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**ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 25 OF 2023**

**TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL  
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PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (GRADE 12)  
TEACHER UNIONS/ORGANISATIONS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

**DATE: 04 MAY 2023**

**2023 GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE – PREPARATORY 2023  
EXAMINATION DRAFT TIMETABLE**

1. The 2023 NSC Grade 12 Preparatory Examination plays a crucial role in the preparations for learners for the final NSC Grade 12 October/November 2023 Examination. It provides an opportunity for both learners, educators and other role-players to measure their readiness.
2. The DRAFT timetable for the 2023 NSC Grade 12 Preparatory is attached as ANNEXURE A. It is important to note that the examination will take place during a period designated by the DBE. The examination is thus scheduled for:

<b>Examination</b>	<b>Commencement date</b>	<b>End date</b>
Grade 12 Preparatory	28 August 2023	21 September 2023

3. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Task will be written on Monday, **4 September 2023**, with its rewrite (i.e. LO Common Task) scheduled for **Wednesday, 11 October 2023**.

4. Schools are reminded to set their own question papers for the subjects which do not appear on this timetable and find a suitable slot within the existing timetable. Question papers set at school level, must be moderated by expert teachers/district subject advisors.
5. Comments and suggestions on the draft timetable should be e-mailed to [Penelope.Japtha@ecdoe.gov.za](mailto:Penelope.Japtha@ecdoe.gov.za) no later than Monday, 5 June 2023.
6. Note that any changes or amendments to the draft timetable should have a valid educational basis. The timetable was developed keeping in mind various factors and variables. Various logistics and provincial dynamics were considered.
7. Schools and other educational institutions are also reminder that the Examination provides an opportunity to test and evaluate the procedures and systems for the final Examination.
8. It is imperative that all the protocols regarding the security of the question papers are observed to protect the integrity of the examination.
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.



04 May 2023

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**MR R. TYWAKADI**  
**DDG: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY**

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**DATE**



**2023 GRADE 12 PREPARATORY EXAMINATION: DRAFT TIMETABLE**

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 28/08/2023	Business Studies P1 (2 hrs) Mechanical Technology (3 hrs)	Religion Studies P1 (2 hrs)
Tuesday 29/08/2023	Life Sciences P1 (2½ hrs)	Afrikaans HL P2 (2½ hrs) Afrikaans FAL P2 (2½ hrs)
Wednesday 30/08/2023	IsiXhosa HL P2 (2½ hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P2 (2 hrs) Sesotho HL P2 (2½ hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½ hrs)
Thursday 31/09/2023	Economics P1 (2 hrs)	Information Technology P2 (3 hrs) THEORY
Friday 01/09/2023	Geography P1 (3 hrs)	Civil Technology (3 hrs)
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 04/09/2023	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (DBE) (2½ hrs)	Business Studies P2 (2 hrs)
Tuesday 05/09/2023	English HL P2 (2½ hrs) English FAL P2 (2½ hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P2 (2½ hrs)
Wednesday 06/09/2023	Life Sciences P2 (2½ hrs)	IsiXhosa HL P3 (3 hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P3 (2½ hrs) Sesotho HL P3 (3 hrs)
Thursday 07/09/2023	Geography P2 (3 hrs)	Afrikaans HL P3 (3 hrs) Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½ hrs)
Friday 08/09/2023	Mathematics P1 (3 hrs) Technical Mathematics P1 (3 hrs) Mathematical Literacy P1 (3 hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P1 (3 hrs)

<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 11/09/2023	Mathematics P2 (3 hrs) Technical Mathematics P2 (3 hrs) Mathematical Literacy P2 (3 hrs)	CAT P2 (3 hrs) THEORY
Tuesday 12/09/2023	Accounting P1 (2 hrs)	English HL P3 (3 hrs) English FAL P3 (2½hrs)
Wednesday 13/09/2023	History P1 (3 hrs)	Afrikaans HL P1 (2 hrs) Afrikaans FAL P1 (2 hrs)
Thursday 14/09/2023	Electrical Technology (3 hrs)	English HL P1 (2 hrs) English FAL P1 (2 hrs)
Friday 15/09/2023	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3 hrs) Technical Sciences P1 (3 hrs)	Tourism (3 hrs)
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 18/09/2023	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3 hrs) Technical Sciences P2 (1½ hrs)	Economics P2 (2 hrs)
Tuesday 19/09/2023	Accounting P2 (2 hrs)	IsiXhosa HL P1 (2½ hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P1 (2½ hrs) Sesotho HL P1 (2½ hrs)
Wednesday 20/09/2023	History P2 (3 hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P2 (3 hrs)
Thursday 21/09/2023	Consumer Studies (3 hrs) Hospitality Studies (3 hrs)	Religion Studies P2 (2 hrs)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>09:00</b>
Thursday, 24 August 2023	Computer Applications Tech P1 (3 hrs) Practical
Friday, 25 August 2023	Information Technology P1 (3 hrs) Practical

- **Schools are reminded to set their own question papers for the subjects which do not appear on this timetable and find a suitable slot within the existing timetable.**
- **Marking guidelines will be provided a day after a subject has been written.**
- **Any examination irregularity must be reported via the appropriate channels.**