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LIFE SCIENCES QUESTION PAPERS FOR GRADE 12 2011: NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)

1. EXEMPLAR QUESTION PAPERS FOR LIFE SCIENCES

- 1.1 Circular E16 of 2010 provides the new content framework for Life Sciences which was implemented in 2009 in Grade 10. This new content will be examined in the November 2011 Grade 12 NSC examinations for Life Sciences.
- 1.2 In order to assist teachers and learners in their preparation for the 2011 examinations, exemplar question papers have been developed. The exemplars have been designed in line with the new format and content to be examined in each paper in 2011

- 1.3 Each exemplar must be used in conjunction with the Examination Guidelines and Subject Assessment Guidelines for Life Sciences.
- 1.4 The exemplars for Life Sciences P1 and P2 are attached and must be distributed to all schools offering Life Sciences in Grade 12.

2. TWO VERSIONS OF THE LIFE SCIENCES QUESTION PAPERS

- 2.1 Given that there is a substantial difference in the Life Sciences content to be examined in 2011, all part time repeater candidates will be provided with a different question paper based on the 2010 Grade 12 Life Sciences content.
- 2.2 This implies that there will be two versions of the Life Sciences question papers in the 2011 NSC Examination:
 - (a) Version 1 (Based on new content framework): For all Full time candidates.
 - (b) Version 2 (Based on old content framework): For Part time repeating candidates

This arrangement will continue until November 2012/March 2013 and thereafter only one version of the Life Sciences question papers will be provided.

3. You are kindly requested to bring this Circular to the attention of all Subject Advisors and Teachers responsible for Life Sciences.
4. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



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