INTRODUCTION TO THE LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS (LATs) HANDBOOK

The Learning Achievement Targets (LATs) booklet is an important source of reference material for teachers in the preparation of teaching and learning guides or notes. This version has been aligned with the revised syllabi and course textbooks for the Upper Basic, in the Core Subjects (English, Mathematics, Science and Social and Environmental Studies). Similar targets have been developed for the Lower Basic and shall in due course be developed for the Senior Secondary level as well. In addition, the revised booklet lays great emphasis on the three domains of teaching and learning, namely: **knowledge, skills and attitudes.** Hence, for effective lesson preparation and delivery, LAT booklets should not be used in isolation but alongside with the syllabi, textbooks and teachers' guides.

As the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education strives to achieve its policy objectives of Quality Education by the year 2015, we call upon all stakeholders at school level particularly teachers in the classroom to effectively use this LAT booklet to adequately prepare our children who are our future generation, for responsible citizenship. Teachers should acquaint themselves with the content of the booklets and endeavour to see that pupils achieve the targets stated therein at the end of each term and school year respectively. This is because items/questions for the National Assessment Tests (NAT) are developed from the LATs and failure to achieve the targets may pose a problem for pupils during NATs.

In a similar vein MOBSE calls on both internal monitors such as head teachers and senior teachers/heads of department and external monitors including Cluster Monitors and Regional Officers to familiarize themselves with the LATs in order to ensure their proper usage in the classroom. In addition, we urge monitors to closely monitor the impact of the LATs on pupils' performances, as well as provide support to teachers wherever needed. In fact, this is the main route for the Quality Assurance of Teaching and Learning in schools as encapsulated in the MoSBSE Quality Assurance Framework (QAF). Stakeholders at different levels i.e. classroom teachers, head teachers, deputies, senior teachers/heads of departments and SMCs, cluster monitors and regional officers are expected to provide support to those who work under them to achieve quality education. Furthermore, the LAT booklets can also serve as an important source of

reference material for professional development activities of teachers at school, cluster and regional levels.

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LEARNING ACHEIVEMNT TARGETS FOR SCIENCE

GRADE 7-9

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GRADE 7 TERM 1

THEME 1: NATURE OF SCIENCE

	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Unit 1 What Is Science?	 Define Science State and define different branches of Science and show their inter- relationship. 	 Discuss the importance of Science in daily life. e.g. Prevention of diseases, Communication . 	 Appreciate the role of third world Scientists. Value the importance of Science in their everyday life.
	 State the importance of Science in 	 Draw and label simple Science Apparatus. 	 Appreciate the systematic

	 everyday life. Name some Scientists (including) 3rd world Scientists) and their contributions. Name some common Science apparatus. 	 Use simple Science apparatus. Demonstrate knowledge of the Scientific method. 	nature of Science.
UNIT 2 Living And Non- Living Things	 State the differences between living and non-living things. 	 Classify objects according to size, color and shape. Group organisms into living and non-living things. 	 Appreciate the difference between the living and the non-living things Value the

 State and explain the (7) characteristics of living things. 	 differences between organisms. Respect and care for plants and animals.
 State the difference s between plants and animals. 	

THEME 2: MATTER

Unit 1 States Of Matter	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
	 Define matter Identify and state the states of matter. 	 Collect a variety of things and classify them into solid, liquid 	 Appreciate the role of heat and pressure in the

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		and gas.	formation of
•	State the		the states of
	properties of	 Carry out 	matter.
	the different	simple	
	states (forms)	experiments or	 Recognize the
	of matter.	activities to	importance of
		show the	heat and
		changes of	pressure in our
•	State the	states of	daily life.
	effects of	matter.	
	changes in	• Carry out	
	temperature	(conduct)	
	and pressure	simple activities	
	on the state of	to show the	
	matter.	different effects	
		of temperature	
		and pressure	
		on the states of	
		matter.	
		Demonstrate	
		that matter can	

		be changed from one form to another.	
Unit 2 Density	 Define density. S I Units of density. 	 Measure volume and mass of various objects and find their densities. 	 Appreciate the importance of density in daily life e.g. sinking, floating of substance (in fluids).
Unit 3 Forces & energy	 Define force Define energy. Identify different sources and forms of energy. 	 Perform simple activities on forces and energy. 	Appreciate the uses of energy and force in their daily life.

