

SS 1 COMMERCIAL – FIRST TERM SCHEME OF WORK

New NERDC Approved Senior Secondary Education Curriculum (SSEC) 2025

Federal Republic of Nigeria – Senior Secondary School One (Commercial Class)

Weeks 1–10 | All Subjects: Core (4) + Business Field (4) + Trade Options (6) = 14 Subjects Total

About This Term This is the First Term of SS1, the entry point of the New NERDC Approved Senior Secondary Education Curriculum (SSEC) 2025 for the Commercial (Business) class. The four Core and Compulsory subjects shown are English Language, General Mathematics, Citizenship & Heritage Studies, and Digital Technologies (the fifth core requirement, one Trade Subject, is shown separately below). The four Business field subjects are Accounting, Commerce, Marketing, and Economics. Topics in Week 1 revise JSS3 Third Term work before introducing new SS1 content: comprehension and essay writing in English; sets in Mathematics; citizenship and national values in Citizenship & Heritage Studies; computer systems in Digital Technologies; and foundational topics across Accounting, Commerce, Marketing, and Economics. All 14 subjects are covered across Weeks 1–10. Week 7 is mid-term review/assessment. Week 11 = General Revision; Weeks 12–13 = Examinations.

Note on the Trade Subject (shaded green) Per the NERDC SSEC 2025 communique, every SS1 student must choose and offer ONE trade subject as part of their five core and compulsory subjects, in addition to the Business field subjects. All six trade options approved by NERDC are displayed every week for reference, exactly as they would be by a school offering students a choice: Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Installation & Maintenance, Fashion Design & Garment Making, Livestock Farming, Beauty & Cosmetology, Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs, and Horticulture & Crop Production. In practice, each student studies only their one chosen trade subject; the scheme presents all six so that a school can deliver whichever combination its students have selected.

FIRST TERM WEEKLY SCHEME OF WORK

WEEK 1

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
<i>Resumption and orientation week. Teachers revise JSS3 (Third Term) work across all subjects and assess areas of weakness before introducing new SS1 First Term content. This is the entry point of the new NERDC Senior Secondary Education Curriculum (SSEC) 2025 for the first cohort of SS1 students.</i>		
Week 1	English Language	Revision of JSS3 grammar, comprehension, and composition writing; introduction to comprehension at senior secondary level – reading for explicit and implicit meaning.
	General Mathematics	Revision of JSS3 work – number bases, basic algebraic processes, and simple equations; introduction to sets – set notation, types of sets, and Venn diagrams.
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	Revision of JSS3 civic topics; introduction to citizenship – meaning, qualities of a good citizen, and ways of acquiring Nigerian citizenship.

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	Digital Technologies	Revision of JSS3 ICT topics; introduction to computer systems – hardware, software, and the information processing cycle (input, process, output, storage).
	Accounting	Introduction to Accounting – meaning, scope, and importance of financial accounting; users of accounting information (internal and external).
	Commerce	Introduction to Commerce – meaning, scope, and importance; relationship between commerce, trade, industry, and aids to trade.
	Marketing	Introduction to Marketing – meaning, scope, and the marketing concept; differences between marketing and selling.
	Economics	Introduction to Economics – meaning, scope, and basic economic problems (scarcity, choice, and opportunity cost).
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Introduction to solar energy – meaning, sources of renewable energy, and the importance of solar power in Nigeria.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Introduction to fashion design – meaning, history, and scope of the fashion industry in Nigeria.
	TRADE: Livestock Farming	Introduction to livestock farming – meaning, scope, and importance of livestock production in Nigeria's economy.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Introduction to beauty and cosmetology – meaning, scope, and career opportunities in the beauty industry.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	Introduction to computer hardware – meaning, evolution of computers, and basic computer components.
	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Introduction to horticulture – meaning, branches (floriculture, olericulture, pomology), and scope in Nigeria.

WEEK 2

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
Week 2	English Language	Comprehension – reading passages for specific details and factual recall; introduction to skimming and scanning techniques.
	General Mathematics	Set operations – union, intersection, complement, and subsets; use of Venn diagrams to solve practical problems.
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	Citizenship – rights and duties of a Nigerian citizen; the difference between citizenship by birth, registration, and naturalisation.
	Digital Technologies	Computer hardware components – the system unit, input devices, output devices, and storage devices; functions of each component.

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	Accounting	The accounting equation – Assets = Liabilities + Capital; effect of business transactions on the accounting equation.
	Commerce	Forms of business organisation – sole proprietorship: meaning, features, advantages, and disadvantages.
	Marketing	The marketing concept (continued) – customer orientation, integrated marketing effort, and customer satisfaction.
	Economics	Basic economic problems (continued) – what to produce, how to produce, and for whom to produce; the production possibility curve.
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Solar energy components – solar panels (PV modules), batteries, inverters, and charge controllers; functions of each.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Tools and equipment in fashion design – sewing machine, scissors, measuring tape, pins, and their uses.
	TRADE: Livestock Farming	Types of livestock – classification: poultry, ruminants, and non-ruminants; common breeds reared in Nigeria.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Tools and equipment in beauty practice – combs, clippers, dryers, and their care and maintenance.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	Types of computers – classification by size (mainframe, mini, micro) and by purpose (general and special purpose).
	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Tools and equipment in horticulture – hand trowel, pruning shears, watering can, wheelbarrow, and their uses.

