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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 24 OF 2021

TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL
CHIEF DIRECTORS
HEAD OFFICE DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS
CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
CIRCUIT MANAGERS
DEPUTY CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (GRADE 12)
TEACHER UNIONS/ORGANISATIONS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

DATE: 24 JUNE 2021

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE

1. At the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) meeting held on Wednesday, 19 May 2021, the 2021 November/December NSC Examination Timetable was discussed and approved (**ANNEXURE A**).
2. The 2021 November/December NSC examinations are scheduled to be written from **Monday, 1 November 2021 to Tuesday, 7 December 2021**.

Examination	Commencement date	End date
Grade 12 NSC FINAL	01 November 2021	7 December 2021

3. The schools will close for learners on **Friday, 10 December 2021** and for teachers on **Wednesday, 15 December 2021**.
4. Examinations will start later than usual to allow for maximum teaching and learning time and the timetable will follow the timetable format of previous years, thus the examinations will extend over a period of 6 weeks.
5. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task will be written on **Monday, 6 September 2021**, with its re-write (i.e. LO Common Assessment Task) scheduled for **Wednesday, 13 October 2021**.

6. Computer Applications Technology (CAT) and Information Technology (IT) Paper 1, practical, will be written on **Tuesday, 19 October 2021** and **Wednesday, 20 October 2021** respectively.
7. Candidates and teachers to also take note of the following important changes:
- (a) Geography Paper 1 and Paper 2 are now both 3 hours and will be written on separate days:
 - (i) Geography P1: (Climate and Weather, Geomorphology and Mapwork).
 - (ii) Geography P2: (Rural and Urban Settlement, Economic Geography of SA and Mapwork).
 - (b) All Home Languages Paper 3 are now 3-hour papers compared to 2½ hrs previously.
 - (c) A third paper has been added to all Second Additional Languages. The duration of these SAL papers (P3) are 2½ hrs duration.
 - (d) Marine Sciences (Paper 1 and Paper 2) is offered for the first time at Grade 12 level.
8. The 2021 November/December examination timetable can also be accessed on the Department of Basic Education (DBE) website. <https://www.education.gov.za/>
9. The heads of educational institutions should ensure that the content of this assessment instruction is distributed to all Grade 12 teachers, learners, subject advisors and other relevant stakeholders.



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Basic Education
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICAANNEXURE A (page 1 of 2)
Assessment Instruction 24 of 2021**NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021 EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE**

WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
Monday 01/11	English HL P1 (2hrs) English FAL P1 (2hrs) English SAL P1 (2hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P1 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu FAL P1 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu SAL P1 (2hrs) Hebrew SAL P1 (2hrs) German HL, SAL P1 (2hrs)
Tuesday 02/11	Business Studies P1 (2hrs)	Arabic, French, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P1 (2hrs) Latin SAL P1 (3hrs) Portuguese HL, FAL, SAL P1 (2hrs)
Wednesday 03/11	Afrikaans HL P1 (2hrs) Afrikaans FAL P1 (2hrs) Afrikaans SAL P1 (2hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P2 (2½hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu FAL P2 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu SAL P2 (2hrs) Hebrew SAL P2 (2hrs) German HL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (2hrs)
Thursday 04/11	RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY	
Friday 05/11	Mathematics P1 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P1 (3hrs) Technical Mathematics P1 (3hrs)	Arabic, French, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P2 (2hrs) Latin SAL P2 (1½hrs) Portuguese HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL, SAL P2 (2hr) Equine Studies (3hrs) Maritime Economics (3hrs)
WEEK 2	09:00	14:00
Monday 08/11	Mathematics P2 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P2 (3hrs) Technical Mathematics P2 (3hrs)	Religion Studies P1 (2hrs)
Tuesday 09/11	Economics P1 (2hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P3 (2½hrs), FAL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese, German HL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese FAL P3 (2½hrs) Marine Sciences P1 (2½hrs)
Wednesday 10/11	Business Studies P2 (2hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P1 (3hrs)
Thursday 11/11	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs) isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs) South African Sign Language HL P1 (2hrs)	Geography (Climate and Weather, Geomorphology and Mapwork) P1 (3hrs)
Friday 12/11	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3hrs) Technical Sciences P1 (3hrs)	History P1 (3hrs)
WEEK 3	09:00	14:00
Monday 15/11	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3hrs) Technical Sciences P2 (1½hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P2 (3hrs)
Tuesday 16/11	English HL P2 (2½hrs) English FAL P2 (2½hrs) English SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Civil Technology (3hrs)
Wednesday 17/11	Accounting P1 (2hrs)	Geography (Rural and Urban Settlement, Economic Geomorphology of SA and Map work) P2 (3hrs)
Thursday 18/11	Economics P2 (2hrs)	Visual Arts (3hrs)
Friday 19/11	Life Sciences P1 (2½hrs)	Design (3hrs)

WEEK 4	09:00	14:00
Monday 22/11	Life Sciences P2 (2½hrs)	Electrical Technology (3hrs)
Tuesday 23/11	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P2 (2½hrs) FAL (2½hrs) SAL P2 (1½hrs) South African Sign Language HL P2 (2½hrs) isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (1½hrs)	History P2 (3hrs) Marine Sciences P2 (2½hrs)
Wednesday 24/11	Accounting P2 (2hrs)	Mechanical Technology (3hrs)
Thursday 25/11	Afrikaans HL P2 (2½hrs) Afrikaans FAL P2 (2½hrs) Afrikaans SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Religion Studies P2 (2hrs)
Friday 26/11	Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½hrs) Nautical Science P1 (3hrs) Sport and Exercise Science (3hrs)	Computer Applications Tech P2 (Theory) (3hrs)
WEEK 5	09:00	14:00
Monday 29/11	English HL P3 (3hrs) English FAL P3 (2½hrs) English SAL P3 (2½hrs)	Tourism (3hrs)
Tuesday 30/11	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P3 (3hrs), FAL, SAL P3 (2½hrs) isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele HL P3 (3hrs), FAL, SAL P3 (2½hrs) South African Sign Language HL P3 (3hrs)	Information Technology P2 (Theory) (3hrs)
Wednesday 01/12	Afrikaans HL P3 (3hrs) Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½hrs) Afrikaans SAL P3 (2½hrs)	Consumer Studies (3hrs) Hospitality Studies (3hrs)
Thursday 02/12	Agricultural Sciences P2 (2½hrs) Nautical Science P2 (3hrs)	Music P1 Theory (3hrs)
Friday 03/12	Dramatic Arts (3hrs)	Agricultural Management Practices (3hrs)
WEEK 6	09:00	14:00
Monday 06/12	Dance Studies (3hrs)	Agricultural Technology (3hrs) Music P2 Comprehension (1½hrs)
Tuesday 07/12	IT and CAT rewrite	

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Monday, 6 September	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (2.5hrs)
Tuesday 19 October	Computer Applications Tech P1 (3hrs) Practical
Wednesday 20 October	Information Technology P1 (3hrs) Practical
16 August to 15 October	Performing Arts Practical
11 October to 22 October	Visual Arts and Design Practical

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