 State and explain the different types of forces. 	
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THEME 3: CHEMICAL CHANGE

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Unit 1			
Mixtures and	 Define the 	 classify 	Appreciate the
compounds	terms	substances into	importance of
	Elements,	elements,	individual elements
	Mixtures and	mixtures and	mixtures and
	Compounds.	compounds.	compounds in our
	Chemical		daily live.
	Symbols of the	• prepare simple	E.g. cooking, Soap-
	first twenty	mixtures	making e.t.c.
	elements.	Prepare simple	

	 Physical properties of the common elements. Differentiate between elements, mixtures and compounds. 	compounds CuO, FeS, Co ₂).	
	 Prepare mixtures. 		
Unit 2 Separation of mixtures	 State and explain the different methods of separating mixtures into their 	 use different methods to separate simple mixtures such as sand, salt, and water, kerosene and 	 Appreciate the fact that mixtures can be separated into their components.

components.	water etc	

GRADE 7 TERM 2 THEME 4: AIR AND WATER

	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Unit 1	• Define Air.	Perform	 value the
Air	 State the composition of Air. State the importance of the different components of Air. 	activities to show that Air is necessary in burning, breathing, photosynthesis, winnowing etc.	importance of Air in everyday life
Unit 2	State the	Draw and name	 Appreciate the
Water	properties of water.	the components of the water cycle.	importance of water.
	 State the sources of 		 Appreciate the processes in

 water. State the importance of water. 	 the water cycle. Appreciate the role of plants in the water cycle.
 Explain the processes involved in water cycle 	

THEME 5: ECOLOGY

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Ecological terms	• Define ecology.	Visit and study	Recognize the
	 Define the following ecological 	a habitat and identify different	importance of organisms.Appreciate the

terms. Ecosyst Food ch Food w Commu Populat Ecologie Biosphe Consum Produce Decomp Habitat	nain eb unity tion cal niche ere ners ers	role of the decomposers in the re-cycling of materials.
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	 Prey Environment Predator		
Unit 2 Inter-relationship between organisms in the ecosystem	 Explain the concept of inter-relationship between organisms and their environment. Identify and explain the feeding relationships between 	 Observe organisms in their environment and identify how they are related to each other. Record their observation Construct simple food chain and food 	 Appreciate the role of individual organism in nature.

organisms.	web.	

THEME 6: FOOD

Unit 1 Classes of food	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
	Define Food	 Classify foods 	 Appreciate
	 Name substances that can be regarded as food 	into their various groups. Prepare a	that food isnecessary in lifeRespect food
	 State the sources of food. State the functions 	balanced diet	and prevent wastage.

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THEME 7: SENSE ORGANS

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
The sense organs	 List and identify the Sense Organs State the functions of the Sense Organs State the stimulus to which the Sense Organs are sensitive 	 Draw simple diagrams of the Sense Organs 	 Appreciate the importance of the Sense organs Take proper care of the sense organs

THEME 8: HYGIENE AND HEALTH

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Personal cleanliness and health	 Give reasons why the body should be kept clean. Describe the ways to keep the body clean Personal and environmental hygiene practices 	 Demonstrate how to keep the body clean 	 Practice good health and hygiene
Unit 2	State the	Practice proper	 Appreciate the

Exercise and rest	importance of	exercise and rest	importance of
	proper exercise		proper exercise
	and rest		and rest.
			 Perform exercise and have rest

