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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 29 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: 17 JULY 2023

2023 GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE – PREPARATORY 2023 EXAMINATION FINAL TIMETABLE

1. The 2023 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 Preparatory examination serves as an important barometer of the preparations for the final Grade 12 National Senior Certificate Examination.
2. The Preparatory Examination is offered to full-time candidates at public schools and Independent schools in August/September with the aim of adequately preparing the registered candidates for the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate October/November 2023.
4. All at public schools and Independent 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 2023 will be conducted as follows:

Examination	Commencement date	End date
Grade 12 Preparatory	28 August 2023	22 September 2023



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). It must be noted that some of these papers have been externally moderated by the DBE. 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 once again reminded to set their own question papers for the subjects which do not appear on this timetable. Question papers set at school level, may 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 similarThe applicable CAPS and Subject Assessment Guidelines documents must be consulted.
10. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task will be written on **Monday, 4 September 2023**, with its rewrite (i.e. LO Common Task) scheduled for **Wednesday, 11 October 2023**.
The Life Orientation Examination is **COMPULSORY** 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 send to [**Penelope.Japtha@ecdoe.gov.za**](mailto:Penelope.Japtha@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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2023 GRADE 12 PREPARATORY EXAMINATION: FINAL TIMETABLE

WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
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 P3 (3 hrs) Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½ hrs)
Wednesday 30/08/2023	IsiXhosa HL P3 (3 hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P3 (2½ hrs) Sesotho HL P3 (3 hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½ hrs)
Thursday 31/08/2023	Economics P1 (2 hrs)	Information Technology P2 (3 hrs) THEORY
Friday 01/09/2023	Geography P1 (Climate and Weather, Geomorphology and Mapwork) (3 hrs)	Civil Technology (3 hrs)
WEEK 2	09:00	14:00
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 P2 (2½ hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P2 (2 hrs) Sesotho HL P2 (2½ hrs)
Thursday 07/09/2023	Geography P2 (Rural and Urban Settlement, Economic Geography of SA and Mapwork) (3 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)

WEEK 3	09:00	14:00
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	History P1 (3 hrs)	Afrikaans HL P1 (2 hrs) Afrikaans FAL P1 (2 hrs)
Wednesday 13/09/2023	Accounting P1 (2 hrs)	English HL P3 (3 hrs) English FAL P3 (2½hrs)
Thursday 14/09/2023	Electrical Technology (3 hrs)	Afrikaans HL P2 (2½ hrs) Afrikaans FAL P2 (2½ hrs)
Friday 15/09/2023	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3 hrs) Technical Sciences P1 (3 hrs)	Tourism (3 hrs)
WEEK 4	09:00	14:00
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)
Friday 22/09/2023	English HL P1 (2 hrs) English FAL P1 (2 hrs)	

	09:00
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.**