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1.0 PREAMBLE

1.1 Introduction

This Heritage-Based Commerce syllabus is a four-year learning areacovering Forms 1–4. The syllabus intends to develop in learner's self-reliance, enterprise, critical thinking, problem solving, resource management and leadership skills. The syllabus fosters an understanding and appreciation of the national tangible and intangible heritage.

1.2 Rationale

The study of commerce equips learners with practical enterprise skills, value addition skills and business-related competences. The syllabus prepares learners for life and work through acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, attitudes and an understanding of the ownership of the means of production in the commercial world, within a Zimbabwean context. It lays the foundation for careers in the business field and provides the basis for further studies in related disciplines. The syllabus promotes self-reliance for the enhancement of economic growth through the ownership and responsible exploitation of the means of production such as land, capital as well as the tangible and intangible heritage.

The Heritage-Based Commerce syllabus enables learners to develop thefollowing skills:

- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Decision making
- Conflict management
- Leadership
- Self-management
- Communication
- Technical and innovative
- Enterprise development

1.3 Summary of Content

This syllabus intends to provide a theoretical and practical knowledge base for learners in the commercial world such as production, consumer protection, business organisation, financialmanagement, trade and aids to trade.

1.4 Assumptions

It is assumed that all learners:

- are constantly participating in and interacting with commercial activities like buying and selling.
- have access to some means of production.
- desire to contribute meaningfully to the community and nation at large.
- have a desire for self-reliance through runningtheir own enterprises.
- are aware of the prevailing commercialenvironment

1.5 Cross-Cutting Themes

The Commerce learning area will encompass thefollowing cross cutting themes:

- Information Communication Technology (ICT)
- Disaster risk management
- Children's rights and responsibilities
- Climate change
- Environmental management
- Business enterprise skills
- Gender equality
- Health and wellbeing

2.0 PRESENTATION OF THE SYLLABUS

The Heritage-Based Commerce syllabus Forms 1-4 is a single document comprising preamble, aims, objectives, methodology, topics, scope and sequence, competence matrix and assessment.

3.0 AIMS

The syllabus enables learners to:

- 3.1 develop an appreciation of the environment within which commercial activities take place
- 3.2 acquire knowledge and understanding of the language, concepts and decision-making procedures of commercial activities
- 3.3 develop knowledge and understanding of the impactof information technology in commercial activities
- 3.4 develop knowledge and understanding of the nature and significance of innovation and change on commercial activities
- 3.5 prepare for life and work in an indigenised economyand increasingly globalised and competitive environment
- 3.6 demonstrate desirable financial literacy and numeracy skills including practical competencesnecessary to run a business
- 3.7 acquire lifelong business management skills in line with emerging opportunities and challenges of the local, national and global society
- 3.8 participate in voluntary service and leadership as well as contribute meaningfully to the development of the country
- 3.9 enhance patriotism and appreciation of national tangible and intangible heritage

4.0 SYLLABUS OBJECTIVES

Learners should be able to:

- 4.1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the purposes and functions of commercial activities and commercial institutions
- 4.2 describe the environment in which commercial activities take place
- 4.3 explain relevant terms used in business
- 4.4 interpret information from graphs, charts and tables
- 4.5 analyse significant factors to consider in acommercial situation
- 4.6 present and interpret information in the form of graphs, diagrams and tables
- 4.7 apply knowledge and skills to solve problems incommercial situations
- 4.8 make accurate judgments on commercial and development issues
- 4.9 assess the impact of ICTs on commercial activities
- 4.10 communicate commercial information in writing, verbally, diagrammatically and graphically in a coherent and logical manner
- 4.11 carry out self-reliance project

5.0 Methodology and Time Allocation

5.1 Methodology

In this syllabus, learner - centred approaches are encouraged. The principles of inclusivity, relevance, individualisation and concreteness should influence the choice of teaching methods so that learning of Commerce embrace the diversity of all learners. The following methods are suggested:

- Group work
- Research
- Educational tour
- Simulations/ Role play
- Questions and answers
- Mini enterprise approach
- Discovery
- Problem solving
- Demonstrations
- Seminars Quiz
- Games
- Project work
- Debates

The methods are mutually inclusive and may be used in combination

5.2 Time Allocation

At least four (4) 40 minutes lesson shall be allocated per week. At least one (1) educational tour and at least 2 Seminars per year are encouraged. Educational tours should be allocated at least 1 working day per term.

6.0 TOPICS

The syllabus topics are as follows

- 6.1 Production
- 6.2 Trade
- 6.3 Consumer protection
- 6.4 Business Organisations
- 6.5 Enterprise
- 6.6 Finance and Banking
- 6.7 Insurance and Assurance
- 6.8 Business Communication
- 6.9 Transport
- 6.10 Warehousing
- 6.11 Marketing

7.0 SCOPE AND SEQUENCE TOPIC 1: PRODUCTION

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
 Stages of Production Factors of production Ownership of means of production 	 Forms of production Division of labour and specialisation Mass production Chain of distribution 	Value addition and beneficiation of resources	Business environment

TOPIC 2: TRADE

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
Introduction to tradeWholesale trade	 Retail trade Hire purchase and deferred payments Discounts Documents used in home trade 	Foreign trade	Balance of payments

TOPIC 3: CONSUMER PROTECTION

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
 reasons for consumer protection Consumer rights and responsible behavior 	Consumer Protection Boards such as: Consumer Council of Zimbabwe (CCZ) Standards Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ)	Consumer Protection Methods of protecting consumers Role of Government	

TOPIC 4: BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
 Importance of Business Organisations Business sectors 	Unincorporated business units	 Incorporated business units Multi-national companies Public sector business 	 Traders association Business Membership Organisations (BMO) Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Public sector reforms

