

2020 REVISED CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT PLANS

LANGUAGES GRADE 8



Presentation Outline

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1. Purpose

- To mediate the amendments of the trimmed and re-organised 2020 Annual Teaching Plan including School Based Assessment for **Grade 8 Home Language and First Additional Language levels**, for implementation in June 2020 as stipulated in **Circular S2 of 2020**.
- To ensure that **meaningful teaching proceeds** during the remaining teaching time as per the revised school calendar.
- To assist teachers with **guided pacing and sequencing** of curriculum content and assessment.

1. Purpose (continued)

- To enable teachers to **cover the essential core content/skills** in each grade within the available time.
- To assist teachers with **planning** for the different forms of **assessment**.
- To ensure learners are **adequately prepared** for the **subsequent year/s** in terms of content, skills, knowledge, attitudes and values.



2. Amendments to the Content Overview for the Phase

Summary: Amendments to the Content Overview for the Phase

GRADE 8 Term 2	GRADE 8 Term 3	GRADE 8 Term 4
REMOVED: Dialogue, group discussion, forum discussion, role play, dramatization, interview – REMOVED across the Terms and Grades	REMOVED: Creative Writing Project	REMOVED: Informal class and group discussion used in examination preparation
<p>June Examination: REMOVED i.e.:</p> <p>Paper 1: REMOVED Oral</p> <p>Paper 2: REMOVED Response to Texts (i.e. Comprehension and LS&C)</p> <p>Paper 3: REMOVED Writing</p>	<p>REMOVED: Oral presentation based on a Project</p> <p>Oral Task will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Listening Comprehension OR <input type="checkbox"/> (Un)Prepared Speech 	<p>Paper 1: Oral Task will be done during the Term</p> <p>Paper 2: Response to Texts (Comprehension & LS&C) will be written under examination conditions.</p> <p>Paper 3: Writing will be done during normal school teaching time</p>
	Literature Test will be done during normal school teaching time	



3. Amendments to the Annual Teaching Plan

Summary: Reorganisation of content topics

- Listening and Speaking
 - Oral activities that compromise social distancing have been removed – debate, interview, dialogue, role-play.
 - Oral activities that involve speaking in pairs and group interaction have been removed.
 - Some oral activities, such as prepared and unprepared reading have been reconfigured to comply with the Covid-19 measures.
- Reading and Viewing – Creative Writing Project has been removed as it needs lots of preparation and teaching time.
- Language Structures and Conventions are taught in context and based on the text used. Teachers are not expected to cover all the LSC concepts within a given cycle.



Summary: Amendment to the weighting of content topics

- Listening and Speaking is highly compromised.
 - Weighting on Term 1 is not affected.
 - Weighting on Terms 2-4 are heavily affected.
 - It will mainly focus on listening comprehension, (un)prepared reading, (un)prepared speech, teacher-led discussions / conversations.
- The weighting of Writing and Presenting is a bit affected by the removal of the Creative Writing Project.
- Reading and Viewing, and Language Structures and Conventions both retain their weighting, with some slight shift in focus.

Summary: Content/Topics Amended

Content/Topics	Term	Amendment
Listening and Speaking	Terms 2-4	Disregard the following Listening and Speaking concepts: debate, dialogue, interview, role-play, forum discussion, group discussion, and pair activities. Reconfigure (un)prepared speech and reading to be in alignment with the Covid-19 conditions.
Writing and Presenting	Term 3	Disregard Creative Writing Project



4. Amendments School Based Assessment (SBA)

Summary: Revised Programme of Assessment

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<p>GRADE 8 Tasks 1 - 5 Completed</p>	<p>GRADE 8 Tasks REMOVED all tasks</p>	<p>GRADE 8 Task 6: Oral, <input type="checkbox"/> Listening Comprehension OR <input type="checkbox"/> (Un)prepared speech (Completed during the Term)</p> <p>Task 7: Response to Literature Test will be done during normal school teaching time</p>	<p>GRADE 8 Task 8 (Paper 3): Writing will be done during normal school teaching time Task 9 (Paper 1): Oral Task will be done during the Term Task 10 (Paper 2) Response to Texts (Comprehension and LS&C) will be written under examination conditions</p>

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- Grade 8, according to the proposed calendar, will have 5 days in Term 2, 37 in Term 3 and 38 in Term 4.
- The removal of the identified listening and speaking activities in Terms 2-4 and the Creative Writing Project in Term 3 correspond with trimming guideline percentage of between 33-36%.
- The removal of concepts is mindful of the critical and foundational role that languages play in other content subjects.
- Fortunately language concepts are repetitive in nature – they are repeated across the terms, the grades and the phases.



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