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AMENDMENTS TO THE EXAMINATION GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIAL HOME LANGUAGES (HL); FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES (FAL) AND HISTORY: NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE EXAMINATION GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (HL AND FAL) GRADE 12 NSC 2012

- 1.1 Examination Guidelines for the setting of Grade 12 Examinations in Languages was issued in April 2009. To ensure that the standard and quality of all 11 official Language question papers are comparable, a few amendments are made to these guidelines for Home Languages (HL) and First Additional Languages (FAL).
- 1.2 The Amendments to the Examination Guidelines streamlines the Examination Guidelines of 2009 and will further assist teachers and learners in their preparation for the NSC Language examinations.
- 1.3 This Amendment to the Examination Guidelines is not intended to change the current teaching and learning practices in the classroom. It must therefore be used in conjunction with the Examination Guidelines of 2009.

Find attached:

- (i) Annexure A: Amendments to Examination Guidelines for Home Language and First Additional Language Grade 12 NSC 2012: Paper 1

- (ii) Annexure B: Amendments to Examination Guidelines for Home Language and First Additional Language Grade 12 NSC 2012: Paper 2
- (iii) Annexure C: Amendments to Examination Guidelines for Home Language and First Additional Language Grade 12 NSC 2012: Paper 3.

1.4 Please note that the Examination Guidelines for Second Additional Languages (SAL) have not been amended.

2. AMENDMENTS TO HISTORY EXAMINATION GUIDELINES NSC 2012 – 2013

2.1 The attached Amendments to History Examination Guidelines NSC 2012 – 2013 (**Annexure D**) are intended to streamline the content focus areas for the optional case studies in specific themes in both History Papers 1 and 2.

2.2 In addition, specific guidelines for source-based, paragraph writing and extended writing are provided.

2.3 The Amendments should be read in conjunction with the Subject Assessment Guidelines, Learning Programme Guidelines and Examinations Guidelines for History issued in 2009.

3. The Amendments to the Examination Guidelines for Official Languages and History Examination Guidelines NSC must be distributed to all schools offering Grade 12 NSC examinations.

4. Also note that these amendments and the original Examination Guidelines are valid until 2013.

5. If there are any queries regarding this circular, these should be directed to the Chief Director: National Assessment and Public Examinations: Dr RR Poliah: Telephone (012) 357 3900; Fax (012) 328 6878 or E-mail: poliah.r@dbe.gov.za



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ANNEXURE A

AMENDMENT TO EXAMINATION GUIDELINES FOR HOME LANGUAGE AND FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE GRADE 12 NSC 2012

PAPER 1

(This document must be used in conjunction with the Examination Guidelines of 2009.)

SECTION	HOME LANGUAGE	FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
A: COMPREHENSION 30 MARKS	QUESTION 1 • Select TWO texts - ONE prose and ONE visual. The visual text <u>must be related</u> to the prose text. • Reading length Text A (Prose): Disjunctive orthography: 700-800 words Conjunctive orthography: 500-560 words Text B (Visual): Do not count the words in the visual. Note: There will be:- • comparative questions based on the two texts • a maximum of 2 open-ended questions • a maximum of 1 multiple-choice question	QUESTION 1 • Select TWO texts - ONE prose and ONE visual. The visual text <u>does not have to be related</u> to the prose text. • Reading length Text A (Prose): Disjunctive orthography: 600-700 words Conjunctive orthography: 450-500 words Text B (Visual): Do not count the words in the visual. Note: • It is not necessary for comparative questions to be based on the two texts • There will be 1 open-ended question in this section. • A maximum of 1 multiple choice question
B: SUMMARY 10 MARKS	QUESTION 2 Candidates will be instructed to summarise in point or paragraph form. Provision for both answers will be accommodated in the memorandum, and candidates will not be penalized for either form of response.	QUESTION 2 Candidates will be instructed to summarise in point form .
C: LANGUAGE HL – 30 MARKS FAL – 40 MARKS	3 texts: 1 advert, 1 cartoon and 1 prose 30 MARKS and THREE QUESTIONS as indicated below:	4 texts: 1 advert, 1 cartoon, 1 prose and 1 picture 40 MARKS and THREE QUESTIONS as indicated below:

