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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 47 of 2010

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SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
PRINCIPALS OF ALL PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS:
GRADES 1- 9
TEACHER UNIONS / ORGANISATIONS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

DATE: **10 OCTOBER 2010**

ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS & GRADE 9 EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT

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ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS (ANA)

2. The National Department of Basic Education has postponed conducting ANA in Grades 1 to 6 and piloting these in a sample of Grade 9 schools in 2010.
3. These will now be conducted during the second week of February 2011.

COMMON TESTS GRADES 3 & 6

4. There will be no common tests for Grades 3 & 6 in November 2010.
5. Schools are to follow the programme of assessment for Grades 3 & 6 as outlined in all relevant documents.

GRADE 9 COMMON ASSESSMENT

6. Notice was given of the discontinuation of Common Tasks of Assessment (CTAs) and of the Province's decision to devise an assessment component as a replacement for the CTAs ensuring that these assessments are moderated at provincial level for quality.
7. The formal assessment is compulsory for all schools with Grade 9 learners. This includes Independent schools that receive a subsidy from the Department of Education.
8. All Learning Areas in Grade 9 will be examined externally in November 2010 and this shall comprise 25% of the total assessment mark.
9. The common assessment time table for November 2010 is given as ANNEXURE A. This time table replaces the previous time table attached to Assessment Instruction 28. The dates given were decided after input from concerned Principals.
10. Kindly note that Languages are 2.5 hour examinations while all other subjects are 2 hour examinations.
11. All learners, registered in Grade 9, will be provided with a question paper, packed per school, per District, per language version.
12. It is envisaged that this Assessment Instruction will assist teachers, Heads of Departments (HOD), School Management Teams (SMT), Principals and District Officials in managing the common test in Grade 9 in November 2010 in a uniform manner.
13. District Directors and School Principals are kindly requested to disseminate this information as soon as possible to all relevant stakeholders.



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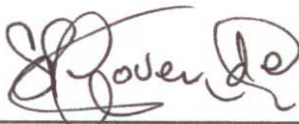
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ANNEXURE A

2010 GRADE 9 TIMETABLE COMMON FORMAL ASSESSMENT

Date	Time	Subject
Monday 15 November 2010	09.00 – 11.30	HOME LANGUAGE ***
Tuesday 16 November 2010	09.00 – 11.30	FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
Wednesday 17 November 2010		RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY
Thursday 18 November 2010	09.00 – 11.00	SOCIAL SCIENCES
Friday 19 November 2010	09.00 – 11.00	ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
Monday 22 November 2010	09.00 – 11.00	MATHEMATICS/
Tuesday 23 November 2010	09.00 – 11.00	NATURAL SCIENCES
Wednesday 24 November 2010	09.00 – 11.00	LIFE ORIENTATION
Thursday 25 November 2010	09.00 – 11.00	TECHNOLOGY
Friday 26 November 2010	09.00 – 11.00	ARTS AND CULTURE
Monday 29 November 2010	09.00 – 11.30	SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

***** Schools offering TWO HOME Languages are to use the isolation policy and start the 2nd session on Monday 15 November 2010 at 12h30**