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## **ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 28 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: 22 JULY 2021

## GRADE 12 JUNE COMMON EXAMINATION EXEMPLARS – EXAMINATION SUPPORT MATERIAL

- 1. In line with the directive issued by the Department of Basic Education, educational institutions were instructed not to have a formal examination for Grade 12 in June 2021. The objective was to protect teaching time in order to ensure that the curriculum would be finished in the allocated teaching time as per the revised Annual Teaching Plan.
- 2. The result of this was that the current cohort of Grade 12 learners would not be exposed to a formal examination before the advent of the Grade 12 Preparatory Examination. The examination process plays a crucial role in the diagnostic analysis of areas of concern that need to be addressed.
- 3. In order to address this and ensure that the learners are exposed to the examination process and ensure that educators get valuable feedback regarding learners' progress, the Examination and Assessment Chief Directorate has developed Grade 12 June Common Exemplar question papers.
- 4. These question papers were set in line with the relevant adjusted/revised Annual Teaching Plan (ATP) and the latest examination guidelines. It was also developed to ensure that all cognitive levels were balanced in line with the required prescripts. It is hoped that this would assist learners and teachers to address the educational gaps that developed as a result of not being exposed to Common June Examinations.



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- 5. The Exemplars were made available to schools in both printed and electronic formats (a USB). A question paper, inclusive of answer books, addendums as well as a marking guideline has been provided. Teachers are urged to use the examination support material to ensure that learners get exposed to a formal examination and where possible administer it in conditions that mimic realistic examination writing conditions.
- 6. The provision of the Grade 12 June Common Examination Exemplars is part of the ongoing efforts of the Chief Directorate and the ECDoE to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact of the educational performance of learners.
- 7. It is also advised that schools may utilise the Exemplar Question Papers are Test paper to ensure that all learners are exposed to a common standard question paper before writing the Preparatory Examination.
- 8 Question papers are printed per learner for quintile 1-3 schools for the following High Enrolment Subjects.
  - Accounting
  - Agricultural Sciences
  - Business Studies
  - Economics
  - Geography
  - History
  - Life Sciences
  - Mathematics
  - Mathematical Literacy
  - Physical Sciences

Technical Mathematics and Technical sciences question papers are provided to support as these two subjects require additional support.

- 9. Grade 12 June Exemplar question papers and marking guidelines were printed one copy per school for all schools and delivered to district by 28 June 2021. A USB with the following support material was included in the pack.
  - Grade 12 June Exemplars
  - Grade 11 Exemplars
  - Grade 10 Exemplars.
- 10. The heads of educational institutions should ensure that the content of this assessment instruction is distributed to all Grades 10-12 teachers, learners, subject advisors and other relevant stakeholders.



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