	QUESTION 3: Advertisement (combination of visual and written/verbal) : 10 marks Will test the following: Advertising techniques, including language usage (Language in action). Note: There should be 1 open-ended question QUESTION 4: Cartoon : 10 marks Will test the following: Visual and language usage. Note: There should be 1 open-ended question QUESTION 5: Prose : 10 marks Length of text: - A total of 250 – 300 Disjunctive languages. - A total of 120 -150. Conjunctive languages. Will test the following: Language usage, grammar and editing skills in context. There will be:- • 2 open-ended questions in Section C (1 in the advert and 1 in the cartoon) • a maximum of 2 multiple-choice questions in Section C	QUESTION 3: Advertisement (combination of visual and written/verbal) 10 marks Will test the following: Advertising techniques, including language usage. QUESTION 4: Cartoon: 10 marks Will test the following: Visual and language usage. QUESTION 5: 5.1 Prose: 14 marks Length of text: - A total of 150 – 200 Disjunctive languages. - A total of 80 -100. Conjunctive languages. 5.2 Picture: 6 marks Will test language usage for both questions 5.1 & 5.2 There will be:- • 2 open-ended questions in Section C (1 in the advert and 1 in the cartoon) • a maximum of 3 multiple-choice questions in Section C (1 per question)
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ANNEXURE B

AMENDMENT TO EXAMINATION GUIDELINES FOR HOME LANGUAGE AND FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE GRADE 12 NSC 2012

PAPER 2

(This document must be used in conjunction with the Examination Guidelines of 2009.)

HOME LANGUAGE	FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
FORMAT: The paper consists of THREE sections: SECTION A: Poetry (30 marks) SECTION B: Novel (25 marks) SECTION C: Drama (25 marks) Candidates will be required to answer a total of FIVE Questions from 3 Sections for 80 marks as shown below:	The paper consists of FOUR sections: SECTION A: Novel (35 marks) SECTION B: Drama (35 marks) SECTION C: Short Stories (35 marks) SECTION D: Poetry (35 marks) Candidates will be required to answer a total of TWO questions from ANY TWO sections (ONE question on each genre studied) for 70 marks as shown below:
SECTION A: POETRY:30 MARKS QUESTIONS 1 – 4 PRESCRIBED POETRY - Set on 4 poems as follows: Question 1 – Essay, and Questions 2-4 – Contextual type questions. MARKS: 10 x 2 = 20 QUESTIONS 5 - 6 UNSEEN POETRY - One unseen poem and 2 questions as follows: Question 5 – Essay and Question 6 – Contextual type questions MARKS: 10 X 1 = 10 LENGTH OF POETRY ESSAY: Disjunctive: 250 – 300 words Conjunctive: 190 to 240 words	SECTION A: NOVEL: 35 MARKS QUESTIONS 1 - 4 There is a choice between an ESSAY and a CONTEXTUAL question for each novel. LENGTH OF ESSAYS: Disjunctive : 250 – 300 words Conjunctive : 190 -240 words LENGTH OF EXTRACT/S: 1 extract - between 300 and 400 words (disjunctive) and between 150 and 300 words (conjunctive) 2 extracts - a maximum of 200 words (disjunctive) and a maximum of 150 words (conjunctive)

SECTION B: NOVEL: 25 MARKS QUESTIONS 7 - 12 There is a choice between an ESSAY and a CONTEXTUAL question for each novel. LENGTH OF ESSAYS: Disjunctive: 400 – 450 words Conjunctive: 340 to 390 words LENGTH OF EXTRACT/S: • 1 extract - between 300 and 400 words (disjunctive) and between 150 and 300 words (conjunctive) • 2 extracts - a maximum of 200 words (disjunctive) and a maximum of 150 words (conjunctive)	SECTION B: DRAMA: 35 MARKS QUESTIONS 5 -8 There is a choice between an ESSAY and a CONTEXTUAL question for each drama. LENGTH OF ESSAYS: Disjunctive : 250 – 300 words Conjunctive : 190 -240 words LENGTH OF EXTRACT/S: • 1 extract - between 200 and 300 words (disjunctive) and between 100 and 150 words (conjunctive) • 2 extracts - a maximum of 150 words (disjunctive) and a maximum of 75 words (conjunctive)
SECTION C: DRAMA: 25 MARKS QUESTIONS 13 - 16 There will be a choice between an ESSAY and a CONTEXTUAL question for each drama. LENGTH OF ESSAYS: Disjunctive: 400 – 450 words Conjunctive: 340 to 390 words LENGTH OF EXTRACT/S: • 1 extract- between 200 and 300 words (disjunctive) and between 100 and 150 words conjunctive. • 2 extracts - a maximum of 150 words (disjunctive) and a maximum of 75 words (conjunctive).	SECTION C: SHORT STORIES: 35 MARKS QUESTIONS 9 & 10 • TWO prescribed short stories set. Answer ONE question. • There is a choice between an ESSAY question and a CONTEXTUAL question. • Short Story 1 - essay • Short Story 2 - contextual LENGTH OF ESSAYS: Disjunctive : 250 – 300 words Conjunctive : 190 -240 words LENGTH OF EXTRACT/S: • 1 extract - between 300 and 400 words (disjunctive) and between 150 and 300 words (conjunctive) • 2 extracts - a maximum of 200 words (disjunctive) and a maximum of 150 words (conjunctive)
	SECTION D: POETRY: 35 MARKS QUESTIONS 11 - 14 • 4 prescribed poems will be set • Candidates will be expected to answer any TWO • Each poem will consist of 17½ marks.

