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### ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 33 OF 2025

**TO:**

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- HEAD OFFICE DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS**
- CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALIST DISTRICT**
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- HEAD OF EXAMINATIONS**
- PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (GRADE 12)**
- TEACHER UNIONS/ORGANISATIONS**
- SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

**DATE: 27 JUNE 2025**

### 2025 GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE – PREPARATORY EXAMINATION DRAFT TIMETABLE

1. The 2025 NSC Grade 12 Preparatory Examination plays a crucial role in the preparations for learners for the final NSC Grade 12 October/November 2025 Examination. It provides an opportunity for both learners, educators, and other role players to measure their readiness.
2. The DRAFT timetable for the 2025 NSC Grade 12 Preparatory examination is attached as **ANNEXURE A**. It is important to note that the examination will take place during a period designated by the DBE. The examination is thus scheduled for:

Examination	Commencement date	End date
Grade 12 Preparatory	25 August 2025	23 September 2025

3. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Task will be written on **Monday, 1 September 2025**, with its rewrite (i.e. LO Common Assessment task) scheduled for **Tuesday 14 October 2025**.
4. 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. Question papers set at school level, must be moderated by expert teachers/district subject advisors.
5. Comments and suggestions on the draft timetable should be e-mailed to Penelope.Japhta@ecdoe.gov.za no later than **Thursday, 24 July 2025**.
6. Note that any changes or amendments to the draft timetable should have a valid educational basis. The timetable was developed keeping in mind various factors including logistics and provincial dynamics.
7. Schools and other educational institutions are also reminded that this Examination provides an opportunity to test and evaluate the procedures and systems for the final examination.
8. It is imperative that all the protocols regarding the security of the question papers are observed to protect the integrity of the examination.
9. 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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**MR R. TYWAKADI**

**DDG: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY**

01/07/2025

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**DATE**



## ANNEXURE A

### 2025 GRADE 12 PREPARATORY EXAMINATION: DRAFT TIMETABLE

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 25/08/2025	Business Studies P1 (2 hrs) Mechanical Technology (3 hrs)	English HL P3 (3hrs) English FAL P3 (2½ hrs)
Tuesday 26/08/2025	Life Sciences P1 (2½ hrs)	Afrikaans HL P3 (3 hrs) Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½ hrs)
Wednesday 27/08/2025	IsiXhosa HL P3 (3hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P3 (2½ hrs) Sesotho HL P3 (3 hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½ hrs)
Thursday 28/08/2025	Economics P1 (2 hrs)	Information Technology P1 (3 hrs) PRACTICAL
Friday 29/08/2025	Geography (Climate and Weather Geomorphology and Mapwork) P1 (3 hrs)	
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 01/09/2025	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (DBE) (2½ hrs)	Computer Applications technology (P2) (3hrs) THEORY
Tuesday 02/09/2025	Agricultural Sciences (P2) (2½hrs)	Religion Studies (P1) (2½hrs)
Wednesday 03/09/2025	Life Sciences P2 (2½ hrs)	IsiXhosa HL P2 (2½hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P2 (2½ hrs) Sesotho HL P2 (2½ hrs)
Thursday 04/09/2025	Afrikaans HL P2 (2½ hrs) Afrikaans FAL P2 (2½ hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P1 (3 hrs)
Friday 05/09/2025	Mathematics P1 (3 hrs) Mathematical Literacy P1 (3 hrs) Technical Mathematics P1 (3 hrs)	Information Technology P2 THEORY (3hrs)

<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 08/09/2025	Mathematics P2 (3 hrs) Mathematical Literacy P2 (3 hrs) Technical Mathematics P2 (3 hrs)	
Tuesday 09/09/25	Geography (Rural and Urban Settlements, Economic Geography of South Africa and Mapwork) P2 (3 hrs)	Civil Technology (3 hrs)
Wednesday 10/09/2025	Accounting P1 (2 hrs)	English HL P2 (2½hrs) English FAL P2 (2½hrs)
Thursday 11/09/2025	History P1 (3 hrs)	Afrikaans HL P1 (2 hrs) Afrikaans FAL P1 (2 hrs)
Friday 12/09/2025	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3 hrs) Technical Sciences P1 (3 hrs)	Tourism (3 hrs)
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 15/09/2025	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3 hrs) Technical Sciences P2 (1½ hrs)	Economics P2 (2 hrs)
Tuesday 16/09/2025	Business Studies P2 (2hrs)	English HL P1 (2 hrs) English FAL P1 (2 hrs)
Wednesday 17/09/2025	History P2 (3 hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P2 (3 hrs)
Thursday 18/09/2025	Consumer Studies (3 hrs)	Electrical Technology (3 hrs)
Friday 19/09/25	Accounting P2 (2 hrs)	IsiXhosa HL P1 (2 hrs) IsiXhosa FAL P1 (2 hrs) Sesotho HL P1 (2 hrs)
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
22/09/25	CAT P1 (PRACTICAL) (3hrs)	
23/09/25	Religion Studies P2 (2hrs)	
03/10/25	<b>CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS</b>	

<b>DATE</b>	<b>09:00</b>
Monday 22 September 2025	Computer Applications Tech P1 (3 hrs) Practical
Thursday 28 August 2025	Information Technology P1 (3 hrs) Practical
Monday 1 September 2025	Life Orientation (DBE) (2½ hrs)

- **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.**