TOPIC5: ENTERPRISE

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
Introduction to Enterprise	Management functionsBusiness ethics	Business plan Intellectual property	

TOPIC 6: FINANCE AND BANKING

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
Personal finance Money	 Managing Personal finances Taxation Banking system Financial institutions: Commercial Banks 	Business Finance Other Financial Institutions The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe	Business Calculations Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Trends in Banking International Financial Institutions
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TOPIC 7: INSURANCE AND ASSURANCE

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
 Nature and purpose of insurance and assurance Communal systems of insurance and assurance 	Principles of insurance Documents used in insurance and assurance Insurance procedures	 Types of insurance policies Types of assurance policies Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) 	Impact of ICT on insurance and assurance

TOPIC 8: BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
 Importance of Communication Telecommunication Service providers 	 Postal services Effective communication 	 Factors to consider in choosing mode of communication Formal and informal business communication Trends in business communication 	

TOPIC 9: TRANSPORT

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
Importance of transportModes of transport	 Factors influencing choice of transport Documents used in transport Port authorities 	Trends in transport	

7.1 TOPIC 10: WAREHOUSING

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
Introduction to warehousingIndigenous storage systems	Warehousing functions and importance	Types of warehousesLocation of a warehouse	

7.2 TOPIC 11: MARKETING

FORM 1	FORM 2	FORM 3	FORM 4
Marketing conceptsTypes of markets	 Market segmentation Marketing approaches 	Marketing mix (Product, place, promotion and price)	

8.0 COMPETENCY MATRIX FORM 1 SYLLABUS

8.1 PRODUCTION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Stages of production Factors of production	 Explain the need for production Classify goods and services Explain primary, secondary and tertiary production Describe factors of production Explain the relationship between commerce and production 	 The need for production Goods and services Chain of production from primary to tertiary Factors of production Relationship between commerce and production 	 Outlining the need for production Categorizing goods and services Role playing production activities Visiting production sites in the community Discussing production activities in the community Describing each stage of production Discussing factors of production Demonstrating the relationship between commerce and production 	 Charts Recommended textbooks Samples of goods ICT tools Newspaper cuttings Literature on our heritage Resource persons Indigenisation Act Land Reform Act
Ownership of the means of production	 Explain why it is important for indigenous people to own means of production Identify land as our heritage Describe the importance of land reform and indigenisation of our economy 	 Means of production as our heritage Role of Government in indigenising our economy 	 Discussing importance of indigenous people owning means of production Debating on why land is our Heritage Explaining the importance of land reform and indigenous 	

8.2 TRADE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVE learners should be able to:	CONTENT	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Introduction to trade	 Explain the need for trade Describe barter and monetary trade Compare home trade and foreign trade 	Reasons for tradeForms of tradeBranches of trade	 Discussing the need for trade Distinguishing between monetary trade and barter Dramatizing exchange of goods Illustrating diagrammatically branches of trade Identifying similarities and difference between home trade and foreign trade 	Recommended text books Charts ICT tools
Wholesale Trade	 Explain the services of wholesalers Describe the different types of wholesalers Explain why a wholesaler is by-passed in the distribution chain Identify marketing boards Describe the functions of commodity markets 	Services of wholesalers to manufacturers, retailers and consumers Types of wholesalers: - cash and carry - general - specialist - co-operative wholesale societies Reasons for by-passing a wholesale Marketing boards such as Grain Marketing Board (GMB) Commodity markets	 Discussing services of wholesalers Visiting wholesalers Writing notes on findings from visits Interviewing customers on services provided by the wholesaler Researching on the types of wholesalers Outlining reasons for by passing a wholesaler Listing the purpose of Marketing Boards Describing the functions of Marketing Boards Explaining functions of commodity markets 	Recommended text books Resource persons ICT tools Samples of money Samples of goods

8.3 CONSUMER PROTECTION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Reasons for consumer protection Consumer rights and their responsibilities	 Identify areas where consumers need protection Identify ways in which consumers can be exploited Explain consumer rights Discuss their responsibilities as consumers 	 Reasons for consumer protection Consumer rights Responsible consumer behavior 	 Discussing areas where consumers need protection Explaining ways in which consumers can be exploited Debating consumer rights Outlining their responsibilities as consumers 	 Recommended textbooks ICT tools Resource persons Consumer Council Act Pamphlets from Consumer Council

8.4 BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Importance of Business Organisations	Justify the importance of business organisations	Importance of business organisations	Discussing the importance of business organisations	Recommended text books
Business sectors	Describe private and public sectors Identify types of business units under private and public sectors	Private and public sectors Types of business units	Tabulating the differences between private and public sectors Classifying business units into private and public sectors	 Flow chart of business in the private and public sectors Local business centres

8.5 ENTERPRISE

TOPIC	OBJECTIVES Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Introduction to Enterprise	 Identify the qualities of an entrepreneur Explain the advantages and disadvantages of being an entrepreneur Evaluate the importance of enterprise skills to the economy 	Characteristics of an entrepreneur Advantages and disadvantages of being an entrepreneur Importance of enterprise skills to the economy	 Stating characteristics of an entrepreneur Analysing advantages and disadvantages of being an entrepreneur Visiting nearby entrepreneurs Discussing importance of enterprise skills Assessing the importance of enterprise skills to the economy 	 Recommended textbooks Resource persons ICT tools

