

SOCIAL SCIENCES (GEOGRAPHY) - GRADE 8 2023

TOPIC	ASSESSMENT STANDARDS	PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT TASKS
PHASE 1 (17 January 2024 – 20 March 2024)		
Weather vs Climate	Elements of weather and how weather differs from climate.	Task 1: Control Test 21 Feb - 05 March
South African Climate	Physical map of South Africa.	
	How the physical regions of SA affect climate regions.	
Global 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 (03 April 2024 – 14 June 2024)		
Maps and Atlases	Direction and bearing	Task 2: Mid-Year Exam 03 – 14 June
	Latitude and longitude	
	Scales	
	Measuring distances	
The Globe	Hemispheres	
	Earth's rotation on its axis	
	Time zones	
	Solstices and equinoxes	
PHASE 3 (09 July 2024 – 22 November 2024)		
Settlement and Land Use	Rural settlements	Task 3: Project: Settlement 21 August - 03 September
	Types of rural settlements	
	Urban settlements	
	Land use zones in urban settlements	
Urbanization	Concept of urbanization	Task 4: November Exam 11 – 22 November
	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	