ANNEXURE C

AMENDMENT TO EXAMINATION GUIDELINES FOR HOME LANGUAGE AND FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE GRADE 12 NSC 2012

PAPER 3

(This document must be used in conjunction with the Examination Guidelines of 2009.)

SECTION	HOME LANGUAGE	FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
A: ESSAY 50 MARKS	QUESTION 1 • 8 topics, of which a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 will be visual stimuli • Candidates will be expected to answer on ONE essay • Genres -narrative, descriptive, reflective, argumentative, discursive and expository. • LENGTH OF ESSAYS:- Disjunctive: 400-450 words Conjunctive: 340-390 words	QUESTION 1 • 8 topics, of which a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 should be visual stimuli • Candidates will be expected to answer on ONE essay • Genres -narrative, descriptive, reflective, argumentative and discursive. • LENGTH OF ESSAYS:- Disjunctive: 250-300 words Conjunctive: 190-240 words
B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT 30 MARKS	QUESTION 2 • Four topics will be set from the categories indicated below. Visuals may only be used as supportive material. Category 1: letters – informal and formal letter, business and friendly letter – A LETTER Category 2: Speech, obituary – A SPEECH & AN OBITUARY Category 3: Written interview (formal) and dialogue (informal) Category 4: Report – formal and informal report Category 5: Business Memo, Minutes and agenda, CV and letter of application. (formal) –	QUESTION 2 • Four topics will be set from the categories indicated below. Visuals may only be used as supportive material. Category 1: letters – informal and formal letter, business and friendly letter - A LETTER Category 2: Speech – formal and obituary – A SPEECH & an OBITUARY) Category 3: Written interview (formal) and dialogue (informal) Category 4: Report – formal and informal report – Category 5: Business Memo, Minutes and agenda, CV and letter of application. (formal)

	Category 6: Media Editorial, brochure, newspaper article, magazine article and review. (formal) - Candidates will be expected to answer on ONE. LENGTH OF TEXT:- Disjunctive: 180-200 words Conjunctive : 100-120 words	Category 6: Media Editorial, brochure, newspaper article, magazine article and review. (formal) - Candidates will be expected to answer on ONE. LENGTH OF TEXT:- Disjunctive: 120-150 words Conjunctive : 80-100 words
C: SHORTER TEXT: TRANSACTIONAL/ REFERENTIAL/ INFORMATIONAL 20 MARKS	QUESTION 3 Three topics will be set from the categories indicated below. Visuals may only be used as supportive material. Category 1: Advert, poster, flyer and invitation card Category 2: Diary and postcard Category 3: Instructions and directions Candidates will be expected to answer on ONE. LENGTH OF TEXT:- Disjunctive: 100-120 words Conjunctive : 80-100 words	QUESTION 3 Three topics will be set from the categories indicated below. Visuals may only be used as supportive material. Category 1: Advert and invitation card Category 2: Diary and postcard Category 3: Instructions and directions Candidates will be expected to answer on ONE. LENGTH OF TEXT:- Disjunctive: 80-100 words Conjunctive : 60-80 words

ANNEXURE D

AMENDMENTS TO HISTORY EXAMINATION GUIDELINES NSC 2012-2013

1. INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to assist both History educators and learners in the preparation for the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate examination. It serves to streamline the content focus areas for the optional case studies in specific themes in both Papers 1 and 2. In addition, specific guidelines for source-based, paragraph writing and extended writing are given. This guideline must be read in conjunction with the Subject Assessment Guidelines and Learning Programme Guidelines for History.

2. CONTENT FOCUS AREAS

PAPER 1

1. THE IMPACT OF THE COLD WAR IN FORMING THE WORLD IN THE 1960s

- Case Study examined in 2011, now extended to 2012 and 2013 – Cuba

2. HOW WAS UHURU REALISED IN AFRICA IN THE 1960s AND 1970s?

- Case Study examined in 2011, now extended to 2012 and 2013 – Tanzania

PAPER 2

1. WHAT WAS THE IMPACT OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE USSR IN 1989 ON: RE-IMAGINING THE NATION IN THE 1990s

- Case Study examined in 2011: Egypt, will no longer be examined but will be replaced by Angola from 2012 to 2013

2. SOURCE-BASED QUESTIONS

In the assessment of source-based questions, the following must be taken into account:

- All Level 1 type questions require learners to extract information from the sources. These individual questions will carry a maximum of 2 marks.
- All Level 2 questions require learners to interpret and analyse evidence from the sources. These individual questions will carry a maximum of 4 marks.
- All Level 3 questions that require learners to have a thorough understanding of skills such as usefulness: compare; contrast; reliability; etc. These individual questions will carry a maximum of 6 marks and will be assessed using an analytical rubric.
- Paragraph questions will carry between 6 to 10 marks and will be assessed using an analytical rubric.