8.6 FINANCE AND BANKING

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Personal Finance	 Explain the different sources of income State methods of saving income Justify the need to save income Identify methods for personal investment Analyse reasons for investing 	 Sources of income Saving income Personal investments 	 Listing sources of income Describing methods of saving income Debating on the need to save income Discussing methods of personal investments Evaluating the reasons for investing 	Recommended text books Brochures on saving portfolios ICT tools
Money	Trace the origins of money Describe the characteristics of money Outline the functions of money Discuss the causes and effects of inflation	 Origins of money Characteristics of money Functions of money Inflation 	Debating on the advantages and disadvantages of barter Role playing on barter trade Discussing the characteristics of money Explaining the functions of money Debating on causes and effects of inflation	 Recommended text books ICT tools Charts Newspaper cuttings

8.7 INSURANCE AND ASSURANCE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Nature and purpose of insurance and assurance	 Explain features of insurance and assurance Outline purposes of insurance and assurance Identify business risks and life risks Distinguish assurance from insurance Explain features of insurable and non-insurable risks Differentiate insurable and non-insurable risk Explain pooling of risks Explain the importance of statistical data in insurance 	 Insurance and assurance Purposes of insurance and assurance Insurable and non-insurable risks Pooling of risks Importance of statistics in insurance 	 Visiting insurance and assurance companies Researching on purposes of insurance and assurance Listing business risks and life risks Differentiating between insurance and assurance Discussing features of insurable and non-insurable risks Naming types of insurable risks Discussing differences between insurable risks and non-insurable risks Illustrating pooling of risks Describing the importance of statistical data in insurance 	 Resource persons Charts Insurance documents like prospectus Newspaper cuttings ICT tools Recommended textbooks
Communal systems of Insurance and assurance	Identify communal systems of insurance and assurance State importance of communal systems of insurance and assurance	 Communal systems of insurance such as zunde ramambo/ Isiphala seNkosi, Contributions towards burial of deceased 	Researching on communal systems of insurance and assurance Discussing importance of communal systems of insurance and assurance	Resource persons Related literature

8.8 BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Importance of Communication	 Explain the term communication Outline the importance of communication 	Importance of communication	Discussing the importance of communication	Materials from service providers such as brochure and cell phones
Telecommunication	 Describe types of telecommunication devices and services Explain the advantages and disadvantages of various telecommunication services 	Telecommunication services such as: -Telephone -Cell phone -Internet -datel	 Listing types of telecommunication devices and services Identifying advantages and disadvantages of telecommunication services Exhibiting different communication devices 	Communication devices such as cell phones
Service providers	Identify different telecommunication service providers Explain the services provided by various telecommunication service providers	 Internet service providers such as Africom and Zol Mobile phone operators such as Telone, Econet, Telecel and, Netone, Fixed telephone service providers 	Visiting any service provider Listing different telecommunication service providers Describing the services provided by various telecommunication service providers	Resource persons

8.9 TRANSPORT

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Importance of Transport	Explain the importance of transport in commercial activities Trace the developments that took place in transport systems	Role of transport Evolution of transport systems	 Identifying traditional modes of transport Relating the development of the wheel Discussing the importance of transport in commerce 	Recommended textbooksICT toolscharts
Modes of Transport	List the modes of transport Examine the advantages and disadvantages of each mode of transport	Characteristics of the different methods of transport such as road, air, pipeline and sea Advantages and disadvantages of each mode	 Constructing a table showing examples of each mode Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each mode Visiting airports, bus termini, rail stations and lakes Making models of forms of transport 	Recommended textbooks ICT tools Charts Models Newspaper cuttings

8.10 WAREHOUSING

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Introduction to warehousing	Describe warehousing Identify indigenous storage systems	Introduction to warehousing Indigenous storage systems such as dura/isiphala/tsapi	Explaining warehousing Researching on indigenous storage systems	Recommended text books Resource persons ICT tools
Indigenous storage systems				• ICT tools

8.11 MARKETING

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Marketing concepts	 Justify the need for marketing Explain different marketing concepts Assess the implications of various marketing concepts to the business 	The need for marketing Marketing concepts: product concept the production concept selling concept, marketing concept Implication of various marketing concepts to the marketer or business	 Explaining the need for marketing Discussing different marketing concepts Explaining implications of various marketing concepts to the business Citing examples of different marketing concepts 	Recommended textbooks ICT tools
Types of markets	Identify types of markets Explain types of markets Discuss the advantages of physical and virtual markets Describe features of physical and virtual markets	Type of markets such as physical and virtual Advantages and disadvantages of physical and virtual markets Features of physical and virtual markets	 Listing types of markets Describing types of markets Outlining advantages and disadvantages of different types of markets Explaining features of virtual and physical markets. Visiting local markets 	Recommended textbooks Local markets ICT tools

FORM 2

8.12 PRODUCTION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Forms of Production Division of labour and specialisation Mass production	 Explain direct and indirect production Differentiate direct and indirect production Describe mass production Explain the advantages of division of labour and specialization 	Direct and indirect production Division of labour and specialization	 Distinguishing direct and indirect production Discussing specialization Identifying merits and demerits of mass production Demonstrating division of labour and specialization Visiting a production site 	 Production sites Related literature ICT Tools Recommended textbooks Charts
Chain of Distribution	 State ways in which goods are distributed from producers to consumers Identify factors considered when selecting channels of distribution 	 Chain of distribution from producers to consumers Factors considered when selecting channels of distribution 	 Drawing link diagrams on channels of distribution Explaining channels of distribution Describing factors considered when selecting channels of distribution Dramatising on channels of distribution 	 Recommended text books Charts ICT tools

