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ADVANCED LEVEL SYLLABUS

NDEBELE
9147

EXAMINATION SYLLABUS FOR 2013 - 2018
Z.G.C.E ADVANCED LEVEL

NDEBELE/ZULU

(Ndebele with reference to Zulu)

Subject Number 9147

SYLLABUS FOR 2013 - 2018

Available for the November examination only

There will be three question papers, each of 2½ hours' duration. The question papers will be set in the approved Ndebele orthography. Candidates will be expected to conform to the rules of orthography and word-division in Ndebele circulated by the Ministry of Education, Zimbabwe. Candidates will offer all three papers.

**Paper 1 (2½ hours) (100 marks)**

Candidates will be required to answer three questions, one from each of the following sections:

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<td>Composition</td>
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Answers to questions in this Paper are to be written in Ndebele.

**Paper 2 (2½ hours) (100 marks)**

Candidates will be required to answer four questions, two from Section A and two from Section B.

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<td>A</td>
<td>Practical criticism of two unseen passages, one of prose and one of verse (60 marks)</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Language structure and usage (40 marks)</td>
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A choice of questions will be offered in both sections. Answers to questions in this paper are to be written in Ndebele.

See also the Notes for Section B at the end of Paper 3.
Paper 3 (2½ hours) (100 marks)

Candidates will be required to answer four questions on prescribed books. The prescribed books to be studied will represent both traditional and modern poetry and prose.

Questions on the prescribed books will be arranged in two sections:

Section A : Traditional Prose and Poetry
Section B : Modern Prose and Poetry

Of the four questions to be answered, at least one must be chosen from each section. The total marks for each question will be 25. Answers to questions in this Paper are to be written in Ndebele.

Notes on Paper 2 Section B

Questions set in Paper 2, Section B on Language structure and usage, will be based on the following text book:


The following are recommended as supplementary texts:

(a) D.Ziervogel, J.A. Louw and P.C. Taljaard : Handbook of the Zulu Language (van Schaik, 1976)
(b) C.L.S Nyembezi : Uhlelo IwesiZulu (Shuter and Shooter, 1975)
(c) N.R. Nkosi, G.N. Msomi: Izikhali Zabaqeqeshi Nabafundi (Reach Out Publishers, 1992)

Questions set will require a knowledge of the following aspects of language. The structure and the function in phrases, clauses and sentences of:

(a) the noun
(b) the pronoun
(c) the qualificative
(d) the verb
(e) the copulative
(f) the adverb
(g) the ideophone
Questions in Paper 2, Section B will normally be such as to require candidates to describe the structure and function of different parts of speech in examples put before them. Such examples will normally be in Ndebele.

**Ndebele/Zulu A-Level Setbooks for November 2013 To 2015**

Below are A-Level Ndebele/Zulu setbooks for November 2013, 2014 and 2015 examinations.

**Section A – Traditional Literature**

**Figurative Language**

1. *Izaga*, A Nyamambi and M Mpofu, Mambo Press  
   *Izaga Lezitsho Zalamuhlha*, B Madlela and G C N Muyambo, College Press

**Folk Narrative(s)**


**Traditional Poetry**


**Customs and Beliefs**

4. *Bantu BeHadlana*, S O Mlilo, Mambo Press

**Section B – Modern Literature**

**Poetry**


**Drama**

6. *Indandandato Yegolide*, S L Majola, Maskwe Miller Longman/Longman Zimbabwe

**Novel**


Reference Books

G.R. Dent and C.L.S Nyembezi : Scholar's Dictionary (Shuter and Shooter)
C.L.S. Nyembezi : Zulu Proverbs (Shuter and Shooter)