THEME 9: TECHNOLOGY

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Simple appropriate and advanced technology	 Define the term Technology. Differentiate between simple, appropriate and advanced 	 Demonstrate how to operate simple, advanced (computers) and appropriate technological 	 Appreciate the use of technology in their everyday life

	 technology State the use of the different technologies 	devices.	
Unit 2 Technological processes	 State and discuss technological processes e.g. soap making recycling, etc 	 Apply the knowledge of technological processes in daily life. 	 Appreciate the importance of technological processes in daily life

GRADE 8

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THEME 1: NATURE OF SCIENCE

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Magnifying instruments	 What are magnifying instruments? Name parts and state functions of hand lens and microscope. Discuss the functions of the parts of the 	 Use the hand lens and microscope correctly Observe and identify the parts of hand lens and microscope. Draw and label the parts of a 	 Appreciate the fact that magnifying instruments make objects look larger.

	microscope and the hand lens.	hand lens and microscope.	
Unit 2 Cells	 What is a cell? State cell as the basic unit of life. Differentiate between plant and animal cells. State the functions of the parts of the plant and animal cells. 	 Draw and label the parts of plant and animal cell. Observe prepared slides of plant and animal cells. Prepare and observe cheek and onion cells. Draw different cell types. 	 Appreciate that all organisms are made of cell(s). Appreciate that different cells perform different functions.

UNIT 3 Structure and functions of organisms	 Describe the structure and functions of the parts of a flowering plant. Define monocotyledon s and dicotyledons plants. State the importance of the parts of a flower. Define unicellular and multi cellular 	 Draw and label a flower Carry out activity to illustrate decay organic substance by micro- organisms Collect specimen/ samples of monocot and dicot plants. Observe and draw unicellular and multi 	 Value the importance of microscopic and multicellular organisms in our daily life.
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	organisms.
•	State the
	economic
	mportance of
	micro-
	organisms
	advantages
	and
	disadvantages).

THEME 2: MATTER

	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
UNIT 1 Simple machines	 KNOWLEDGE Define a simple machine. What is a lever? Differentiate between the three types of levers. Define moment. 	 SKILLS Construct simple machines Calculate mechanical advantages, velocity ratio, energy input, energy output and moment of machines. Use simple objects to 	ATTITUDE • Appreciate the fact that simple machines do make work easier.
		demonstrate	

	order of levers	
	 Observe some simple machines 	

THEME 3: CHEMICAL CHANGE

	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Unit 1 Physical and chemical change	 Define physical and chemical changes. Differentiate between physical and chemical 	 Heating of iron filling with sulphur to show chemical change Heating of water to show 	 Appreciate the inter- conversion of forms of energy in everyday life

	 change. Give examples of the processes that involve the two types of changes 	 physical change Burning of candle, wood, and paper to show chemical change. 	
UNIT 2 Inter-conversions of forms of energy	 State the laws of inter- conversions of energy Identification of energy conversion 	 Carry out simple activities to observe a variety of conversion e.g. burning candle, wood, paper or charcoal. striking match 	 Appreciate the inter- conversion of energy

		 rubbing hands together 	
Unit 3	Define and	Demonstrate	 Appreciate the
Solution	differentiate between the following • solute • solute • solvent • solution • solubility • crystallization • Describe the	 how to grow crystals from solution. Draw solubility graphs. Prepare common salt Measure solubility of solutes 	 importance of water as a universal solvent. Appreciate the importance of solutions in life

factors that affect solubility of solutes • State why water is a universal solvent	 Investigate factors affecting solubility. e.g. changing solvent volume, temperature, solute size
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THEME 4: AIR AND WATER

	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Unit 1	• Explain the role	Carry out	Appreciate the
Burning and rusting	of oxygen in	activities to	importance of

	 burning and rusting. State ways to prevent rusting of iron 	show the role of oxygen in burning and rusting • Carry out activities to show that water and air make iron to rust	air in burning and rusting
Unit 2 Water and air pressure	 Define pressure. State that water exerts pressure depending on 	 Carry out activities to show that air and water exert pressure e.g. Using cans with different holes 	 Appreciate the importance of air and water pressure in daily life

depth.State that air exerts pressure	and different heights.	
based on space occupied		

