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EXAMINATION INSTRUCTION 03 of 2020

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PRINCIPALS: ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS**
- RE: DBE EXAMINATION INSTRUCTION 02 OF 2020 – THE WRITING OF MAY/JUNE
2020 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)/SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC)
EXAMINATION**

Please receive the attached DBE Examination Instruction 02 of 2020 on the writing of May/June 2020 National Senior Certificate (NSC)/Senior Certificate (SC) Examination.

The May/June 2020 National Senior Certificate (NSC)/Senior Certificate (SC) Examinations timetable is attached.

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EXAMINATION INSTRUCTION NO.2 OF 2020

WRITING OF THE MAY/JUNE 2020 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)/SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) EXAMINATION

1. Please note that the 2020 May/June National Senior Certificate/Senior Certificate examination will be written from Monday, **4 May 2020** to Friday, **12 June 2020**, following the same format and structure as the 2019 May/June examination.
2. Find attached the timetable (**Annexure A**), for the 2020 May/June Examinations.
3. The May/June 2020 examination can be written by both the National Senior Certificate (NSC) candidates and Senior Certificate (SC) candidates.
4. The May/June examination is an examination that is identical to the November 2019 NSC examination and all subjects offered in the November 2019 NSC examination will be offered in the May/June 2020 examination. However, SC candidates can only write subjects marked with an asterisk.
5. The following NSC candidates can register to write the May/June 2020:
 - (a) Candidates who wrote the November NSC examination, that do not meet the requirements of the NSC but wish to improve their performance either in terms of the subject, or the type of pass obtained, may register to write the 2020 May/June examination;

- (b) If a candidate was indisposed due to ill-health or if there was a death in the immediate family or if for other special reasons a candidate was unable to write one or more question papers in the 2019 November examination, he or she may register for the 2020 May/June examination.
- (c) Progressed learners who opted for the multiple examinations opportunity (MEO) dispensation and wrote only a limited number of subjects in the November 2019 NSC examinations, need to complete the outstanding subjects in the May/June 2020 examination.
- (d) NSC candidates wishing to write the May/June examination must have completed his or her School Based Assessment (SBA), Practical Assessment Task (PAT), and Language Oral marks in the Nov 2019 NSC examination; and
- (e) Candidates may not register for a subject with a practical component, or for Languages, unless he has registered for such a subject in the Nov 2019 examination, and has a mark for the PAT component in that subject or in the case of Languages, has an oral mark.

6. Senior Certificate (SC) candidates can register to write the May/June 2020 examination and the criteria are as follows:

- (a) Adult candidates who are 21 years and older who have:
 - (i) a GETC; or
 - (ii) a Grade 9 school report, stating that they have passed Grade 9; or
 - (iii) a recognised equivalent qualification obtained at NQF Level 1.
- (b) Adult candidates with an incomplete Senior Certificate qualification written prior to 2015, who are 21 years and older on the first day of the month in which the 2020 May/June examination is conducted;
- (c) Out-of-school-youth 18 – 21 years old who could not complete their FET school education and who can no longer be accommodated in the school system due to special circumstances as verified by the Head of Department, provided further that they satisfy the requirements stipulated in (6)(a); and
- (d) Any NSC/SC(a)/SC(report 550) candidate who wants to improve his/her results.

7. It needs to be noted that in terms of the Regulations pertaining to the *Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examination (Gazette 42430 30 April 2019)*, the validity period attached to the SBA has been scrapped with effect from 2019. This implies that the SBA, PAT or Oral Marks completed by a candidate for the National Senior Certificate, is valid for as long as it takes the candidate to satisfy the requirements of the NSC or improve his results.

8. In terms of paragraph (7), no candidate should be expected to migrate from the National Senior Certificate (NSC) to the Senior Certificate (SC), as was the case in previous years, due to the expiry of the validity period of the SBA. NSC candidates that are 21 years and older must register as a part-time candidate for the 2020 May/June examinations.
9. For any enquiries relating to this circular, please contact the Chief Director: National Assessment and Public examinations (NAPE), Dr RR Poliah, Tel: (012) 357 3900.



