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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 49 OF 2023

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

DATE: 06 NOVEMBER 2023

ADMINISTRATION OF GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE 2023

1. The overall goal of the General Education Certificate (GEC) is to recognize the holistic skill-set for learners over the schooling in GET.
2. The Department of Basic Education is piloting the GEC in selected schools across the 9 Provinces from **15 November to 21 November 2023**. The list of selected schools for the pilot project are attached as **Annexure A**
3. To ensure quality teaching and learning, DBE has introduced a pilot study for GEC for a period of three (3) years.
4. GEC is an assessment that forms part of the National Assessment framework (NAF) to assist learners in establishing pathways after 10 years of schooling i.e., Occupational stream, Vocational stream, and the Academic stream.
5. **Following are the five subjects for the pilot project in 2023:**
 - 5.1. Home languages
 - 5.2. Mathematics(P1): Numbers, operations and Relationships and Patterns, Functions and Algebra
 - 5.3. EMS(P2): the Economy and Entrepreneurship
 - 5.4. Natural Sciences

5.5. First Additional Language

6. Please Note:

- Test papers for GEC subjects above will be collected on the day of the examination above from the district's examinations and Assessment office by School Principals.
- Schools need to set the papers for **MATHS P2: Geometry, Measurement and data handling** and **EMS P1: Financial literacy** and the **four other remaining subjects**.

7. Exemplars will be provided by DBE on the **first week of term 4** for these subjects.

The table below is the timetable for the administration of the Pilot Project

Date	Subject	Time	Duration
15-Nov. 2023	Home Languages	09:00	2,5hrs
16-Nov. 2023	Mathematics (P1): Numbers, Operations and Relationships and Patterns, Functions and Algebra	09:00	2 hrs
17-Nov. 2023	EMS (P2): The Economy and Entrepreneurship	09:00	2 hrs
Week 2			
20-Nov. 2023	Natural Sciences	09:00	2 hrs
21-Nov. 2023	First Additional Language	09:00	2,5hrs

8. Districts and schools are requested to adhere to the start and the end time as stipulated on the timetable.

9. Marking of GEC test

8.1 Marking guideline discussion will be done before the marking of learners scripts.

8.2 Standardized marking guidelines will be sent to the schools after the subject has been written.

10. Moderation of Scripts

10.1 Moderation of standardized Curriculum Tests should happen in line with existing internal school moderation processes.

10.2 A sample should be drawn and moderated by the Head of Department/Senior teacher/subject head.

10.3 Anomalies should be handled in terms of the schools' internal processes.

11. Remarking

11.1 Department of Basic Education (DBE) will sample scripts of the learners in one class and will be forwarded to DBE for remarking during December 2023.

11.2 Schools are therefore requested to keep all the learner's scripts in a safe place after the moderation process.

12. The cooperation of all education stakeholders in this important process is both anticipated and appreciated.



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06/11/2023

DATE