**SOCIAL SCIENCES (GEOGRAPHY) - GRADE 8 2023**

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| **TOPIC** | **ASSESSMENT STANDARDS** | **PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT TASKS** |
| **PHASE 1 (18 January 2023 – 31 March 2023)** | | |
| **Weather vs Climate**  **South African Climate**  **Global Climate Regions** | Elements of weather and how weather differs from climate. | **Task 1:** Controlled test  6 – 17 March |
| Physical map of South Africa. |
| How the physical regions of SA affect climate regions. |
| Temperature, rainfall, and vegetation characteristics of different climate types. |
| Climate regions around the world |
| Links between climatic regions and factors influencing temperature and rainfall |
| **PHASE 2 (12 April 2023 – 23 June 2023)** | | |
| **Maps and Atlases**  **The Globe** | Direction and bearing | **Task 2:** Controlled test:  12 – 23 June |
| Latitude and longitude |
| Scales |
| Measuring distances |
| Hemispheres |
| Earth’s rotation on its axis |
| Time zones |
| Solstices and equinoxes |
| **PHASE 3 (18 July 2023 – 24 November 2023)** | | |
| **Settlement and Land Use** | Rural settlements | **Task 3:** Project: Settlement  4 – 15 September  **Task 4:** November Exam  13 – 24 November |
| Types of rural settlements |
| Urban settlements |
| Land use zones in urban settlements |
| **Urbanization** | Concept of urbanization |
| Push and pull factors |
| Apartheid segregation and urbanization |
| Rapid urbanization and the issues associated with it |
| **Satellite Photography and Aerial Photos** | Oblique and vertical aerial photos |
| Identifying information and land use on aerial photos |
| Identifying information from satellite images |