3. EXTENDED WRITING

This aspect tests the learner's ability to write essays and will be assessed using the following levels:

- Level 1 - Learners will be required to write an essay on a given line of argument i.e. more straightforward type of question, focusing on: describe, explain, discuss etc.
- Level 2 - Learners will be required to write an essay by developing a relevant independent line of argument by using the evidence from the given sources and their own knowledge i.e. more analytical type of question, focusing on for example: Do you agree with the statement. Substantiate your answer. Critically discuss this statement by referring to relevant events from a particular period, etc. Refer to attached revised matrix to assess learner's work

GRADE 12 HOLISTIC RUBRIC TO ASSESS LEVEL 2 EXTENDED WRITING (SUCH AS AN ESSAY USING SOURCES)

TOTAL MARKS: 30

LEVEL	If the candidate has demonstrated all or most of the skills listed in a particular level, she/he will be awarded a mark relevant to the category.
7 Outstanding 80 – 100% 24 – 30 [Excellent]	Consistently focuses on topic – demonstrates a logical and coherent progress towards a conclusion Clearly comprehends the sources Uses all or most of the sources and demonstrates excellent ability to integrate own knowledge Selects relevant sources Quotes selectively Groups sources (not essential but should not merely list sources) Demonstrates a setting of sources in background understanding If appropriate, deals fully with counter-argument Refers appropriately to relevancy, bias, accuracy, limitation of sources Expresses him/herself clearly Concludes essay with clear focus on topic – takes a stand (i.e. reaches an independent conclusion)
6 Meritorious 70 – 79% 21 – 23 [Very Good]	Makes a good effort to focus consistently on the topic but, at times, argument loses some focus Clearly comprehends the sources Uses all or most of the sources and demonstrates very good ability to integrate own knowledge Selects relevant sources Quotes selectively Good use of relevant evidence from the sources. Good attempt to consider counter-argument Good attempt to refer to relevancy, bias, accuracy, limitation of source Expression good Concludes essay with clear focus on topic – takes a stand (i.e. reaches an independent conclusion)
5 Substantial 60 – 69% 18 – 20 [Good]	Makes an effort to focus on the topic but argument has lapses in focus Comprehends most of the sources Uses most of the sources and demonstrates good ability to integrate own knowledge Selects relevant sources Expression good but with lapses Perhaps, lacking some depth of overall-focus, or does not make reference to one or more relevant sources If appropriate, makes an attempt to consider counter-argument Rather superficial or no attempt to refer to relevancy, bias, accuracy, limitation of sources Makes an attempt to take a stand (focuses on limitations, etc.) in reaching an independent conclusion
4 Moderate 50 – 59% 15 – 17 [Satisfactory]	Makes some effort to focus on the topic but argument has many lapses in focus Moderate comprehension of most of the sources Moderate use of relevant evidence from the sources and demonstrates moderate ability to integrate own knowledge Moderate attempt to consider counter-argument Moderate attempt to refer to relevancy, bias, accuracy, limitation of sources Expression is satisfactory

	Makes an attempt to take a stand but there are serious inconsistencies with making links with the rest of the essay Essay might have a tendency to list sources and “tag” on focus
3 Adequate 40 – 49% 12 – 14 [Fair]	Little attempt to focus on the topic Little comprehension of the sources Struggles to select relevant information from the sources and demonstrates adequate ability to integrate own knowledge No quotes – or generally irrelevant Makes little effort to consider counter-arguments Mainly characterised by listing of sources No attempt to refer to relevancy, bias, accuracy of sources Expression poor Makes a poor attempt to take a stand. (i.e. battles to reach an independent conclusion)
2 Elementary 30 – 39% 09 – 11 [Weak]	Unable to focus on the topic Unable to identify relevant sources and demonstrates elementary ability to integrate own knowledge No quotes – or generally irrelevant Makes no effort to consider counter-argument Essay characterised by listing of sources No attempt to refer to relevancy, bias, accuracy of sources Expression very poor Makes a very poor attempt to take a stand – if at all
1 Not Achieved 0 – 29% 0 – 8 [Poor]	No attempt to focus on the topic Uses no sources and makes no attempt to integrate own knowledge Completely irrelevant Copies directly from the sources Answer extremely poor