



SENIOR PHASE

Grade 8 - Term 4 / Year-end

REVISION GUIDE / SCOPE OF WORK

9 subjects • 900 total marks

Consolidated full-year assessment

This guide tells families which knowledge and skills to revise for the Term 4/year-end assessment. It is based on the uploaded OPSA 2026 assessment programme and its preparation scopes, not a list of the exact questions.

How much to prepare?

For knowledge-based MCQs, the intended OPSA year coverage is Term 1: 10%, Term 2: 15%, Term 3: 25% and Term 4: 50%. Use the subject programme and CAPS requirements as the final guide; practical and writing skills are assessed separately.

Curriculum term	Intended MCQ share
Term 1	10%
Term 2	15%
Term 3	25%
Term 4	50%

- Term 4 carries the strongest emphasis in the intended year-wide MCQs. Revise the completed OPSA activities from ALL FOUR terms, not Term 4 only.

Which language resources?

The learner prepares only the registered Home Language (Afrikaans Home Language or English Home Language) and First Additional Language (Afrikaans FAL or English FAL). Texts may be unseen, and the exact spelling or grammar rules differ between Afrikaans and English.

Revision by subject

1. Home Language (100)

Assessment composition: MCQ 45 + Assignment 40 + Practical 15 = 100 marks

Knowledge focus in the online MCQ paper(s): Coverage within the MCQ paper: Reading and visual comprehension (25); Language structures and conventions (20). Total: 45 MCQ marks.

Work and skills to revise:

- Listen and communicate independently; prepare an organised oral response or presentation.
- Read unfamiliar literary, factual and visual texts critically; identify evidence, purpose and point of view.
- Practise literal, inferential and evaluative comprehension as well as vocabulary in context.
- Revise language conventions, sentence structure, punctuation and figures of speech where applicable.
- Write a planned, original extended or transactional text, with attention to purpose, structure and editing.

How to practise: Ask the learner to read aloud, explain the text without help, complete language exercises and produce original writing.

2. First Additional Language (100)

Assessment composition: MCQ 45 + Assignment 35 + Practical 20 = 100 marks

Knowledge focus in the online MCQ paper(s): Coverage within the MCQ paper: Reading and visual comprehension (25); Language structures in context (20). Total: 45 MCQ marks.

Work and skills to revise:

- Understand oral information and answer questions independently in the additional language.
- Read unseen texts and visuals; identify factual information, implied meaning and the writer's purpose.



- Review vocabulary, language structures, punctuation and figures of speech at an appropriate FAL level.
- Practise the required writing formats and respond to a literary or other reading text.
- Plan, draft and edit writing for clarity, coherence and purpose.

How to practise: Practise the REGISTERED additional language, not a translation of the Home Language worksheet; use its vocabulary and spelling rules.

3. Mathematics (100)

Assessment composition: MCQ 100 = 100 marks

Knowledge focus in the online MCQ paper(s): Coverage within the MCQ paper: numbers (25); algebra (30); geometry (25); measurement (10); data handling (10). Total: 100 MCQ marks.

Work and skills to revise:

- Integers, rational numbers, exponents and calculations in context.
- Algebraic expressions, equations, patterns, functions and relationships.
- Geometric figures, angles and constructions, including Pythagoras where applicable.
- Measurement, data presentation, interpretation and multi-step problem-solving.

How to practise: Revise a little every day. Calculate independently, check whether an answer is reasonable and explain your method aloud.

4. Natural Sciences (100)

Assessment composition: MCQ 40 + Assignment 40 + Practical 20 = 100 marks

Knowledge focus in the online MCQ paper(s): Coverage within the MCQ paper: Living things and matter (20); Energy and planet Earth/space (20). Total: 40 MCQ marks.

Work and skills to revise:

- Cells, body systems, living things and biological organisation.
- Atoms, elements, compounds and introductory matter concepts.
- Electrical circuits and light; energy and scientific representations.
- The solar system and Earth; collect, interpret and explain investigation data.

How to practise: Practise reading scientific diagrams, tables, graphs and unfamiliar experimental situations, not only memorising definitions.

