



ASSESSMENT & EXAMINATION

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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 38 of 2011

TO: DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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DEPUTY CHIEF / SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
PRINCIPALS OF ALL SCHOOLS OFFERING GRADE 1-9
TEACHER UNIONS / ORGANISATIONS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

DATE: 22 JUNE 2011

FINAL GRADE 3, 6 AND 9 COMMON TESTS TIMETABLE 2011

GRADE 9 COMMON TESTS

1. Assessment Instruction 19 of 2011, dated 08 March 2011, has reference.
2. A final timetable for the Grade 9 common tests in November 2011 is attached for information and further planning of teaching, learning and assessment activities. **ANNEXURE A**
3. The formal test is compulsory for all schools with Grade 9 learners. This includes Independent schools that receive a subsidy from the Department of Education and offer the National Curriculum Statement (NCS).
4. All Learning Areas in Grade 9 will be examined externally in November 2011 and this shall comprise 25% of the total assessment mark.



5. It is important to note that the duration of examinations for Languages is 2.5 hours and all other Learning Areas are 2 hours.
6. All learners registered in Grade 9 will be provided with a question paper, packed per school, per district and per language version.

GRADE 6 COMMON TESTS

7. Assessment Instruction 32 of 2011, dated 23 May 2011, has reference.
8. A final timetable for the Grade 6 common tests in November 2011 is attached for information and further planning of teaching, learning and assessment activities. **ANNEXURE B**
9. The common test is compulsory for all schools with Grade 6 learners. This includes Independent schools that receive a subsidy from the Department of Education and offer the National Curriculum Statement (NCS).
10. All Languages and Mathematics in Grade 6 will be examined externally in November 2011 and this shall comprise 25% of the total assessment mark.
11. It is important to note that the duration of examinations for Languages is 2.5 hours and Mathematics is 2 hours.
12. All learners registered in Grade 6 will be provided with a question paper for Home Language (H L), First Additional Language (FAL) and Mathematics packed per school, per district and per language version.

GRADE 3 COMMON TESTS

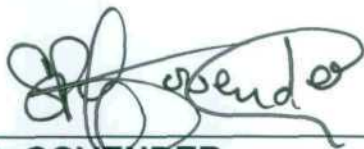
13. Assessment Instruction 32 of 2011, dated 23 May 2011, has reference.
14. A final timetable for the Grade 3 common tests in November 2011 is attached for information and further planning of teaching, learning and assessment activities. **ANNEXURE C**
15. The formal assessment is compulsory for all schools with Grade 3 learners. This includes Independent schools that receive a subsidy from the Department of Education and offer the National Curriculum Statement (NCS).
16. Question papers for Grade 3 will be provided for Literacy and Numeracy only in November 2011.



17. It is important to note that the duration of examinations for Literacy and Numeracy is 1 hour.
18. All learners registered in Grade 3 will be provided with a question paper for Literacy and Numeracy in Home Languages, packed per school, per district and per language version.

GENERAL INSTRUCTION

19. Principals are cautioned that altering a Provincial common test question paper is an irregularity. This means that the entire common test question paper is to be written by all candidates and the entire script is to be marked as per the marking memorandum issued by the Province. This is compulsory for all public and the affected independent schools.
20. Marking memoranda may under no circumstances be altered if work has not been completed at the school. The candidates must be awarded zero marks for that section.
21. All schools are to complete all the Grade 3, 6 and 9 Learning Outcomes in all Learning Areas at the school prior to the start of the final common tests
22. District Directors and School Principals are kindly requested to disseminate this information as quickly as possible to all Grade 3, 6 and 9 teachers and learners.



S.P. GOVENDER
CHIEF DIRECTOR CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT





FINAL 2011 GRADE 09 COMMON TESTS TIMETABLE

WEEK 1	TIME	LEARNING AREA
Monday 14 November 2011	09.00 – 11.30	English Home Language Afrikaans Home Language IsiXhosa Home Language Sesotho Home Language
Tuesday 15 November 2011	09.00 – 11.30	English First Additional Language Afrikaans First Additional Language IsiXhosa First Additional Language
Wednesday 16 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	Social Sciences
Thursday 17 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	Economic and Management Sciences
Friday 18 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	Mathematics
WEEK 2		
Monday 21 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	Natural Sciences
Tuesday 22 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	Life Orientation
Wednesday 23 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	Technology
Thursday 24 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	Arts and Culture
Friday 25 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	Second Additional Language

NB:

Schools offering TWO HOME LANGUAGES are to use the ISOLATION POLICY and start the second session on Monday 14 November 2011 at 12h30



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FINAL 2011 GRADE 6 COMMON TESTS TIMETABLE

GRADE 6		
DATE	TIME	LEARNING AREA
Monday 14 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	English Home Language Afrikaans Home Language IsiXhosa Home Language Sesotho Home Language
Wednesday 16 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	Mathematics
Friday 18 November 2011	09.00 – 11.00	English First Additional Language Afrikaans First Additional Language

NB:

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FINAL 2011 GRADE 3 COMMON TESTS TIMETABLE

GRADE 3		
DATE	TIME	LEARNING AREA
Monday 14 November 2011	09.00 – 10.00	English Home Language Afrikaans Home Language IsiXhosa Home Language Sesotho Home Language
Wednesday 16 November 2011	09.00 – 10.00	Numeracy