

HOËRSKOOL ELSPARK

LIFE ORIENTATION

GRADE 9: TERM 2

ACTIVITY 2: CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS

**MEMORANDUM [20 Marks]**

DATE	NATIONAL DAY	DESCRIPTION
21 March	1. <u>Human Rights Day</u> ✓	This date was chosen to honour 69 people who were killed and 180 who were wounded in Sharpeville in 1960 while protesting against the pass laws. According to pass laws, black South African had to carry a document at all times, without that document they were not allowed to enter "White areas"
2. <u>27 April</u> ✓	Freedom Day	South Africans first democratic (free and fair) elections were held on this day in 1994.
1 May	Workers Day	3. <u>Celebrates the role played by trade unions, the Communist Party and other labour (workers') movements in the struggle against apartheid.</u> ✓ ✓
16 June	4. <u>Youth Day</u> ✓	On this day riots started in Soweto after the Government announced that the medium of instruction in all black schools will be in Afrikaans. Commemorates the 20 000 pupils in Soweto on 16 June 1976 against the inferior education that Blacks, Coloureds and Indians children were receiving
18 July	Nelson Mandela Day (not a public Holiday but a day that is celebrated in our Country)	5. <u>On this day we remember the 67 years that Nelson Mandela was politically active. We should spend 67 minutes of our time doing something useful in our communities</u> ✓ ✓
9 August	6. <u>National Women's Day</u> ✓	We commemorate the march of 20000 women who on the 9 <sup>th</sup> of August 1956 marched to the union Buildings to protest against the pass laws.
7. <u>24 September</u> ✓	Heritage Day	We celebrate the diverse cultures in South Africa.
16 December	8. <u>Day of Reconciliation</u> ✓	Two historical events took place on this day. On this day in 1961, Umkhonto we Sizwe was formed, the ANC armed wing and it was the day of the VOW when the Voortrekkers defeated the Zulus at the battle of blood River in 1838. These two celebrations symbolise the divided history of South Africa. Hence the day is devoted to reconciling the division of the past and celebrating unity. (10)

9. In your words explain how you and your family and friends celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. Also explain why this day is important for you as a South African. (5)

**Learner's own detailed response. Response must be based on Heritage Day and not another public holiday.** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

10. Explain what a virus is. (3)

**Viruses are microscopic parasites, generally much smaller than bacteria.** ✓ They lack the

**capacity to thrive and reproduce outside of a host body. ✓ A virus invades living cells and uses their chemical machinery to keep itself alive and to replicate itself ✓ (3 facts for 3 marks)**

11. What is the difference between an epidemic and a pandemic? (2)

**A pandemic is the worldwide spread of an infectious disease. It stretches over a larger area, infects more people and causes more deaths than an epidemic. ✓ With an epidemic the disease will spread rapidly among a large number of people in a given population. During an epidemic the disease will normally spread in two weeks or less ✓**