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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 28 OF 2020

**TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL
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DATE: 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

**TOPICS TO BE USED FOR RELIGION STUDIES QUESTION PAPER FOR THE
COMBINED JUNE AND NOVEMBER 2020 GRADE 12 EXAMINATIONS**

1. The Provincial Department of Education received from the Department of Basic Education Circular E7 of 2020, which provides clarity on the major social problems to be examined in the Combined November 2020 examination. This Assessment Instruction should be read in conjunction with Circular E26 of 2019.
2. In the Religion Studies Examination Guidelines, the following is stated on page 6:
"The stipulated major social problems must be studied with reference to specialization in ONE religion. At the end of 2019, the topics for the three-year-cycle will be repeated, unless replaced by a more recent Examination Guidelines document".
3. In the light of the disruption to schooling due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the re-scheduling of the 2020 June examinations, which will now be written with the 2020 November examinations, the June 2020 candidates will be examined on a different set of major social problems from the November 2020 candidates. Hence, the June



2020 examination candidates will write a different question paper in Religion Studies, to those who are registered to write the 2020 November examination.

4. The major social problems to be examined, for these two groups of candidates will be as follows:

4.1. 2020 June Senior Certificate Candidates

- a) Diseases such as HIV and Aids
- b) Crime and violence
- c) Suicide

4.2. 2020 November candidates

- a) Teenage pregnancy
- b) Discrimination
- c) The family as a social unit

5. The two different question papers will be colour coded to clearly differentiate the two question papers.
6. Both these question papers will be written on the same day, during the same session.
7. Districts are urged to ensure that this Assessment Instruction is distributed to all schools offering Religion Studies in Grade 12, as well as registered part time candidates.



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