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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 29 OF 2009

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(GRADE 9)
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DATE: 15 MAY 2009

2009 GRADE 9 EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF STANDARDISED ASSESSMENT TASKS (SAT)

1. In terms of the 1995 Education White Paper 1: NQF Level 1, the General Education Certificate has been registered on the NQF as an access certificate to the Further Education and Training Band. It will be awarded to Grade 9 learners who meet the promotion requirements at the end of 2010.
2. At an Inter-Provincial Examinations Committee (IPEC) General Education Certificate (GEC) Task Team meeting, held on 13 and 14 May 2009, the arrangements for 2009 were discussed.
3. The national progression and promotion requirements for Grades R-9 were released by the national department of education on 2 April 2009 and were distributed to all schools as Provincial Assessment Instruction number 25 of 2009.
4. Promotion in Grade 9 is based on School Based Assessment as well as External Assessment. School Based Assessment must be moderated at various levels on an ongoing basis in accordance with Assessment Instruction 11 of 2009.

5. The procedures to be followed in the administration of the External Assessment instruments in 2009 are set out below.

The external assessment instrument consists of two parts:

- Standardised Assessment Tasks (SAT) (Formerly referred to as Section A of the CTA) and
- External Assessment Tasks (EAT) (Formerly known as Section B of the CTA).

5.1 Standardised Assessment Tasks are part of School Based Assessment and will be administered as follows:

- a. Principals are to collect the SATs from the District Offices during the week of 18 May to 22 May 2009. These have been packed per Learning Area per school. No SATs were packed for schools that failed to register Grade 9 learners in accordance with Assessment Instruction 8 of 2009 (Closing date 13 February 2009). These schools will receive copies of the SATs from the District Office and are not to contact the Provincial Office or the contracted printer in this regard. Such schools must register the Grade 9 candidates immediately to ensure receipt of the External Assessment Tasks in the 4th term.
- b. The following SATs have been provided by the National Department to date and are available at the District Office:

LEARNING AREA	ENG VERSION	AFR VERSION
Arts & Culture	X	
Economic Management Sciences	X	X
Life Orientation	X	X
Mathematics	X	X
Natural Sciences	X	X
Social Sciences	X	X
Technology	X	X
English Home Language	X	

- c. The Subject Advisors will mediate the SATs with the teachers during the 2nd term. This process will enable teachers to prepare for the implementation of the SATs.
- d. The SATs will be administered by all schools in the 3rd term between 3 August and 21 August 2009 which will allow finalisation of all external assessment in line with the moderation dates given in Assessment Instruction 11 of 2009.

- e. The SATs must be administered during normal school time and may not be done at home.
- f. The Standardised Assessment Tasks written in term 3 will be marked by teachers, moderated by the District and Provincial curriculum officials and validated by UMALUSI. This process will allow time for the moderation of the marking of the tasks, and give teachers a sense of the standard against which the rest of the School Based Assessment work should be marked.

5.2 The External Assessment Tasks must be administered according to the National Timetable from 16 November to 30 November 2009.

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE GRADE 9 EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT

Date	Time	Learning Area Description		
Mon 16/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	Natural Sciences		
Tuesday 17/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	Social Sciences		
Wednesday 18/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	Arts and Culture		
Thursday 19/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	Economic and Management Sciences		
Friday 20/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	Technology		
Monday 23/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	Home Language	12.00-14.00	Second Home Language
Tuesday 24/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	1 st Additional Language	12.00-14.00	Second 1 st Additional Language
Wednesday 25/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	Life Orientation		
Thursday 26/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	Mathematics		
Friday 27/11/2009		RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY		
Monday 30/11/2009	09.00 – 11.00	2 nd Additional Language		

- a. All schools offering Grade 9 will write the External Assessment Tasks.
6. The promotion mark is made up of both School based Assessment and External Assessment Tasks (EAT) as follows:
- a. For **Mathematics and Languages** the Standardised Assessment Task will form part of School Based Assessment and the two components

together will make up 60% of the promotion mark and External Assessment Tasks will make up 40% of the promotion marks. i.e.

SBA (including SAT)	= 60%
EAT	= 40%

- b. For **all other Learning Areas** the Standardised Assessment Task will form part of Schools Based Assessment and the two components together will make up 75% of the promotion mark and External Assessment Tasks will make up 25% of the promotion marks i.e.

SBA (including SAT)	= 75%
EAT	= 25%

7. The school based moderation process should be on-going and not reserved to the fourth term only. School and District moderation must be conducted in accordance with the Assessment Plans drawn up at the beginning of the academic year and as directed in Assessment Instruction 11 of 2009.
- a. The National and Provincial Departments will conduct a sample moderation of all the External Assessments towards the end of the year.
- b. UMALUSI will conduct moderation independently to verify marks.

It is envisaged that this Assessment Instruction will assist teachers, HODs, SMTs, Principals and District Officials in managing 2009 grade 9 external assessment and the administration of standardised assessment tasks (SAT) in a uniform manner in all schools offering Grade 9 in the Province.

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