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Challenges faced by grade 12 business studies educators in the process of compiling school based assessment portfolios for learners in 2009.

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APPENDIX C

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

1. Portfolio assessment is a new form of assessment for grade 12. What is your own general understanding of portfolio assessment?

2. The Department of Education introduced common assessment tasks in all the subjects and they are moderated at cluster meetings. As an educator for Business Studies grade 12, which policy documents do you use when compiling school based assessment portfolios for grade 12 business studies?

3. There are three common tasks in the business studies School Assessment Guideline of 2009.

a. Do you use the three tasks when compiling learners' school based assessment portfolios for learners? Yes / No?

b. If yes, how do you use the three common tasks when compiling learner school based assessment portfolios? How do you prepare learners for them / work with learners on them / administer them?

c. If No, what do you use instead?

d. How was the decision made?

4. How do the three common tasks in the SBA fit in with the learning programme you have created for the year?

5. In your view, how do the three common tasks in the SBA fit in with the specific outcomes and assessment standards to be covered for the year?

6. In your opinion, how do the topics covered in the three common tasks in the SBA relate to the topics covered in the final year exam?

7. In your opinion, do you see the three common tasks in the SBA function as a preparation for final exam for learners?

8. If you think about the learning outcomes and assessment standards for FET Business Studies – how would you say they are distributed across / covered by the following exams:

(i) October/November final exam of 2008

(ii) Preliminary exams of August/September 2009

(iii) The three common tasks in the SBA in 2009

9. Was there a particular incident that:

a. Made you feel excited about the potential of portfolio assessment?

b. Made you feel upset about doing portfolio assessment?

c. helped you to understand what portfolio assessment is?

9. If a parent asked you to explain your feelings regarding the value of the three business studies common tasks in the school based assessment portfolios for grade 12 learners, what will you say?

11. In your assessment as an Educator since the implementation of the first grade 12 NCS in 2008, how would you say are learners benefiting from school based assessment portfolios in grade 12?

12. What are your recommendations / suggestions about how the three business studies common tasks in the school based assessment portfolios for grade 12 learners could be improved?

13. Is there anything else you would like to say about the three business studies common tasks in the school based assessment portfolios for grade 12 learners?

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR PRINCIPALS

1. Portfolio assessment is a new form of assessment for grade 12. What is your own general understanding of portfolio assessment?

2. Which policy documents are available at the school for the educators to use in their planning?

3. The Department of Education introduced common assessment tasks in all the subjects and they are moderated at cluster meetings. Do the educators for Business Studies grade 12 use the three common assessment tasks in the School Based Assessment Guideline when compiling learners' portfolios? YES/NO
- If no, what do you instead?
- How was the decision made?

4. What support do business studies teachers have so they can work efficiently with the common assessment tasks?

5. In your view, would you say the Grade 12 learners are benefiting from the three common task in the School-Based Assessment guideline?

6. In your opinion, do you see the three common tasks in the SBA function as a preparation for final exam for learners?

7. Was there a particular incident that:
- Made you feel excited about the potential of portfolio assessment?
- Made you feel upset about doing portfolio assessment?
- Helped you to understand what portfolio assessment is?

8. What are your recommendations / suggestions about improving the three grade 12 business studies common assessment tasks in the school based assessment portfolios for next year?

9. Is there anything else you would like to tell me about the grade 12 business studies school based assessment portfolios?