8.13 TRADE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Retail trade	 Explain the functions of retailers Distinguish between large- and small-scale retailers Describe the characteristics and organisation of the different types of retailers Describe the factors that must be considered when establishing a retail outlet Discuss the impact of each trend in retailing Discuss the reasons for the survival of the small-scale retailer 	Functions of retailers to manufacturers, wholesalers and consumers Types of retailers: Large scale such as hypermarkets Small scale such as tuck shops Characteristics and organisation of retailers Factors to considered when establishing a retail outlet Trends in retailing such as: Electronic Point of Sale (EPOS) bar coding vending machines E-commerce Survival of the small-scale retailer	 Visiting retailers Listing features and functions of different retailers observed from visits Describing the characteristics and organisation of each retail outlet Discussing the trends in retailing Showing trends in retailing through the use of print and electronic media Outlining the advantages and disadvantages of the trends in retailing Debating on the reasons for the survival of small-scale retailer 	Recommended text books ICT tools retail outlets charts
Hire purchase and deferred payments	 Explain the main features of hire purchase and deferred payments Compare hire purchase and deferred payments Identify the sources of financing hire purchase and credit sale transactions 	 Hire purchase and deferred payment/credit sale Types of credit, main features, advantages and disadvantages of: hire purchase deferred payments credit cards informal credit 	 Discussing types of credit Debating on the reasons for and against buying on credit Identifying similarities and difference between hire purchase and deferred payments Researching and reporting back on the merits and demerits of hire purchase and credit sale Discussing the sources of financing hire purchase and credit sale transactions Role playing Discussing features of informal credit 	Recommended textbooks Samples of credit cards Hire Purchase Act Media such as newspapers and magazines Resource person Retail outlets

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES	
			Using resource persons to explain the types of credit		
Discounts	 Explain the nature and purpose of trade and cash discounts Distinguish between trade and cash discounts 	Trade and cash discounts	 Discussing the purposes of trade and cash discounts Listing the features of trade and cash discounts Calculating trade and cash discounts Differentiating trade discount from 		
Documents used in home trade	 Identify the documents used in home trade Explain the importance of documents used in home trade List the contents of each document used in home trade Explain the functions of each document used in home trade 	The importance of documents used in home trade Documents used in home trade such as enquiry, quotation and receipt	 Discussing the importance of documents used in home trade Collecting and analysing samples of documents used in home trade Demonstrating the use of documents used in home trade Listing the contents and functions of each document used in home trade Filing in documents used in home trade Dramatising on the use of trade documents 	Catalogues Samples of the documents such as invoices and credit notes	
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8.14 CONSUMER PROTECTION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Consumer Protection Boards	 Identify Consumer Protection Boards Explain the roles of Consumer 	Consumer Protection Boards such as Consumer Council of Zimbabwe and Standards Association of Zimbabwe		Recommended text books Resource persons ICT tools
	Protection Boards			Pamphlets

8.15 BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Unincorporated Business Units	 Explain the features of unincorporated businesses Examine advantages and disadvantages of unincorporated business units Distinguish between sole proprietorship and partnership 	 Features of unincorporated business units Advantages and disadvantages of unincorporated business units Formation, ownership and control 	 Describing the features of unincorporated business units Differentiating between sole proprietorship and partnership Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of unincorporated business units Explaining the formation, ownership and control Visiting nearby sole proprietors and partnerships such as law firms Role playing on formation of partnerships 	 Recommended text books Nearby shops ICT tools Law firms Deed of partnerships

8.16 ENTERPRISE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Management functions	 Explain various management functions Execute various management functions Explain the importance of management functions 	 Management functions such as planning, leading, organising, directing and controlling Importance of various management functions 	 Analysing management functions Researching on effective management skills Operating/implementing business enterprises Describing importance of management functions 	Recommended textbooks Local viable projects
Business ethics	 Identify ethical considerations in business Explain the role of ethics in business and society Describe the importance of ethics in business 	Business ethical considerations Role of ethics to business and society Importance of ethics in business	Researching and reporting back on ethical considerations in business Describing the role of ethics Analysing importance of ethics in business Citing unethical conduct in business Role playing on acceptable business conduct	Recommended textbooks Resource persons

8.17 FINANCE AND BANKING

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Managing Personal Finances	 Draw up personal budgets Discuss reasons for borrowing Identify borrowing options Recognise the legal obligation to pay tax 	Budgeting Borrowing options such as: _Overdraft _Bank loan _Trade credit	 Preparing personal budgets Identifying situations in which individuals should or should not borrow Listing borrowing options Discussing personal taxes 	Recommended textbook Resource persons Budget template
Taxation	 Analyse the need for financial advice Determine the consequences for financial mismanagement 	Taxation Financial advice (consultancy) Financial mismanagement	Identifying sources of financial advice Explaining the consequences of financial mismanagement	ChartsICT tools
Banking system	Identify different types of banksDescribe the services offered by commercial banks	 Banking system Classification of Banks Commercial Banking services such as: 	 Drawing a table on banks identifying the characteristics of a commercial bank Visiting commercial banks 	Cheque booksBank cardsDeposit slipsResource
Financial institution: - commercial banks		- Savings and current accounts - Loans and overdrafts - Bank cards - Cheques - Electronic transfers - Automated teller Machines (ATMs) - Standing orders	 Operating an ATM Filling in cheques, withdrawal slips, deposit slips and RTGs Depositing money Drawing a diagram showing inter relatedness of financial institutions 	persons ATMs Charts ITC tools Recommended textbooks

