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GRADE 12 TEACHERS OF LIFE SCIENCES

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INFORMATION TO LIFE SCIENCES CANDIDATES: GRADE 12, 2011 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)

1. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has noted that the Admission Letters for candidates have not appropriately captured the content to be assessed in Paper 1 and Paper 2 of the Life Sciences question papers for November 2011.
2. The DBE has therefore developed the attached Notice, entitled: *Information to Life Sciences candidates Grade 12 2011* to provide clarity on the specific content to be assessed in the two versions of the Life Sciences question papers.
3. This Notice must be printed and made available to each candidate writing Life Sciences examination in 2011 to enable them prepare adequately for the examination.
4. You are kindly requested to bring this Circular to the attention of all Subject Advisors and Teachers responsible for Life Sciences.

5. Enquiries can be directed to the Chief Director: National Assessment and Public Examination, Dr RR Poliah, Telephone number: 012 357 3900 and/or Email: poliah.r@dbe.gov.za

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



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Information to Life Sciences candidates Grade 12 2011

Dear Candidate

The Department of Basic Education has noted an error that occurred on the Admission Letters of full time candidates regarding the description of the Life Sciences question papers.

Please note that the correct description of the content to be assessed in each of the question paper is shown below:

Grade 12 - Life Sciences	Paper 1	Paper 2
Version 1 (Full time candidates) New content 2011-2013	Tissues, cells and molecular studies (Nucleic Acids, Protein Synthesis, Meiosis, Genetics) Diversity, change and continuity (Evolution)	Structure, control and processes (Plant responses, Nervous System, Sense Organs, Endocrine System, Temperature Regulation, Reproduction) Environmental Studies (Population Ecology, Community Structure)
Version 2 (Part Time Candidates) Old content 2008 - 2010	Tissues, cells and molecular studies (Nucleic Acids, Protein Synthesis, Meiosis, Genetics) Structure, control and processes (Reproduction)	Diversity, change and continuity (Evolution) Environmental Studies (Local environmental issues, Effect of pollutants)

You are once again reminded that Full time candidates will write Version 1 of the paper and Part time candidates will write Version 2.

The front page of the question paper would be clearly marked as Version 1 or Version 2.

Further to this, the question paper for Version 1 will be printed on white paper, whilst the question paper for Version 2 will be printed on coloured paper.

Should you have any further queries in this regard, please contact your School, District or Provincial Examinations section.

The DBE wishes you success in your examinations.

Yours Sincerely

MR SG PADAYACHEE

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