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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 31 OF 2024

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DATE: 11 JULY 2024

GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE – PREPARATORY 2024 EXAMINATION FINAL TIMETABLE

1. The 2024 NSC Grade 12 Preparatory Final Timetable is attached as **ANNEXURE A**. It is important to note that the examination will take place during a period designated by the DBE. Their objective is to ensure that teaching time is protected. The examination serves as an important barometer of the preparations for the final Grade 12 National Senior Certificate October/November.
2. The Preparatory Examination is offered to full-time candidates at public schools and accredited independent subsidised schools in August/September with the aim of adequately preparing the registered candidates for the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate October/November 2024.
4. All the public schools and accredited independent subsidised schools are expected to participate in the Preparatory Examination as administered by the Eastern Cape Department of Education. The Preparatory Examination forms a vital component of candidates' final School-Based Assessment (SBA) marks.

5. The Preparatory Examination 2024 will be conducted as follows:

Examination	Commencement date	End date
Grade 12 Preparatory	Monday, 19 August 2024	Monday, 16 September 2024

Districts/cluster/schools are required to slot in the subjects which do not appear on the timetable and are offered by them on available slots in developing their internal timetables. In using the available timeslots, districts/cluster/schools are advised to be mindful of religious considerations.

6. The Preparatory Examination papers that will be provided by the Provincial Education Department appears on the attached official timetable (ANNEXURE A). These papers will be printed, packed and distributed by the Provincial Education Department.
7. District offices will convey the arrangements regarding the collection of question papers. The arrangements at district level will be aligned with the protocols that will be observed for the Grade 12 NSC October/November Examination in terms of norm times for collection as well as the monitoring of examinations.
8. Schools are reminded to set their own question papers for the subjects which do not appear on this timetable. Question papers set at school level, must be moderated by expert teachers/district subject advisors.
9. The question papers set by any means other than by the PED must adhere to the following conditions:
- It must replicate the Grade 12 NSC October/November question papers in their duration.
 - The standard must be comparable.
 - The mark allocation, time allocation and format must be similar.
- The applicable CAPS and Subject Assessment Guidelines documents must be consulted.
10. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Task will be written on **Monday, 2 September 2024**, with its rewrite (i.e. LO Common Task) scheduled for **Wednesday, 7 October 2024**. The Life Orientation Examination is **COMPULSARY** as it forms an integral part of the final School-Based Assessment mark for the subject.
11. It is imperative that all the protocols regarding the security of the question papers are observed to protect the integrity of the examination.
12. Feedback regarding question papers can be sent to **Penelope.Japhta@ecdoe.gov.za**.

13. 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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DDG: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY

15/07/2024
DATE

2024 GRADE 12 PREPARATORY EXAMINATION: FINAL TIMETABLE		
WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
Monday 19/08/2024	Computer Applications Tech P1 (3 hrs) Practical	
Tuesday 20/08/2024	Business Studies P1 (2 hrs) Mechanical Technology (3 hrs)	Religion Studies P1 (2 hrs)
Wednesday 21/08/2024	IsiXhosa HL P3 (3 hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P3 (2½ hrs) Sesotho HL P3 (3 hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½ hrs)
Thursday 22/08/2024	Life Sciences P1 (2½ hrs)	Afrikaans HL P3 (3 hrs) Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½ hrs)
Friday 23/08/2024	Geography P1 (Climate and Weather, Geomorphology and Mapwork) (3 hrs)	Civil Technology (3 hrs)
WEEK 2	09:00	14:00
Monday 26/08/2024	Economics P1 (2 hrs)	Information Technology P1 (3 hrs) Practical
Tuesday 27/08/2024	English HL P2 (2½ hrs) English FAL P2 (2½ hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P2 (2½ hrs)
Wednesday 28/08/2024	Life Sciences P2 (2½ hrs)	IsiXhosa HL P2 (2½ hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P2 (2½ hrs) Sesotho HL P2 (2½ hrs)
Thursday 29/08/2024	Geography P2 (Rural and Urban Settlement, Economic Geography of SA and Mapwork) (3 hrs)	Information Technology P2 (3 hrs) THEORY
Friday 30/08/2024	Accounting P1 (2 hrs)	English HL P3 (3 hrs) English FAL P3 (2½ hrs)

WEEK 3	09:00	14:00
Monday 02/09/2024	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (DBE) (2½ hrs)	
Tuesday 03/09/2024	History P1 (3 hrs)	Afrikaans HL P1 (2 hrs) Afrikaans FAL P1 (2 hrs)
Wednesday 04/09/2024	Accounting P2 (2 hrs)	IsiXhosa HL P1 (2½ hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P1 (2½ hrs) Sesotho HL P1 (2½ hrs)
Thursday 05/09/2024	Electrical Technology (3 hrs)	Afrikaans HL P2 (2½ hrs) Afrikaans FAL P2 (2½ hrs)
Friday 06/09/2024	Mathematics P1 (3 hrs) Technical Mathematics P1 (3 hrs) Mathematical Literacy P1 (3 hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P1 (3 hrs)
WEEK 4	09:00	14:00
Monday 09/09/2024	Mathematics P2 (3 hrs) Technical Mathematics P2 (3 hrs) Mathematical Literacy P2 (3 hrs)	CAT P2 (3 hrs) THEORY
Tuesday 10/09/2024	History P2 (3 hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P2 (3 hrs)
Wednesday 11/09/2024	Consumer Studies (3 hrs)	Religion Studies P2 (2 hrs)
Thursday 12/09/2024	English HL P1 (2 hrs) English FAL P1 (2 hrs)	Business Studies P2 (2 hrs)
Friday 13/09/2024	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3 hrs) Technical Sciences P1 (3 hrs)	Tourism (3 hrs)
WEEK 5	09:00	14:00
Monday 16/09/2024	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3 hrs) Technical Sciences P2 (1½ hrs)	Economics P2 (2 hrs)
Tuesday 17/09/2024		

Wednesday 18/09/2024		
Thursday 19/09/2024		
Friday 20/09/2024	SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR THE THIRD TERM	

- **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.**