

June 23, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians of Students in Grades 10 and 11:

Subject: URGENT – Provincial Exams – English 10 and Social Studies 11 / Sciences humaines 11

Based on concerns that were raised by BC Superintendents related to the quality and validity of the marking of English 10 and Social Studies 11 / Sciences humaines 11 (French Immersion), the Ministry of Education has just advised us that a decision has been taken to alter sections of these Provincial Exams.

Please note the sections a student must complete and which sections will 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.

Social Studies 11 / Sciences humaines 11:

- Students will complete the 55 Multiple Choice Questions in Part A
- Students will not complete 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 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. In addition, for the November 2014 exam session only, the Ministry of Education will be 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 2014 session.

Sincerely,



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