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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 18 OF 2026

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DATE: 12 MARCH 2026

GRADE 12 MAY/JUNE NSC/SC 2026 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

1. At the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) meeting held on Friday 23 January 2026, the 2026 May/June Examinations (Annexure A) timetable was discussed and approved.
2. The May/June 2026 NCS/SC examination timetable is attached as Annexure A.
3. Please note that the May/June 2026 examination can be written by both the National Senior certificate (NSC) and Senior certificate (SC) candidates.
4. The Senior/Certificate candidates can also register if they are able to produce a minimum of a grade 9 National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Level 1 qualification.
5. The May/June examination is scheduled to be written from Monday 11 May 2026 to Wednesday 24 June 2026.
6. The May/June examination is an examination that is identical to the October/November 2025 examination and all subjects offered in the October/November 2025 examination will be offered in the May/June 2026 examination. However, candidates registered for the Senior certificate can only write the subjects marked with an (*).
7. Two sessions are scheduled for each day of the examination in terms of the timetable. The morning session will commence at 9:00 and the afternoon session will continue at 14:00
8. The rewrite opportunity for Computer Application Technology(CAT) P1 and Information Technology (IT) P1 will take place at 9:00 on Wednesday 24 June 2026.

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9. The heads of educational institutions should ensure that the contents of this Assessment Instruction are distributed to all affected teachers, learners, subject advisors and other relevant stakeholders



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ANNEXURE A

MAY/JUNE 2026 SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC)/NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE

WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
Monday 11 May	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs) Arabic, French, Hebrew, Italian, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P1 (2hrs) Latin SAL P1 (3hrs)	English HL P3 (3hrs) * English FAL P3 (2½hrs) * English SAL P3 (2½hrs)
Tuesday 12 May	Portuguese, German HL P1 (2hrs) Portuguese, German FAL P1 (2hrs) Portuguese, German SAL P1 (2hrs)	History P1 (3hrs) *
Wednesday 13 May	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2hrs), SAL P2 (2hrs) Arabic, French, Hebrew, Italian, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P2 (2hrs) Latin SAL P2 (2hrs)	Afrikaans HL P3 (3hrs) * Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½hrs) * Afrikaans SAL P3 (2½hrs)
Thursday 14 May	South African Sign Language HL P3 (3hrs) Mandarin SAL P1 (2hrs)	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P3 (3hrs) *, FAL P3 (2½hrs) *, SAL P3 (2½hrs) Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P3 (3hrs) *, FAL P3 (2½hrs) *, SAL P3 (2½hrs)
Friday 15 May	Portuguese, German HL P2 (2½hrs) Portuguese, German FAL P2 (2hrs) Portuguese, German SAL P2 (2hrs)	Mathematics P1 (3hrs) * Mathematical Literacy P1 (3hrs) * Technical Mathematics P1 (3hrs)
WEEK 2	09:00	14:00
Monday 18 May	Mandarin SAL P2 (2hrs) Nautical Science P1 (3hrs) Computer Applications Tech P2 Theory (3hrs) *	Mathematics P2 (3hrs) * Mathematical Literacy P2 (3hrs) * Technical Mathematics P2 (3hrs)
Tuesday 19 May	Engineering Graphics and Design P1 (3hrs)	Accounting P1 (2hrs) *
Wednesday 20 May	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu HL P3 (2½hrs), FAL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese, German HL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese, German FAL P3 (2½hrs)	History P2 (3hrs) *

Thursday 21 May	Sport and Exercise Science (3hrs) Civil Technology (3hrs)	Afrikaans HL P1 (2hrs) * Afrikaans FAL P1 (2hrs) * Afrikaans SAL P1 (2hrs)
Friday 22 May	Information Technology P2 Theory (3hrs) *	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3hrs) * Technical Sciences P1 (3hrs)
WEEK 3	09:00	14:00
Monday 25 May	Dance Studies (3hrs)	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3hrs) * Technical Sciences P2 (1½hrs)
Tuesday 26 May	Computer Applications Tech P1 Practical (3hrs) *	Economics P1 (2hrs) *
Wednesday 27 May	NON-EXAMINATION DAY	
Thursday 28 May	Engineering Graphics and Design P2 (3hrs)	Geography (Climate and Weather, Geomorphology and Map Work) P1 (3hrs) *
Friday 29 May	Marine Sciences P1 (2½hrs) Mechanical Technology (3hrs)	Life Sciences P1 (2½hrs) *
WEEK 4	09:00	14:00
Monday 1 June	Design P1 (3hrs)	Life Sciences P2 (2½hrs) *
Tuesday 2 June	South African Sign Language HL P1 (2hrs) Nautical Science P2 (3hrs)	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P1 (2hrs) *, FAL P1 (2hrs) *, SAL P1 (2hrs) Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P1 (2hrs) *, FAL P1 (2hrs) *, SAL P1 (2hrs)
Wednesday 3 June	Electrical Technology (3hrs)	Accounting P2 (2hrs) *
Thursday 4 June	Information Technology P1 Practical (3hrs) *	English HL P1 (2hrs) * English FAL P1 (2hrs) * English SAL P1 (2hrs)
Friday 5 June	Consumer Studies (3hrs) Hospitality Studies (3hrs)	Business Studies P1 (2hrs) *

WEEK 5		09:00	14:00
Monday 8 June	Dramatic Arts (3hrs)		Geography (Rural and Urban Settlements, Economic Geography of SA and Map Work) P2 (3hrs) *
Tuesday 9 June	South African Sign Language HL P2 (2½hrs)		isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P2 (2½hrs) *, FAL P2 (2½hrs) *, SAL P2 (1½hrs) Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P2 (2½hrs) *, FAL P2 (2½hrs) *, SAL P2 (1½hrs)
Wednesday 10 June	Tourism (3hrs)		Afrikaans HL P2 (2½hrs) * Afrikaans FAL P2 (2½hrs) * Afrikaans SAL P2 (1½hrs)
Thursday 11 June	Maritime Economics (3hrs) Equine Studies (3hrs)		English HL P2 (2½hrs) * English FAL P2 (2½hrs) * English SAL P2 (1½hrs)
Friday 12 June	Visual Arts P1 (3hrs)		Business Studies P2 (2hrs) *
WEEK 6		09:00	14:00
Monday 15 June	NON-EXAMINATION DAY		
Tuesday 16 June	YOUTH DAY		
Wednesday 17 June	Agricultural Technology (3hrs)		Economics P2 (2hrs) *
Thursday 18 June	Marine Sciences P2 (2½hrs)		Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½hrs) *
Friday 19 June	Music P1 Theory (3hrs)		Religion Studies P1 (2hrs) *
WEEK 7		09:00	14:00
Monday 22 June	Agricultural Management Practices (3hrs)		Religion Studies P2 (2hrs) *
Tuesday 23 June	Music P2 Comprehension (1½hrs)		Agricultural Sciences P2 (2½hrs) *
Wednesday 24 June	CAT P1 Rewrite Practical(3hrs) * IT P1 Rewrite Practical(3hrs) *		
Thursday 25 June			
Friday 26 June	SCHOOLS CLOSE		SCHOOLS CLOSE

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

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