8.18 INSURANCE AND ASSURANCE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Principles of Insurance Documents used in insurance and assurance	 Explain the principles of insurance. Identify the documents used in insurance 	 Utmost good faith, indemnity, insurable interest and proximate cause Documents used in insurance such as prospectus, policy and cover 	 Discussing the principles of insurance Describing the features of each document 	 Resource persons Pamphlets Relevant documents such as proposal forms and policies
Insurance Procedures	Outline the procedure in obtaining an insurance policy Describe the procedure in effecting a claim State the functions of brokers, underwriters, actuaries and assessors	note. • Effecting an insurance policy • Making a claim • Brokers • Underwriters • Actuaries • Assessors	Dramatising the taking out of the insurance policy filling insurance documents such as proposal form role playing the functions of the different people involved in insurance	Recommended text books Samples of relevant documents

8.19 BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Postal services	 Identify agents of postal services Describe each of the postal services Explain the importance of various postal services Discuss drawbacks of each postal service 	Agents of postal services such as Zimpost, DHL, FEDEX and TNT Types of postal services such as; Free post Business reply service Expedited mail service Franking machine Recorded delivery Registered mail Cash on delivery Poste restante Importance and drawbacks of various postal services	 Listing agents of postal services Discussing various postal services Analysing the importance of various postal services and their drawbacks Visiting postal service providers 	 Recommended textbooks Resource persons Material from service providers such as brochures and magazines Postal agents
Effective communication	Explain the importance of effective communication Identify enhancers of effective communication Outline barriers to effective communication Suggest ways of overcoming barriers to effective communication	Importance of effective communication Enhancers of effective communication Barriers to effective communication Overcoming barriers to effective communication	Stating the importance of effective communication Discussing enhancers of effective communication Listing barriers to effective communication Giving solutions to barriers to effective communication Demonstrating effective communication through role playing	Recommended textbooks ICT tools

8.20 TRANSPORT

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Choice of Transport Documents used in	Discuss factors that influence the choice of transport List documents used in	Factors influencing choice of transport Documents used in transport	 Researching on factors that influence choice of transport Matching modes of transport to goods carried Interviewing people at places such as bus termini and airports Identifying documents used in 	 Recommended text books ICT tools Samples of documents used in transport Resource persons Samples of
transport	 transport Outline the contents of each document Explain the purpose of each document in transport 	such as: -Bill of lading -Airway bill -Charter party -Consignment note -Delivery note	transport Completing transport documents Determining the purpose of each document	documents used in transport Recommended text books ICT tools
Port authorities	 Identify facilities found on a port Describe the services provided by different Port Authorities 	Port facilities Services provided by different Port Authorities	Visiting ports and writing reports	Resource personsRecommended text books

8.21 WAREHOUSING

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Importance of warehousing	 Discuss importance of warehousing Explain the functions of warehouses 	 Importance of warehousing Functions of warehouses 	 Assessing the importance of warehousing Describing the functions of warehouses 	Recommende d text booksICT toolsWarehouses

8.22 MARKETINNG

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Market segmentation	 Explain market segmentation Identify bases of market segmentation Outline reasons for market segmentation 	 Market segmentation Factors to which can be used when segmenting a market such as demography, income and personal interests 	 Describing market segmentation Explaining bases of market segmentation to consider when segmenting a market Subdividing markets into various segments 	 Recommended text books ICT tools Markets
Marketing approaches	Explain mass and niche marketing	 Reasons for market segmentation Mass marketing Niche marketing 	Distinguishing mass and niche marketing	

FORM 3

8.23 PRODUCTION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Value addition and Beneficiation	 Explain the terms value addition and beneficiation Add value to a product Explain how value can be added at each stage of production Identify how the community and the country at large benefit from the exploitation of its resources 	Value addition and beneficiation	 Undertaking a project on value addition Debating on the merits and demerits of exploitation of resources Visiting production sites 	 ICT tools Recommended text books Relevant literature

8.24 TRADE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Foreign Trade	should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes) Interdependence of countries within a global market Difficulties faced by importers and exporters Entrepot trade Free trade and protectionism The need for trade restrictions Trade restrictions such as quotas, embargoes and tariffs Functions of customs authorities such as: collection of duties collection of trade statistics		
	of trading blocs List documents used in foreign trade Describe the purpose and key information of each document Identify intermediaries in foreign trade Explain functions of each intermediary in foreign trade Distinguish between the intermediaries	 controlling bonded warehouses Trading blocs such as: SADC, COMESA, AU and EU Features of trading blocs Aims of trading blocs Advantages and disadvantages of trading blocs Documents used in foreign trade such as: indents consular invoice letter of credit bills of exchange customs specification -airway bill -bill of lading Intermediaries in foreign trade such as brokers, merchants and factors Differences between the intermediaries in foreign trade 	 ZIMRA offices Identifying member states of trading blocs such as: SADC, COMESA, AU and EU Stating aims of trading blocs Explaining features of trading blocs Listing advantages and disadvantages of trading blocs Analysing documents used in foreign trade Collecting samples of documents used in foreign trade Describing documents used in foreign trade Listing intermediaries in foreign trade Researching on functions of intermediaries in foreign trade Discussing differences between intermediaries in foreign trade 	

8.25 CONSUMER PROTECTION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Consumer Protection	 Describe methods of protecting the consumer Explain role of Government in protecting consumers Identify how consumers can protect themselves 	 Methods of protecting the consumer Role of Government Self-protection 	 Discussing methods of protecting consumers Researching on legislation protecting consumers Discussing ways by which consumers can protect themselves 	 Recommended text books Pamphlets ICT tools Resource persons

