

**Grade 8 Business Studies Assignment COVID-19**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Due date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions in the space provided.

**Lesson 1**

1	<p>These three people as well as our President have played a vital role in leading our country during the past 8 weeks and will continue to do so. Use the government website to find out the following:  <a href="https://www.gov.za/welcome-official-south-african-government-online-site">https://www.gov.za/welcome-official-south-african-government-online-site</a></p>
	Police Minister:
	Health Minister:
	Finance Minister:
2	<p>Read the following article, from your government's website and provide the following information.  <a href="https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-totoal-2-605-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-16-apr-2020-0000">https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-totoal-2-605-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-16-apr-2020-0000</a> This will be different for different grade 8 classes as you are doing the questions on different days. It is amazing how quickly information changes. The government makes a public statement every day.</p>
	Total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases:
	Total number of deaths due to COVIS-19:
	What percent of KZN confirmed cases have recovered?
3	<p>President Ramaphosa publicly announced on 9 April that the government's strategy has three parts. Read below, taken from his speech.</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Firstly, an intensified public health response to slow down and reduce infections.</li> <li>2. Secondly, a comprehensive package of economic support measures to assist businesses and individuals affected by the pandemic.</li> <li>3. Thirdly, a programme of increased social support to protect poor and vulnerable households.</li> </ol>
	For each of the identified strategies find <b>TWO</b> examples of what measures have been put into place. This can be on a local or national level.
3.1	Intensified Public Health:
3.2	Economic Support:
3.2	Social Support:

**Lesson 2**

4	What are sin taxes?
5	Give two reasons why governments charge sin taxes.
6	List FOUR items that we pay sin tax on
7	During lockdown President Ramaphosa has banned the sale of cigarettes and alcohol. Do some investigation and find out some of the possible reasons for this.
	Cigarettes:
	Alcohol:
8	Many people have been outraged at this. What do you personally feel about this?

**Lesson 4**

4	The impact of COVID-19 has already been massive, on all aspects of life and the world. Read the following article <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/business-51706225">https://www.bbc.com/news/business-51706225</a>
	Summarise how negative the impact that lockdowns have had worldwide on the economy on a local and global level.
5	Read <a href="https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/president-cabinet-take-three-month-salary-cuts">https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/president-cabinet-take-three-month-salary-cuts</a>

