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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 55 OF 2021

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DATE: 04 NOVEMBER 2021

**CORRECTION OF THE MARKS CAPTURED FOR LIFE ORIENTATION AND
DRAMATIC ARTS 2021**

1. This Assessment Instruction has the reference to National Examination Instruction 45 of 2021.
2. This Examination Instruction serves to correct the following:
 - 2.1. The incorrect maximum marks for Life Orientation (SBA and Common Assessment Task)
 - 2.2. The number of SBA tasks for Dramatic Arts.
3. Circular S10 of 2021 provides the weighting for Life Orientation which is listed as 80% for the School Based Assessment (SBA) Tasks and 20% for Life Orientation Common Assessment Task (CAT). In terms of actual marks, this should be captured as a total of 320 marks for SBA and 80 marks for Life orientation CAT and not a total of 300 marks for SBA and 100 marks for Life Orientation CAT.



Life Orientation	Incorrect Mark	Correct Mark
SBA	300	320
CAT	100	80

4. In the case of Dramatic Arts, Circular S10 of 2021 indicated the incorrect number of SBA tasks per term, which has since been corrected in Circular S18 of 2021. Circular S18 of 2021, issued on 23 October 2021, confirms the correct number of tasks and weightings for Dramatic Arts which is as follows:

Grade 10 and 11

Task Number	2	3
Task Name	Written Control Test	Performance Control Test
Mark Allocation	100	100
Weighting	50%	50%

Grade 12

Task Number	2	3
Task Name	Preparatory Written Exams	Preparatory Performance Examination
Mark Allocation	100	100
Weighting	50%	50%

5. In order to correct these two errors for both Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts, the following procedure will be followed by schools and district offices:
- An amendment to SA-SAMS (version 21.2.1.) will be issued to all PEDs with the corrections to both Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts.
 - The amendment to SA-SAMS must be distributed to all schools and PEDs must ensure that every school receives the updated version.
 - All schools must apply the updated version that will re-calculate the Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts marks.



- d) Schools must then print the corrected Mark Schedule from SA-SAMS for both Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts.
- e) New NSC Mark Sheets will be supplied to schools for both Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts. The PED will ensure that the old mark sheets are collected from schools, before the new mark sheets are issued, to avoid confusing the old mark sheets with the new mark sheets. The date for the submission of old mark sheets appears on the management plan.
- f) Schools must then transfer the marks for both Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts from the SA-SAMS mark schedules to the NSC mark sheets. (In the case of Life Orientation, two marks are transferred from the SASAMS mark sheets to the NSC mark sheets i.e. the SBA mark and the LO CAT mark)
- g) District Officials must ensure that the newly submitted Mark Sheets for Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts are quality controlled and verified in terms of:
 - accuracy of the transfer of marks from the SA-SAMS mark schedule to the NSC mark sheets.
 - confirm that patch 21.2.1 was used in the re-calculation and this version code will be indicated on the SA-SAMS Mark Schedule.
- h) The NSC mark sheets are then submitted to the Provincial Head office for capture of the marks onto the Examination Computer System.

6. The Use of SA-SAMS in the Correction Process

6.1. Schools should not recapture any marks already captured on SASAMS and conversions/calculation should not be done manually. SA-SAMS will perform the following actions:

- For Life Orientation (LO) it will convert SBA mark (Tasks 1-5) from 300 to 320 and LO CAT (Task 6) mark from 100 to 80.



- For Dramatic Arts the Term 1 PAT task is removed from the SBA calculation and final SBA mark is recalculated.

6.2. To implement to new version schools must follow the following steps:

Schools install version 21.2.1

- Open screen 12.3.11 - select Grade 12 Life Orientation/Dramatic Arts and confirm weight validation
- Open 12.3.12 - select Grade 12 Life Orientation/Dramatic Arts, All classes, Term 4 and click on SAVE.
- Open the SA-SAMS mark sheet and print for verification. The SA-SAMS version code is also printed on the SA-SAMS mark schedule to assist with verification.
- The marks from the SA-SAMS mark schedule can now be transcribed onto the IECS mark sheet

6.3. Please note that the Term Weight % and Term totals are not used for Final SBA calculations

7. The screen shot below is provided to confirm that the LO CAT (Task 6) in Term 3 is converted to a mark of 80.

Grade: Grade 12		Subject: Life Orientation (Gr 12)							
Term	Task Description (English) (Yellow = Formal Task)	Common Test/ Task	Activity Count	Topic Count	Planned Date	Raw Task Total	Term Weight %	Include in SBA Year Mark	SBA Weight %
Term1	1 (Source based) - Formal	Yes	0	5	2021/03/11	90	90.00	Yes	25.00
Term1	PET - Formal	Yes	0	2	2021/03/23	10	10.00	Yes	12.50
Term 1 Totals:						100	100.00		
Term2	3 (Project) - Formal	Yes	0	10	2021/06/30	90	90.00	Yes	25.00
Term2	PET - Formal	Yes	0	2	2021/06/30	10	10.00	Yes	12.50
Term 2 Totals:						100	100.00		
Term3	5 (Control test) - Formal	Yes	0	17	2021/09/06	100	100.00	Yes	25.00
Term3	6 (End-of-year examination) - Formal	No	1	1	2021/09/11	80	0.00	Yes	0.00
Term 3 Totals:						180	100.00		
Term4	Dummy Task (Capture -1) (End-of-year)	Yes	0	2	2021/11/23	1	0.00	No	
SBA Year Mark - Convert Marks to Specified Marks:						320	100.00		100.00
Term 4 Totals:						321	100.00		



8. Schools must attach the SASAMS mark schedule to the IECS mark sheet so that it can be confirmed that the latest version of the patch was used in the conversion process.
9. The following are the key dates in terms of the management of these changes to Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts.

ACTIVITY	DUE DATE
SA-SAMS Patch 21.2.1 Released to PEDS	5 November 2021
Submission of old mark sheets for Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts to districts offices	9 November 2021
Grade 12 NSC Life Orientation & Dramatic Arts Mark sheets released to schools	12 November 2021
SA-SAMS Patch 21.2.1 distributed to all schools	15 November 2021
Life Orientation & Dramatic Arts SBA marks conversion completed at school level.	16-18 November 2021
Schools submit Life Orientation & Dramatic Arts SBA Mark sheets to District Offices.	19 November 2021

10. The DBE apologises for any inconvenience caused by the process to be adopted to change the Life Orientation and Dramatic Arts marks.
11. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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