8.26 BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	NOTES AND SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Incorporated Business Units	 State the types of incorporated business units Describe the formation, ownership and control of Incorporated business units Distinguish between private limited companies and public limited companies Outline advantages and disadvantages of incorporated business units Explain the features, advantages and disadvantages of multinational corporations 	 Private limited companies Public limited companies Formation, ownership and control Similarities and differences between incorporated business units Advantages and disadvantages of Incorporated business units 	 Listing the types of Incorporated business units Explaining the formation, ownership and control of Incorporated business units Comparing private limited companies and public limited companies Describing the advantages and disadvantages of incorporated business units 	Samples of documents such as: -Articles of Association -Memorandum of Association -Certificate of Incorporation -Trading Certificate Recommended text books ICT tools
Multinational corporations	Assess the impact of multinational corporations to the host and parent country	 Multinational corporations Advantages and disadvantages 	 Listing the features, advantages and disadvantages of multinational companies Discussing the impact of multinational corporations to the host and parent country 	
Public sector Units	Give reasons for the formation of public organisations State the functions of public enterprises Outline the merits and demerits of public sector organisations	Parastatals Local authorities Marketing boards	 Explaining the formation of public organisations Visiting local public sector businesses Listing the functions of public enterprises Identifying the merits and demerits of public sector enterprises 	Recommended text books Public sector organisations ICT tools

8.27 ENTERPRISE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Business plan	 Identify contents of a business plan Explain contents of a business plan Design a business plan 	Business plan layout executive summary organisational background products market analysis strategy and implementation management financial plan importance of a business plan	 Listing contents of a business plan Describing contents of a business plan Crafting a business plan Discussing business ideas Consulting experts 	 Recommended textbooks Samples of business plans Resource persons
Intellectual Properties	 Identify different types of intellectual properties Explain different types of intellectual properties Discuss the importance of protecting intellectual properties Suggest solutions to intellectual properties infringements Describe functions of the Zimbabwe Patents Office 	 Types of intellectual properties such as trademarks, industrial designs, patents, copyrights and geographical indications Reasons for protection Infringements such as piracy and plagiarism Functions of Zimbabwe Patents Office 	 Listing different types of Intellectual Properties Describing types of intellectual properties Proposing solutions to intellectual properties infringements Explaining functions of Zimbabwe Patents office Visiting organisations such as African Regional International Property Organisation (ARIPO) and Zimbabwe Patents Office 	Recommended textbooks Resource persons Material from ARIPO and World International Property Organisation (WIPO) such as brochures.

8.28 FINANCE AND BANKING

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Business Finance	 Describe the various sources of finance Evaluate the sources of finance Explain long term and short term capital Distinguish between shares and debentures, ordinary shares and preference shares 	 Sources of finance such as shares, debentures and leasing Types of capital 	 Identifying sources of finance Evaluating the sources of finance Classifying capital into long term and short term Discussing differences between shares and debentures, ordinary shares and preference shares 	 Recommended textbooks Share certificates Newspaper cuttings ICT tools
Other financial institutions	Outline the services rendered by each of the financial institutions	 Merchant Banks Finance Houses Discount Houses Building Societies Peoples' Own Savings Bank Small Enterprise and Development Corporation 	 Visiting the financial institutions Matching given services to a financial institution Describing the services of each financial institution 	 Recommended textbooks ICT tools Resource persons
The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe	Describe the functions of The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Analyse the role of The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe	Functions of The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe	Explaining the functions of The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Evaluating the roles of The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe	 ICT tools Notes and coins Charts and pamphlets Newspaper cuttings Recommended textbooks

8.29 INSURANCE AND ASSURANCE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Types of Policies	 Explain the types of insurance policies Examine the benefits of insurance and assurance policies Explain reasons for the formation of National Social Security Authority (NSSA) 	 Insurance policies such as fidelity guarantee and employer's liability Assurance policies such as: whole life assurance, funeral policy and medical aid Reasons for the formation of NSSA 	 Discussing the various types of insurance policies Listing the benefits of assurance and insurance policies Discussing the reasons for the formation of NSSA 	ICT tools Resource persons Recommended text books
Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC)	Explain the purpose of the ECGC	Purpose of the ECGC	Discussing the purpose of the ECGC	Recommended text books

8.30 BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Factors to consider in choosing mode of communication	Outline factors to consider in choosing mode of communication	Factors to consider in choosing mode of communication such as cost, urgency and reliability	Discussing factors to consider when choosing mode of communication	Recommended textbooks
Formal and informal business communication	 Distinguish between formal and informal business communication Identify advantages and disadvantages of formal and informal business communication Draft a business letter 	Formal business communication such as business letters Informal business communication such as grapevine Advantages and disadvantages of formal and informal business Communication	Differentiating between formal and informal business communication Listing advantages and disadvantages of formal and informal business communication Writing business letters	Samples of memorandum and business letters Recommended textbooks
Trends in business communication	Identify trends in communication Assess the impact of these technological developments in communication.	Trends in business communication such as the use of Skype, twitter, blogs, e-mail, Facebook and WhatsApp	Discussing trends in communication Analysing impact of technological developments in communication	Recommended textbooks Laptops, desktops and smart phones Resource persons ICT tools

8.31 TRANSPORT

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Trends in transport	 Describe containerization Justify increased use of containers Describe the characteristics of each development Assess the impact of the development on transport Outline the reasons for growth of air cargo Discuss the impact of ICT in transport 	 Containerisation Toll gates Vehicle tracking system E-ticketing Global Positioning Remote Sensing (GPRS) Increase in air cargo 	 Conducting educational tours to transport depots Discussing advantages and disadvantages of each development Visiting toll gates Discussing the reasons in the increase of air cargo 	 Recommended text book ICT tools Resource persons

