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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Chief Education Specialists, Deputy Directors, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Subject Advisers and Heads of education institutions that prepare learners for the National Senior Certificate examinations

Subject: Grade 12 Examination Guidelines for 2021

1. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) received Grade 12 examination guidelines for 2021 on 30 April 2021 from the Department of Basic Education (DBE).
2. The purpose of the examination guidelines is to:
 - 2.1 Provide clarity on the depth and scope of the content to be assessed in the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate examinations for the various subjects; and
 - 2.2 Assist teachers to prepare learners adequately for the final examinations.
3. These examination guidelines do not deal in any depth with the internal school-based assessment but is focused on the final Grade 12 external examinations.
4. These examination guidelines should be read in conjunction with:
 - 4.1 The *National Curriculum Statement (NCS) Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS)* for the various subjects;
 - 4.2 The *National Protocol for Assessment Grades R – 12*;
 - 4.3 The *National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement, Grades R - 12*; and
 - 4.4 *Grade 12 Abridged CAPS Amendments to Section 4 (Implementation: January 2021)*.
5. The examination guidelines provide weighting of cognitive levels, format of question paper(s), and support regarding content for Grade 12. Thus, it is important for teachers as well as all Grade 12 learners.

6. The examination guidelines articulate assessment aspirations and are not a substitute for the CAPS document which teachers should teach towards to ensure quality curriculum coverage.
7. The DBE Grade 12 examination guidelines for 2021 may be accessed via the following link: <https://bit.ly/3e20YJj>, via the ePortal of the WCED or via the following QR code:



8. Principals are kindly requested to ensure that these examination guidelines for 2021 are provided to all teachers.

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