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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 39 OF 2026

TO: **DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL**
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DEPUTY CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (GRADE 11)
TEACHER UNIONS/ORGANISATIONS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

DATE: **07 SEPTEMBER 2026**

2026 GRADE 11 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER COMMON EXAMINATION DRAFT TIMETABLE

1. The question papers have been set in line with the Annual Teaching Plans (ATPs), aligned with 2026 academic calendar.

2. 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.

3. Annexure A is attached as a draft timetable.

EXAMINATION	COMMENCEMENT DATE	END DATE
GRADE 11 COMMON	26 OCTOBER 2026	24 NOVEMBER 2026

4. The papers that will be provided have undergone rigorous and stringent moderation and other quality assurance processes to ensure that they comply with all applicable regulations.

5. It is imperative that all the protocols regarding the security of the question papers are observed to protect the integrity of the examination.

6. The timetable was developed keeping in mind various factors, for example, printing packing and delivery of the Grade 12 October/November Examination papers. The days around election dates have also been taken into consideration. Provincial dynamics on subject combinations have also been considered
7. The Heads of educational institutions should ensure that the content of this Assessment Instruction is distributed to all Grade 11 teachers, learners, subject advisors, and other relevant stakeholders.
8. For any inputs on this draft timetable, contact: fezeka.ntsangani@ecdoe.gov.za by not later than **Monday, 21 September 2026**.

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DDG: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY

08 September 2026
DATE

ANNEXURE A

2026 GRADE 11 OCT/NOV COMMON EXAMINATION: DRAFT TIMETABLE

WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
Monday 26/10/2026	Economics P1 (2hrs)	
Tuesday 27/10/2026	History P1 (3 hrs)	
Wednesday 28/10/2026	Agricultural Sciences (P1)(2½ hrs)	
Thursday 29/10/2026	Business Studies P1 (2 hrs)	
Friday 30/10/2026	Mathematics P1 (3 hrs) Mathematical Literacy P1 (3 hrs) Technical Mathematics P1 (3 hrs)	
WEEK 2	**09:00**	**14:00**
Monday 02/11/2026	Mathematics P2 (3 hrs) Mathematical Literacy P2 (3 hrs) Technical Mathematics P2 (3 hrs)	
Tuesday 03/11/2026	NO EXAM DAY	
Wednesday 04/11/2026	NO EXAM DAY	
Thursday 05/11/2026	NO EXAM DAY	
Friday 06/11/2026	Life Sciences P1 (2½ hrs)	

WEEK 3	09:00	14:00
Monday 09/11/2026	NO EXAM DAY	
Tuesday 10/11/2026	Life Sciences P2 (2½ hrs)	
Wednesday 11/11/2026	Accounting P1 (2 hrs)	
Thursday 12/11/2026	History P2 (3 hrs)	
Friday 13/11/2026	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3 hrs) Technical Sciences P1 (3 hrs)	
WEEK 4	**09:00**	**14:00**
Monday 16/11/2026	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3 hrs) Technical Sciences P2 (1½ hrs)	
Tuesday 17/11/2026	Geography (Climate and Weather Geomorphology and Mapwork) P1 (3 hrs)	
Wednesday 18/11/2026	Agricultural Sciences (P2) (2½hrs)	
Thursday 19/11/2026	Business Studies P2 (2hrs)	
Friday 20/11/2026	Economics P2 (2 hrs)	
WEEK 5	**09:00**	**14:00**
Monday 23/11/2026	Geography (Rural and Urban Settlements, Economic Geography of South Africa and Mapwork) P2 (3 hrs)	
Tuesday 24/11/2026	Accounting P2 (2 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.**