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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE

WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
Monday 12/10		
Tuesday 13/10	Computer Applications Tech P1 Practical (3hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs) Hebrew SAL P1 (2hrs) German HL, FAL, SAL P1 (2hrs)
Wednesday 14/10	Information Technology P1 Practical (3hrs)	Arabic, French, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P1 (2hrs), Latin SAL P1 (3hrs) Portuguese HL, FAL, SAL P1 (2hrs)
Thursday 15/10	English HL P3 (3hrs) English FAL P3 (2½hrs) English SAL P3 (2½hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2hrs), SAL P2 (2hrs) Hebrew SAL P2 (2hrs) German HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2hrs), SAL P2 (2hrs)
Friday 16/10	Economics P1 (2hrs) Mechanical Technology (3hrs)	Design P1 (3hrs)
WEEK 2	09:00	14:00
Monday 19/10	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P3 (3hrs), FAL P3 (2½hrs), SAL P3 (2½hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½hrs)
Tuesday 20/10	Afrikaans HL P3 (3hrs) Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½hrs) Afrikaans SAL P3 (2½hrs)	History P1 (3hrs) Maritime Economics (3hrs)
Wednesday 21/10	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P3 (3hrs), FAL P3 (2½hrs), SAL P3 (2½hrs) South African Sign Language HL P3 (3hrs)	Information Technology P2 Theory (3hrs)
Thursday 22/10	Accounting P1 (2hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P1 (3hrs) Marine Sciences P1 (2½hrs)
Friday 23/10	Mathematics P1 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P1 (3hrs) Technical Mathematics P1 (3hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu HL P3 (2½hrs), FAL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese, German HL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese, German FAL P3 (2½hrs)
WEEK 3	09:00	14:00
Monday 26/10	Mathematics P2 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P2 (3hrs) Technical Mathematics P2 (3hrs)	Sport and Exercise Science (3hrs)
Tuesday 27/10	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs) South African Sign Language HL P1 (2hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P2 (3hrs)
Wednesday 28/10	English HL P1 (2hrs) English FAL P1 (2hrs) English SAL P1 (2hrs)	Accounting P2 (2hrs)
Thursday 29/10	Geography (Climate and Weather, Geomorphology and Map Work) P1 (3hrs)	Computer Applications Tech P2 Theory (3hrs)
Friday 30/10	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3hrs) Technical Sciences P1 (3hrs)	Tourism (3hrs)
WEEK 4	09:00	14:00
Monday 02/11	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3hrs) Technical Sciences P2 (1½hrs)	Religion Studies P1 (2hrs)
Tuesday 03/11	NON-EXAMINATION DAY	
Wednesday 04/11	NON-EXAMINATION DAY	
Thursday 05/11	NON-EXAMINATION DAY	
Friday 06/11	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs)	Consumer Studies (3hrs) Hospitality Studies (3hrs)

WEEK 5	09:00	14:00
Monday 09/11	NON-EXAMINATION DAY	
Tuesday 10/11	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Electrical Technology (3hrs) Nautical Science P1 (3hrs)
Wednesday 11/11	Afrikaans HL P1 (2hrs) Afrikaans FAL P1 (2hrs) Afrikaans SAL P1 (2hrs)	Business Studies P1 (2hrs)
Thursday 12/11	Geography (Rural and Urban Settlements, Economic Geography of SA and Map Work) P2 (3hrs)	Religion Studies P2 (2hrs)
Friday 13/11	Life Sciences P1 (2½hrs)	Arabic, French, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P2 (2hrs), Latin SAL P2 (2hrs) Portuguese HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL, SAL P2 (2hrs) Equine Studies (3hrs)
WEEK 6	09:00	14:00
Monday 16/11	Life Sciences P2 (2½hrs)	Dramatic Arts (3hrs) Civil Technology (3hrs)
Tuesday 17/11	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (1½hrs) South African Sign Language HL P2 (2½hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P2 (2½hrs) Nautical Science P2 (3hrs)
Wednesday 18/11	Business Studies P2 (2hrs)	Visual Arts P1 (3hrs)
Thursday 19/11	English HL P2 (2½hrs) English FAL P2 (2½hrs) English SAL P2 (1½hrs)	History P2 (3hrs)
Friday 20/11	Afrikaans HL P2 (2½hrs) Afrikaans FAL P2 (2½hrs) Afrikaans SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Economics P2 (2hrs)
WEEK 7	09:00	14:00
Monday 23/11	Agricultural Technology (3hrs)	Music P1 Theory (3hrs)
Tuesday 24/11	Agricultural Management Practices (3hrs) Marine Sciences P2 (2½hrs)	Dance Studies (3hrs)
Wednesday 25/11	Music P2 Comprehension (1½hrs)	
Thursday 26/11	CAT P1 Rewrite Practical (3hrs) IT P1 Rewrite Practical (3hrs)	
Friday 27/11		

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Friday 9 October 2026	Pledge Signing
Tuesday 1 September 2026	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (2½hrs)
Monday 12 October 2026	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (2½hrs) Rewrite
3 August to 9 October 2026	Performing Arts Practical
14 September to 13 October 2026	Visual Arts and Design Practical

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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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