DR RR POLIAH

CHIEF DIRECTOR: NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

DATE: 24/01/2020

ANNEXURE A



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2020 MAY/JUNE EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE

WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
Monday 4 May	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P1 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu FAL P1 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu SAL P1 (2hrs) Arabic, French, Hebrew, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P1 (2hrs) Latin SAL P1 (3hrs)	English HL P1 (2hrs)* English FAL P1 (2hrs)* English SAL P1 (2½hrs)
Tuesday 5 May	Portuguese, German HL P1 (2hrs) Portuguese FAL P1 (2hrs) Portuguese, German SAL P1 (2hrs)	Accounting (3hrs)*
Wednesday 6 May	Engineering Graphics and Design P1 (3hrs)	Afrikaans HL P1 (2hrs)* Afrikaans FAL P1 (2hrs)* Afrikaans SAL P1 (2½hrs)
Thursday 7 May	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P2 (2½hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu FAL P2 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu SAL P2 (2hrs) Arabic, French, Hebrew, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P2 (2hrs) Latin SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Religion Studies P1(2hrs)*
Friday 8 May	Portuguese, German HL P2 (2½hrs) Portuguese FAL P2 (2hr) Portuguese, German SAL P2 (2hrs)	Mathematics P1 (3hrs)* Mathematical Literacy P1 (3hrs)* Technical Mathematics P1 (3hrs)
WEEK 2	09:00	14:00
Monday 11 May	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P3 (2½hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu FAL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese, German HL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese FAL P3 (2½hrs)	Mathematics P2 (3hrs)* Mathematical Literacy P2 (3hrs) * Technical Mathematics P2 (3hrs)
Tuesday 12 May	Engineering Graphics and Design P2 (3hrs)	Computer Applications Tech P2 Theory (3hrs)*
Wednesday 13 May	South African Sign Language P1 (2hrs)	isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele HL P1 (2hrs)* isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele FAL P1 (2hrs)* isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele SAL P1 (2½hrs) Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P1 (2hrs)* Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda FAL P1 (2hrs)* Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda SAL P1 (2½hrs)
Thursday 14 May	Design (3hrs)	History P1 (3hrs)*
Friday 15 May	Dance Studies (3hrs)	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3hrs)* Technical Sciences P1 (3hrs)
WEEK 3	09:00	14:00
Monday 18 May	Dramatic Arts (3hrs)	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3hrs)* Technical Sciences P2 (3hrs)
Tuesday 19 May	Agricultural Management Practices (3hrs)	Business Studies (3hrs)*
Wednesday 20 May	Geography (Theory) P1 (3hrs)* Sport and Exercise Science (3hrs)	Geography (Map work) P2 (1½hrs)*
Thursday 21 May	Visual Arts (3hrs)	Information Technology P2 Theory (3hrs)*
Friday 22 May	Civil Technology (3hrs)	Life Sciences P1 (2½hrs)*

WEEK 4		09:00	14:00
Monday 25 May	Information Technology P1 (3hrs) Practical*		Life Sciences P2 (2½hrs)*
Tuesday 26 May	Computer Applications Tech P1 (3hrs) Practical*		Afrikaans HL P2 (2½hrs)* Afrikaans FAL (2hrs)* Afrikaans SAL P2 (2hrs)
Wednesday 27 May	South African Sign Language HL P2 (2½hrs)		isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele HL P2 (2½hrs)* isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele FAL P2 (2hrs)* isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele SAL P2 (2hrs) Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P2 (2½hrs)* Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda FAL (2hrs)* Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda SAL P2 (2hrs)
Thursday 28 May			English HL P2 (2½hrs)* English FAL (2hrs)* English SAL P2 (2hrs)
Friday 29 May	JEWISH RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY		
WEEK 5		09:00	14:00
Monday 1 June	Music P1 Theory (3hrs) Mechanical Technology (3hrs)		History P2 (3hrs)*
Tuesday 2 June	South African Sign Language HL P3 (2½hrs)		isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele HL P3 (2½hrs)* isiZulu, isiXhosa, Siswati, isiNdebele FAL P3 (2½hrs)* Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P3 (2½hrs)* Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda FAL P3 (2½hrs)*
Wednesday 3 June	Music P2 Comprehension (1½hrs) Electrical Technology (3hrs)		Economics P1 (2hrs)*
Thursday 4 June	Consumer Studies (3hrs) Hospitality Studies (3hrs)		Religion Studies P2 (2hrs)*
Friday 5 June			Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½hrs)* Nautical Science P1 (3hrs)
WEEK 6		09:00	14:00
Monday 8 June	Agricultural Technology (3hrs)		Agricultural Sciences P2 (2½hrs)* Nautical Science P2 (3hrs)
Tuesday 9 June	Maritime Economics (3hrs) Equine Studies (3hrs)		Economics P2 (2hrs)*
Wednesday 10 June	Tourism (3hrs)		Afrikaans HL P3 (2½hrs)* Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½hrs)*
Thursday 11 June			English HL P3 (2½hrs)* English FAL P3 (2½hrs)*
Friday 12 June	CAT and IT rewrite*		SCHOOLS CLOSE

PLEASE NOTE: Senior Certificate candidates can only sit for subjects marked with an asterisk (*).

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