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**TO: HEADS OF PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS
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PRESCRIBED LITERATURE: GRADE 12 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025 TO MAY/JUNE 2027 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE AND SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

1. This Circular relates to the prescribed literature for all official Home Languages (HLs), First Additional Languages (FALs) and Second Additional Languages (SALs) for the October/November 2025 to May/June 2027 Grade 12 Examinations.
2. In Circular E8 of 2022, the Department of Basic Education introduced new poems and short stories (from the anthologies currently prescribed) in 2023 for the October/November 2023 to May/June 2025 Examinations. This circular also indicated that no new dramas, novels and folklore were introduced in 2023.
3. The prescribed poetry, dramas, novels and folklore for all HLs, FALs and SALs for the October/November 2025 to May/June 2027 Grade 12 Examinations will be the same prescribed texts as for the October/November 2024 and May/June 2025 Examinations.
4. The prescribed literature for the abovementioned examinations is listed in Circular E19 of 2018 (dramas, novels and folklore) and Annexure A of Circular E8 of 2022 (poetry and short stories).

5. For ease of reference, Circular E19 of 2018 and Annexure A of Circular E8 of 2022 are attached.
6. Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) are requested to bring this Circular to the attention of the schools, centres and candidates that offer the October/November 2025 to May/June 2027 Grade 12 Examinations.
7. For any further queries on prescribed literature, please contact Mr Christo Thurston on e-mail Thurston.C@dbe.gov.za or on telephone (012) 357-4510.



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