



June 23, 2014

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To All Superintendents:

**Re: URGENT Social Studies 11 and English 10 Exams**

We understand the incredible pressure and workload that each of you is facing in your districts during this period of job action and we thank you for your educational leadership and professionalism.

Based on concerns raised by a number of Superintendents related to quality and validity of the marking for Social Studies 11 and English 10, the decision has been taken to alter the sections that students will be responsible for completing related to these two exams. This decision was taken related to these two exams because they account for 65,000 of the 70,000 locally marked exams this exam session.

Please note the sections a student must complete and which sections should be struck from the exam.

English 10:

Students will complete the 29 Multiple Choice Questions in Part A and Part B  
Students will complete Written Response Question #30 in Part B  
Students will not complete Written Response Question #31 in Part C

Socials Studies 11:

Students will complete the 55 Multiple Choice Questions in Part A  
Students will not write the 2 Written Response Questions 1 and 2 in Part B

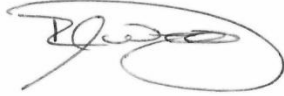
Student scores will be based on the reduced set of questions and the standards (cut scores) will be adjusted accordingly.

It is important to note that students have the opportunity to re-write any provincial exam for a one-year period as per the Handbook of Procedures. In addition, for the November 2014 exam session only, we are able to offer an electronic option to students who want an opportunity to write the portions of each of these exams that are not being offered during this June session.

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We trust this will provide school districts with some marking relief and it is our expectation that all other locally marked exams will be handled in your districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Wood", enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

Rob Wood  
Deputy Minister

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