THEME 5: ECOLOGY

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Environmental management and protection	 Definition of environmental protection and management Identify the 	 Field trips to observe and assess the environment Tree planting 	 Recognize the need to protect and manage the environment.
	natural resources in the	exercise • Develop	 Participate in cleaning

 environment. State the effect of man's activities on the community's resources State the methods of protecting and managing the environment. 	posters to show the effects of Man's activities on the environment	exercise.
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THEME 6: FOOD

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Deficiency	Define deficiency	 Investigations into 	Appreciate

diseases	 disease. Name the main deficiency diseases, their causes and prevention. State and describe the signs and symptoms of deficiency diseases. 	 the causes of deficiency diseases Identify signs and symptoms of deficiency diseases 	the importance of food in preventing deficiency diseases • Care for people with deficiency diseases
Unit 2 Food preservation and contamination	 Define food preservation and contamination. State various ways of food preservation. 	 Demonstrate methods of food preservation Develop posters showing people suffering from diseases caused by 	 Appreciate the importance of food preservation.

 State how food can be contaminated or spoiled. Name diseases caused by eating contaminated/spoil ed food 	ed food. • Practice different methods of food preservation.
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THEME 7: HUMAN BODY

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE	
Structure and	Describe the	Dissect an	Appreciate the	
functions of the	cellular	animal and	importance of	
human body	organisation of the body i.e.	identify the major organs.	the organs.	

cells, tissues organs, systems.	 Draw and label the organs identified. 	
 State the major internal organs of the body and describe their functions. 	 Make models (using card boards, clay etc of the organs. 	

THEME 8: HEALTH AND HYGIENE

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Sanitation	Define sanitation.	Observe	Appreciate
	• Define waste.	effect of the different	the effects of waste on our
	 State and describe the types of waste. 	types of waste on the	health and

environment	environment
•	 Appreciate
 list and sort 	the
out the	importance
different	of health and
types of	hygiene.
waste.	
	 list and sort out the different types of

THEME 9: TECHNOLOGY

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Communication	Define	Demonstrate	Appreciate
devices	Communication	how to operate	the
	device.	communication	importance
	 List and differentiate 	devices	of technology
	traditional and	Make some	in
		e make some	communicati

	 modern communication devices. State the uses of communication devices. 	simple communication devices.	on
Unit 2 Computers	 What is a computer? Name and state uses of parts of computers. 	 Use models , real or charts to identify and discuss the components of a computer Use the internet correctly. 	 Appreciate the use of computers in modern technology.

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TERM 1

THEME 1: NATURE OF SCIENCE

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Adaptation	 Define Adaptation. State and explain the features which enable various organisms to live in their various habitats. 	 Observe and draw organisms. Observe and list the features which enable the following 	 Recognized the importance of adaptive features of organisms.

organisms
(fish, toad,
lizard, birds
and
Mammals)
and plants to
live in their
habitat.

THEME 2: MATTER

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Atomic theory, atoms and sub - atomic particles, atomic numbers and mass	 Define atom State the atomic theory State the sub- 	 Draw atomic structure showing electrons, 	 Appreciate the fact that atoms are composed of sub-atomic particles.

numbers	atomic particles. Define atomic number and mass number 	 protons and neutrons Calculate the mass number, neutron and atomic number of elements. 	
UNIT 2 Periodic table, electron arrangement, and valency	 Define Periodic Table. State the names and symbols of the first 20 elements of the periodic table. Determine the 	 Draw the Periodic table. Conduct a sample calculation to determine valencies of 	 Appreciate the arrangement of elements in the Periodic table based on their properties.

	 periods and groups of elements. State the Chemical symbol of other elements eg.Zinc etc and compounds eg. MgO etc. Show the electronic configuration of the first 20 elements. 	elements. • Determine symbols of compounds based on knowledge of their valancies.	
Unit 3 Compounds	 Define compound and give examples. State the molecular formulae of common compounds. 	 Perform simple calculation to determine the formulae of 	 Appreciate the formation of compounds from elements as rearrangement

State that reaction is arrangeme atoms.	re-	compounds. Carry out simple activities to formulate	of atoms.
		compounds.	