8.32 WAREHOUSING

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
 Types of warehouses Location of a warehouse 	 Identify types of warehouses Select an appropriate site for a warehouse 	 Types of warehouses such as private manufacturers wholesalers retailers public Bonded Factors to consider when locating a warehouse 	 categorising warehouses into private and public Visiting warehouses, observing activities and reporting back Analysing factors considered when locating a warehouse 	WarehousesICT tools

8.33 MARKETING

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Marketing mix	 Identify marketing mix variables Explain marketing mix variables Analyse impact of marketing mix variables 	 Marketing mix variables such as product, price, place and promotion Analysis of each marketing mix variable Assessment of the Impact of each marketing mix variables to the market and business 	 Listing marketing mix variables Describing marketing mix variables Discussing marketing mix variables Suggesting appropriate pricing, products, distribution and promotional tools for a given market Crafting an advertising model 	Recommended textbooks Newspaper cuttings showing items such as press releases Trade journals

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8.34 PRODUCTION

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Business environment	 Describe business environment Identify the internal and external factors affecting a business Explain how each factor affects a business 	 Business environment Elements of the business Internal environment e such as customers, employees and suppliers External environment such as political, economic, social and Technological 	 Explaining business environment Researching on the impact of internal and external factors Analysing the impact of internal and external factors 	 ICT tools Newspaper cuttings Recommended text books

8.35 TRADE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Balance of Payments	 Distinguish between Visible and Invisible Trade Calculate Balance of Trade, Invisible Trade and Balance of Payments Convert currencies Outline the ways of correcting Balance of Payments deficit 	 Visible and Invisible Trade Balance of Invisible Trade and Balance of Payments Exchange rates Methods of correcting Balance of Payments deficit 	 Comparing Visible and Invisible trade Demonstrating the calculation of trade transactions Calculating exchange rates Discussing ways of correcting Balance of Payments deficit 	 Recommended text books Samples of different currencies ICT tools Newspaper cuttings

8.36 BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Traders Associations	 Identify traders associations Explain the functions of traders associations 	 Traders associations such as Cross Boarders Association, Book Sellers Association and Zimbabwe National Vendors Association (ZNVA) Traders Associations functions 	Inviting representatives from various organisations to explain the functions of traders associations	Recommended textbooks Material from the organisations Resource Persons
Business Membership Organisation (BMOs)	Explain the importance of Business Membership Organisations	Business Membership Organisations such as ZNCC, CZI and ZIMTRADE	Discussing importance of BMOs	Recommended textbooks Materials from organisations
Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs)	 Describe the features of Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Explain the importance of SMEs Outline the challenges faced by Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Evaluate Government initiated programmes meant for Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) 	 Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Features and importance of Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Challenges of Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Government assistance to Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Creation of SMEs special zones such as Siyaso and Glen View Area 8 	Visiting local Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Evaluating the contribution of Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to Zimbabwean economy Outlining challenges faced by Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Discussing Government initiated programmes meant for Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs)	Recommended text books Resource persons
Public sector reforms	 Define the terms Explain the reasons for and against commercialisation, privatisation and nationalisation 	Public sector reforms: - commercialisation - privatisation - nationalization	Discussing trends in Public sector businesses	Recommended text books

8.37 FINANCE AND BANKING

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Business calculations	 Define working capital, gross and net profit, turnover and rate of stock-turn over Calculate working capital, gross profit, net profit and the rate of stock-turn over Determine Return on Capital Employed (ROCE), Calculate profit margin and mark up 	Working capital Gross and net profit Rate of stock turn Mark – up and margin Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)	 Discussing working capital, gross and net profit, stock turn and cost of goods sold Computing working capital, gross and net profit, rate of stock turn, return on capital employed, mark up and margin 	 Recommended textbooks Resource persons Financial statements ICT tools
Zimbabwe Stock Exchange	 Assess the importance of the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange to the economy. Explain the roles of speculators Outline functions of brokers and jobbers 	Importance of Zimbabwe Stock exchange (ZSE) • Agents such as brokers and jobbers • Speculators such as bulls, bears and stags	 Analysing the importance of Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) Visiting the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) Discussing the roles of speculators Identifying functions of brokers and jobbers 	 Pamphlets Stock Exchange Resource persons Recommended text books ICT tools

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:	CONTENT	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND	RESOURCES
learner should be able to:	(knowledge, skills, values and	NOTES	N.2000H020
Identify the developments in the banking sector Evaluate the usefulness of the trends in the economy	Trends in Banking such as: telebanking mobile banking e-banking	Explaining the developments in the banking sector Discussing the impact of the trends on economic activities Demonstrating mobile banking Visiting money transfer agents	Recommended text books ICT tools Resource people such as money transfer agents Flow charts
Outline the international financial institutions Assess the role of international financial institutions in developing countries	International financial institutions such as: Infrastructure Development Bank (IDB) African Development Bank International Monetary Fund (IMF) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) World Bank	 Listing international financial institutions Explaining the role of international financial institutions Analysing the effectiveness of the activities of international financial institutions in Zimbabwe 	ICT tools Recommended textbooks
	Identify the developments in the banking sector Evaluate the usefulness of the trends in the economy Outline the international financial institutions Assess the role of international financial institutions in developing	 learner should be able to: (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes) Identify the developments in the banking sector Evaluate the usefulness of the trends in the economy Outline the international financial institutions Assess the role of international financial institutions in developing countries Infrastructure Development Bank (IDB) African Development Bank International Monetary Fund (IMF) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) 	Light Light

8.38 INSURANCE AND ASSURANCE

TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVES: learner should be able to:	CONTENT (knowledge, skills, values and attitudes)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Impact of ICT on Insurance and Assurance	Explain e-insurance and e-assurance State advantages and disadvantages of ICT in insurance and assurance	 E-insurance E-assurance Impact on: _firms potential clients 	 Discussing e-insurance and e-assurance Debating the impact of ICT in insurance and assurance 	 ICT tools Resource persons Brochures pamphlets

9.0 ASSESSMENT

The Heritage-Based Commerce syllabus learning area for Forms 1-4 shall be assessed through School Based Continuous Assessment (SBCA) and Summative Assessment (SA). These assessments shall be guided by the principles of inclusivity, practicability, authenticity, transparency, flexibility, validity and reliability. The principles are crucial for creating a supportive and effective learning environment that fosters growth and development in learners at secondary school level. Arrangements, accommodations and modifications shall be visible to enable candidates with special needs to access assessments.

