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<p>2008 GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) NEW FORMAT FOR EXAMINATION ANSWER SCRIPTS</p>
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The National Senior Certificate (NSC) will be written at the end of 2008. The answer books that are provided for the Senior Certificate examination cannot be used for this new examination.

New answer books have been designed and ordered. Principals are to ensure that candidates for the NSC are shown the pages of the new answer book that are attached. These are the front cover, the generic answer sheet and the instructions to candidates, that have been translated into Afrikaans, IsiXhosa and Sesotho.

FRONT COVER

- There is a place where the examination sticker should be pasted. This sticker has been piloted and there were some problems experienced with the stickers. These problems have ranged from failure of the labels to adhere, to poor alignment of the printing.
- Even if an examination sticker is used, candidates must also fill in **ALL** details in ink. In particular the examination number, centre number, subject, subject code, paper and date of examination are essential.
- The number of answer books used is very important. When more than one book is used, this book must be placed in the back of the first answer book

and it must be clearly indicated that 2 books have been used. E.g. Book 1 of 2, book 2 of 2, etc.

- Questions that candidates have answered must be marked with an X in the column indicated with an arrow.
- Schools are to copy this cover and allow NSC candidates to practice the completion thereof. This will prevent a waste of valuable time during the examinations.

GENERIC ANSWER SHEET

- A generic answer sheet is printed in the front cover.
It has been identified that some candidates do not hand in the answer sheet with the answer script. Irregularity reports then indicate that a candidate claimed to have taken the answer sheet home in error; the answer sheet was thrown away with the “scrap” answer books by the invigilator, etc.
- Schools are to copy this page and show candidates how this generic answer sheet can be used.
- The answer sheet has place for:
 - The question number according to the question paper
 - 30 multiple choice responses
 - 10 matching questions
 - 10 true/false
 - 10 one word answers
- Candidates are to use this answer sheet when possible.
It should be explained, for example that the question paper may only have option a b c then d would not be used.
- Candidates who do not use this answer sheet are responsible for placing the loose answer sheet in the back of the answer book. Ensure that the examination number is written on the loose answer sheet.
- Irregularities in respect of answer sheets not handed in with the answer book will not be tolerated.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- These instructions are self explanatory.
- Schools are to copy these pages and allow candidates to read them in the language of their choice.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Sheets for rough work are provided at the back of the answer book.
- Only these pages may be used for rough work and no extra paper may be handed out.

- The pages marked ROUGH WORK will not be marked.
- No pages may be removed from the answer book.
- Candidates must take responsibility for handing in all answer books used, as well as loose answer sheets.
- Invigilators must ensure that candidates have completed all information on the front cover.

Principals are to ensure that all Grade 12 candidates are given copies of the attached pages and shown how to use them. It is also advised that the learners be given time to carefully read and familiarise themselves with the instructions to candidates. Teachers who will invigilate the NSC examination should be included in this important information session.

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