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## **ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 25 of 2008**

**TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL  
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<p><b>NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (NSC) PRESCRIBED LITERATURE TEXTS FOR STUDY IN GRADE 12 FOR ALL OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AT HOME AND 1<sup>ST</sup> ADDITIONAL LEVELS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 2009-2011</b></p>
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This Assessment Instruction should be read in conjunction with Assessment Instruction 35 of 2007 entitled *Information regarding the Grade 12 Setworks for all Official languages to be offered in 2008 and 2009*, dated 24 August 2007.

This circular deals with:

Prescribed literature texts for study in Grade 12 for all official languages at Home and 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Language levels in public schools in 2009 – 2011.

1. The National Department of Education, in consultation with the Provincial Departments of Education, has compiled a list of prescribed titles for literature study in Grade 12 in 2009, 2010 and 2011.
2. The literature list includes novels, drama and poems for each of the 11 official South African Home and 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Languages. Short stories for Afrikaans and English 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Language are also listed. Short stories for African 1<sup>st</sup> Additional languages will be announced later in 2008.
3. The network titles for Grade 12 literature study are provided in Appendices A to D.
4. The selected literature titles were provided to publishers and they prepared and submitted novels and drama with supporting notes. Publishers also submitted anthologies of poetry for all official languages and short story anthologies for English and Afrikaans 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Languages. These anthologies all contained supporting notes. The titles submitted by publishers were screened in March 2008 and the final National literature catalogue of approved titles for Grade 12 literature study was distributed to Provincial Education Departments on 25 April 2008.

5. In summary, the prescribed literature requirements are as follows:

- **HOME LANGUAGE**

Schools should choose **one** title from each of **three** genres for literature study in Home Languages:

**Novels** in the 11 official South African languages are listed in **Appendix A**. Schools should choose **one** of the listed titles for study.

**Plays / Drama** in each of the 11 official South African languages are listed in **Appendix C**. Schools should choose **one** of the listed titles for study.

**Anthologies of poetry** for each of the 11 official South African languages are listed in the National literature catalogue for Grade 12. The Department of Education will indicate at a later date which poems are to be studied for examination purposes in each of the three years. This information will be provided in the year preceding the examination.

- **1<sup>ST</sup> ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE**

Schools should choose **two** titles from **four** genres for literature study in 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Languages:

**Novels** in the 11 official South African languages are listed in **Appendix B**. If this genre is chosen, schools should choose **one** of the listed titles for study.

**Plays / Drama** in 9 official South African languages are listed in **Appendix D**. No drama for isiNdebele and isiXhosa are provided. If this genre is chosen, schools should choose **one** of the listed titles for study.

**Anthologies of short stories** for English and Afrikaans 1<sup>st</sup> Additional languages are listed in the National literature catalogue for Grade 12. Anthologies of short stories for the African 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Languages will be announced later in 2008. The Department of Education will indicate at a later date which short stories are to be studied for examination purposes in each of the three years. This information will be provided in the year preceding the examination.

6. The Department of Education expresses its appreciation to all who contributed to the compilation of the literature lists.
7. Principals are requested to give this instruction to all Heads of Departments in charge of languages and to teachers of language for immediate action in selecting the literature titles required in 2009.