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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Deputy Directors, Chief Education Specialists, Heads: Curriculum Support, Heads: Management and Governance, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Circuit Managers, Subject Advisers and Heads of institutions which prepare candidates for the National Senior Certificate examination

Subject: Topics for the Religion Studies Question Paper 2 for the combined June and November 2020 Grade 12 examination

1. The Examination Guidelines for Religion Studies (2017) for the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination remain valid for 2020 as indicated in Assessment Management Minute 0014/2019, dated 22 October 2019. The guidelines may be accessed at <https://bit.ly/35leqEg> on the website of the Department of Basic Education (DBE).
2. The guidelines indicate topics to be assessed in the question paper, one of them being *the development of a strategy towards solving a major social problem* as specified for a three-year cycle (2017 – 2019). It is further indicated that the topics for the three- year cycle will be repeated at the end of 2019 unless replaced by a more recent document.
3. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the June 2020 examination was rescheduled and combined with the November 2020 examination. The DBE provided Circular E7 of 2020, dated 07 September 2020, wherein they confirmed that the June 2020 candidates will be examined on a different set of major social problems from the November 2020 candidates. **Hence, the June 2020 candidates will write different question papers in Religion Studies to those who are registered to write the November 2020 NSC examination.**

4. The examinable topics for candidates who would have written the June 2020 NSC examinations are different from the topics for candidates who were originally registered for the November 2020 NSC examination. The topics are indicated below:

Examination	Major social problem
June 2020 candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diseases such as HIV and AIDS • Crime and violence • Suicide
November 2020 and June 2021 candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenage pregnancy • Discrimination • The family as a social unit

5. The two different question papers will be colour coded and labelled to differentiate between them. Since they will be written on the same day and session, it is important that chief invigilators and invigilators will ensure that the question paper handed to each candidate corresponds with the subject on the candidate's admission letter.
6. Principals and centre managers are requested to inform all learners offering Religion Studies of the contents of this minute.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

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