY FOR SCHOOLS WITH BIG NUMBERS AND WITH PERMISSION FOR 2 SESSIONS)	HISTORY P2 (3 HRS) COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY P1 PRACTICAL (CAT)
Wednesday 22/09	MATHEMATICS P2 (3HRS) MATHEMATICAL LITERACY P2 (3HRS)	ECONOMICS (3HRS)
Thursday 23/09	BUSINESS STUDIES (3HRS)	AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE P2 (2½HRS)

The question papers and memoranda for the subjects not included in the above time table will be released shortly for use in the teaching and learning recovery programme.