THEME 3: CHEMICAL CHANGE

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
acids ,bases and salts	 Define acids, bases and salts in terms of their effect on litmus. 	 Prepare salt from acids and bases. 	 Appreciate the role of chemical
	 State the properties of acids, bases and salt. Describe the reaction 	 Prepare copper sulphate from 	change in daily life

	 of acids with metals, carbonates and bases. State the importance of acids, bases and salts. State the qualitative nature of neutralization. 	copper oxide and sulphuric acid, calcium carbonate and hydrochloric acid.	
Unit 2 Electrolysis of water	 Explain the concept of electrolysis of acidified water. State the uses of oxygen and hydrogen in electrolysis. State the properties of 	 Test the presence of oxygen and hydrogen Carry out electrolysis of water. 	 Appreciate the role of chemical substances in daily life.

	oxygen and hydrogen.		
Unit 3 Hard and soft water	 Define hard and soft water State the properties of hard and soft water. Differentiate between hard and soft water. Differentiate between the types of hardness. State methods to remove hardness of water. 	 Collect samples of water from different sources. Investigate hardness in water samples and discuss ways of making them soft. Investigate the different 	 Appreciate the role of chemical changes in our daily life.

		reactions of different water with soap.	
Unit 4 Purification of water	 What is water purification? State and describe the stages in purifying water. State the importance/uses of purified water. 	 Carry out simple purification activities. 	 Purify water for domestic use

THEME 4: ENERGY

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Movement of	State and explain	Demonstrate	Appreciate

heat, light, sound and electrical energy

the different forms of energy.

- Explain the different ways in which heat, light, sound and electrical energy move.
- Describe the effects of the movement of light energy on mirrors, water, glass, lenses and prism.
- Differentiate
 between the three
 forms of heat

knowledge on heat transfer.

- Construct simple electric circuits.
- Construct pin-hole cameras, model periscope and kaleidoscope.
- Carry out activities/experime nts to investigate energy transfers.
- Carry out experiments to show that different solids conduct heat

the importance of energy in everyday life.

transfer.	at different rates	
 State eye defects and the ways of correcting them. 	 Measure the speed of sound through air 	
 Describe the process of hearing. 		
 Calculates the speed of sounds. 		

THEME 5: THE BODY SYSTEMS

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
The systems	• Define the term system.	Make models	Value the
	 Name the body systems 	of the body	importan
	and state their	systems	ce of the
		 Draw the body 	inter

 functions. Name the parts of the various body systems. Describe the processes in the various body systems. Explain the inter - relationship between the systems. 	systems. • Conduct practical activities on digestion and respiration.	relations hip between systems.
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THEME 6: HEALTH AND HYGIENE

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Community health	 Define community health Identify the health problems in a community. Suggest ways of solving health problems 	 Participate in the improvement of community health. Demonstrate ways of preventing community health problems 	 Value the importance of working together to find solutions to health related problems.
Unit 2 Communicable and non	 Define the terms communicable and non-communicable 	 Draw posters showing people with some of the 	 Appreciate the importance

communicable diseasesdiseases.diseases• State methods of prevention and cure of communicable and non- communicable diseases.	 communicable and the non- communicable diseases. Community/peer sensitization 	of hygiene in the prevention of communicab le and non- communicab le diseases
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THEME 7: PROJECT WORK ON TECHNOLOGY

Unit 1	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	ATTITUDE
Project work on	Explain the processes	Apply the	Value the
technology	involved in the	knowledge of	importan
	construction of solar	simple	ce of
	panels from foil papers.	technology in	technolo
	- Biogas from organic	everyday life.	gy in

matter		everyday life
- Hydro -electric devices		
 Recycle materials e.g. used polyethene bags into toys. 		