5. Social Sciences (100)

Assessment composition: MCQ 45 + Assignment 55 = 100 marks

Knowledge focus in the online MCQ paper(s): Coverage within the MCQ paper: Geography: knowledge and interpretation (25); History: timelines and source comprehension (20). Total: 45 MCQ marks.

CAPS yearly History and Geography topics:

Term	History	Geography
Term 1	Industrial Revolution in Britain and southern Africa	Maps and globes
Term 2	Mineral Revolution in South Africa	Climate regions
Term 3	Scramble for Africa	Settlement
Term 4	World War I (1914–1918)	Transport and trade

Use these CAPS topics as the annual revision map; confirm the exact sequence against the learner's completed OPSA work and applicable ATP.

Work and skills to revise:

- Geography: climate, weather patterns, settlements, transport and trade.
- History: the Industrial Revolution and Mineral Revolution in South Africa.
- History: colonial expansion in Africa and the First World War.
- Analyse maps, graphs, timelines and written sources; distinguish causes and effects.

How to practise: Use maps, timelines, graphs and evidence to support answers. Revise History and Geography separately.



6. Economic and Management Sciences (100)

Assessment composition: MCQ 30 + Assignment 70 = 100 marks

Knowledge focus in the online MCQ paper(s): Coverage within the MCQ paper: Economics: key concepts and sources (30). Total: 30 MCQ marks.

Work and skills to revise:

- The economy: households, producers, consumers, public sector and markets.
- Financial records, transactions, source documents and basic accounting.
- Budgets and entrepreneurship; responsible management of resources.
- Interpret financial scenarios, complete calculations and explain results.

How to practise: Work through examples with source documents, calculations, case studies and financial records.

7. Technology (100)

Assessment composition: MCQ 30 + Assignment 40 + Practical 30 = 100 marks

Knowledge focus in the online MCQ paper(s): Coverage within the MCQ paper: Structures, systems and processes: knowledge (30). Total: 30 MCQ marks.

Work and skills to revise:

- Structures, stability, strength and properties of suitable materials.
- Mechanical and electrical systems; energy and control in simple designs.
- Processing techniques and their applications in a design solution.
- Research, technical drawings, construction, testing and evaluation of a model.

How to practise: Review the complete design cycle, drawings, the choice of materials, safe construction and how to evaluate a solution.

8. Life Orientation (100)

Assessment composition: MCQ 30 + Assignment 40 + Practical 30 = 100 marks

Knowledge focus in the online MCQ paper(s): Coverage within the MCQ paper: Life Orientation: knowledge and understanding (30). Total: 30 MCQ marks.

Work and skills to revise:

- Personal development, identity, healthy relationships and responsible decisions.
- Health, safety, social responsibility and rights in real-world situations.
- Apply knowledge to case studies and reflect on choices and consequences.
- Prepare safe physical education participation and movement routines.

How to practise: Use real-life situations to practise responsible decisions; complete the physical education component safely.

9. Creative Arts (100)

Assessment composition: MCQ 10 + Assignment 10 + Practical 80 = 100 marks

Knowledge focus in the online MCQ paper(s): Coverage within the MCQ paper: Arts literacy: knowledge questions (10). Total: 10 MCQ marks.

Work and skills to revise:

- Confirm the two art forms studied in Grade 8 and practise each one's techniques.
- Prepare increasingly complex creative products or performances.
- Review arts concepts, interpretation and appropriate performance vocabulary.
- Reflect on planning, execution, artistic decisions and the final product.

How to practise: Prepare the two chosen art disciplines, study the related arts vocabulary and practise a short personal reflection.

A realistic preparation routine

- First, read the assessment programme and check which online, written and practical activities apply to this grade.
- Use the learner's completed OPSA activities, workbooks, notes, readers and feedback as the main revision source.
- Revise knowledge in short daily sessions; interleave reading, writing, calculation and hands-on skills as relevant.



- Ask the learner to work independently; use fresh examples rather than rehearsing one passage or set of answers.
- Prepare devices and materials early; practise recording and uploading legible evidence where required.

Important scope note

This guide summarises the parent-facing CAPS knowledge and skills stated by the OPSA programme. It does not guarantee that every possible CAPS item is listed, nor does it show exact exam questions. Where a topic, task format or cognitive weighting is not final, the corresponding OPSA activity and subject moderation take precedence.