This section covers the assessment objectives, the assessment model, the scheme of assessment, and the specification grid.

9.1 Assessment Objectives

Learners will be assessed on their ability to:

- 9.1.1 explain relevant terms used in commerce
- 9.1.2 demonstrate knowledge of basic principles, techniques and ideas in commerce
- 9.1.3 interpret information through numeracy and literacy
- 9.1.4 analyse significant factors to consider in commercial situations
- 9.1.5 apply knowledge and skills to solve problems in commercial situations
- 9.1.6 make accurate judgments on commercial issues
- 9.1.7 communicate commercial information in a logical and coherent manner

9.2 Assessment Model

Assessment of learners at lower secondary school level for Commerce Syllabus Forms 1-4 shall be both Continuous and Summative as shown in Figure 1. School Based Continuous Assessment shall include recorded activities from the School Based Projects done by the learners. The mark shall be included on learners' end of term and year reports. Summative assessment at school level shall include terminal examinations which are at the end of the term and year.

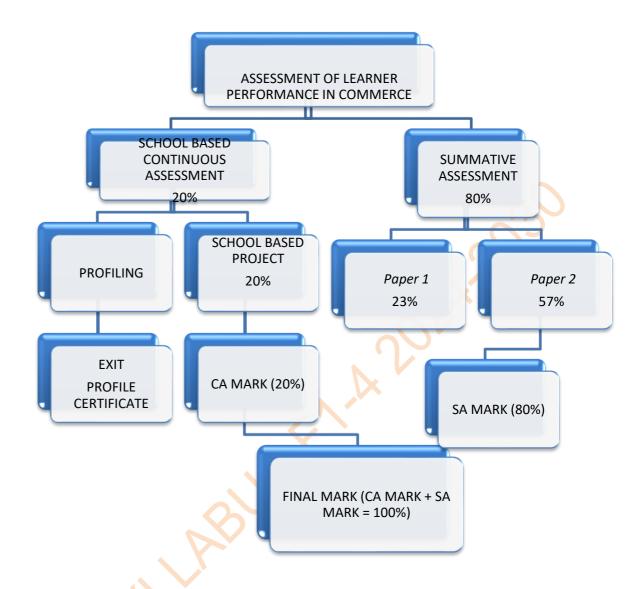


Fig. 1 Assessment Model

In addition, learners shall be profiled and learner profile records established. Learner profile certificates shall be issued for checkpoints assessment in schools as per the dictates of the Teacher's Guide to Learning and Assessment. The aspects to be profiled shall include learner's prior knowledge, values and skills, and subsequently the new competences acquired at any given point.

9.3 Scheme of Assessment

The Assessment Model shows that learners shall be assessed using both School Based Continuous Assessment and Summative Assessment for both School and ZIMSEC assessments.

The table shows the Scheme of Assessment where 20% is allocated to School Based Continuous Assessment and 80% to School or ZIMSEC Summative Assessment.

FORM OF ASSESSMENT	WEIGHTING
School Based Continuous Assessment	20%
Summative Assessment	80%
Total	100%

9.3.1 Description of School Based Continuous Assessment

Learners shall do one school-based project per form which contributes to 20% of the end of year final mark. The end of year summative assessment shall then contribute 80%. However, for ZIMSEC public examinations, two (2) school-based projects shall be considered as School Based Continuous Assessment at form 4. The two School Based Projects shall include those done during 3 and 4 sessions. Each will contribute 10%.

9.3.1.1: School - Based Project Continuous Assessment Scheme

The Table given below shows the Learning and Assessment Scheme for the School Based Project.

Project Execution Stages	Description	Timelines	Marks
1	Problem Identification	January	5
2	Investigation of related ideas to the problem/innovation	February	10
3	Generation of possible solutions	March	10
4	Selecting the most suitable solution	April-May	5
5	Refinement of selected solution	June	5
6	Presentation of the final solution	July	10
7	Evaluation of the solution and Recommendations	August-September	5
TOTAL			50

The learning and assessment scheme shows the stages that shall be executed by pupils and the timeline at which each stage shall be carried out. Possible marks, totalling 50, are highlighted to indicate how much can be allocated.

9.3.2 Description of the ZIMSEC Summative Assessment

ZIMSEC Summative Assessment shall be a public examination at form 4. The examination shall consists of two (2) papers of different weighting

Paper	Paper type	Marks	Duration	Weighting
1	Multiple choice	40	1hour 15 minutes	23%
2	Structured and Essays	100	2hours	57%
TOTAL	80%			

Paper 1

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper 1: Multiple Choice

The paper consists of 40 Multiple Choice questions.

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Weighting: 23%

Paper 2

Duration: 2 hours

Paper 2:

The paper consists of 2 sections which are Section A and Section B

Section A

6 compulsory structured questions totaling 40 marks

Section B - Essays

3 essay questions totaling 60 marks will be answered out of 7 questions

Time: 2 hours Weighting: 57%

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