WEEK 3

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
Week 3	English Language	Lexis and structure – word classes revision: nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in context.
	General Mathematics	Indices – laws of indices: multiplication, division, and power laws; simplifying expressions with indices.
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	National values – meaning and importance of patriotism, integrity, and hard work as core national values.
	Digital Technologies	Computer software – system software and application software; examples and functions of each type.
	Accounting	Source documents – invoice, receipt, cheque, debit note, and credit note; their uses in recording transactions.
	Commerce	Forms of business organisation (continued) – partnership: meaning, features, types, advantages, and disadvantages.
	Marketing	The marketing mix – the 4Ps: Product, Price, Place, and Promotion; an overview of each element.

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	Economics	Scarcity and choice – the concept of opportunity cost; applying opportunity cost to everyday decisions.
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Basic electrical concepts – voltage, current, resistance, and power; Ohm's law and its application to solar systems.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Body measurement – taking accurate body measurements for garment construction (bust, waist, hip, shoulder).
	TRADE: Livestock Farming	Poultry production – housing systems: battery cage, deep litter, and free-range systems compared.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Skin types and care – identifying oily, dry, combination, and sensitive skin; basic skincare routines.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	The motherboard – components (CPU socket, RAM slots, expansion slots) and their functions.
	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Soil and growing media for horticultural crops – topsoil, loamy soil, and potting mixtures; soil testing basics.

WEEK 4

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
Week 4	English Language	Essay writing – the narrative essay: structure (introduction, plot development, climax, resolution) and use of vivid description.
	General Mathematics	Logarithms – introduction to logarithms as the inverse of indices; basic logarithm rules and use of logarithm tables.
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	Nigerian cultural heritage – meaning of culture; elements of culture (language, dress, food, religion, customs).
	Digital Technologies	Operating systems – functions of an operating system; examples (Windows, macOS, Linux, Android) and their uses.
	Accounting	The ledger – meaning, format (T-account), and the principle of double entry: debit and credit rules.
	Commerce	Forms of business organisation (continued) – private and public limited liability companies: formation and features.
	Marketing	Product – meaning of a product; classification of products (consumer goods and industrial goods).
	Economics	Factors of production – land, labour, capital, and entrepreneurship; rewards to each factor of production.
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Sizing a solar system – calculating load (wattage), energy consumption, and basic system sizing for a household.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Pattern drafting – basic principles of drafting a simple bodice pattern using body measurements.

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	TRADE: Livestock Farming	Poultry production (continued) – brooding management: temperature control, feeding, and watering of day-old chicks.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Hair types and hair care basics – classification of hair texture; shampooing and conditioning techniques.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	Power supply unit (PSU) – function, types of connectors, and safety precautions when handling a PSU.
	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Seeds and seed selection – characteristics of good seed; seed viability and germination testing.

WEEK 5

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
Week 5	English Language	Comprehension – distinguishing fact from opinion in a passage; identifying the writer's tone and attitude.
	General Mathematics	Approximation – rounding off numbers to a given number of decimal places and significant figures; estimation.
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	Nigerian cultural heritage (continued) – festivals, arts, and crafts as expressions of Nigerian heritage.
	Digital Technologies	Number systems – binary, decimal, octal, and hexadecimal; simple conversions between number systems.
	Accounting	Books of original entry – the sales day book, purchases day book, and cash book; their purpose and format.
	Commerce	Forms of business organisation (continued) – co-operative societies and public corporations: meaning and features.
	Marketing	Price – meaning and importance of pricing; factors influencing pricing decisions (cost, competition, demand).
	Economics	Factors of production (continued) – mobility of factors of production: occupational and geographical mobility.
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Solar panel mounting – mounting structures, orientation, and tilt angle for maximum sunlight capture in Nigeria.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Fabric selection – natural and synthetic fabrics; choosing fabric suitable for different garment types.
	TRADE: Livestock Farming	Poultry production (continued) – feeding programmes: starter, grower, and finisher/layer feed formulations.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Basic manicure and pedicure – tools, steps, and hygiene practices for nail care services.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	Storage devices – hard disk drives (HDD), solid-state drives (SSD), and external storage; comparing speed and capacity.

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	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Nursery practice – raising seedlings in a nursery bed or seed tray; transplanting techniques.

WEEK 6

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
Week 6	English Language	Essay writing – the descriptive essay; using sensory details to create vivid imagery of a person, place, or event.
	General Mathematics	Simple equations – solving linear equations in one variable; word problems leading to simple equations.
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	Unity in diversity – Nigeria as a multi-ethnic nation; promoting national unity and peaceful coexistence.
	Digital Technologies	Computer networking basics – meaning of a network; types (LAN, WAN); advantages of networking computers.
	Accounting	The cash book – simple, two-column, and three-column cash book; recording cash and bank transactions.
	Commerce	Trade – meaning and classification: home trade (wholesale and retail) and foreign trade (import and export).
	Marketing	Place (distribution) – meaning of distribution channels; direct and indirect channels of distribution.
	Economics	Economic systems – capitalism, socialism, and mixed economy: features, merits, and demerits of each.
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Basic wiring for solar systems – series and parallel connections of solar panels and batteries; safety precautions.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Sewing machine operation – threading, bobbin winding, and basic stitches (straight stitch, zigzag).
	TRADE: Livestock Farming	Poultry health management – common poultry diseases (Newcastle disease, fowl pox) and vaccination schedules.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Basic facial treatment – cleansing, toning, and moisturising steps; introduction to facial massage techniques.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	Input and output devices – keyboard, mouse, scanner, monitor, and printer; troubleshooting common faults.
	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Land preparation – clearing, ploughing, harrowing, and bed making for horticultural crop production.

WEEK 7

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
<i>Mid-term review and assessment week. Teachers revise all topics covered in Weeks 1–6 with students; conduct mid-term tests across all subjects (written and, where applicable, practical); return and discuss marked work; and reteach areas where students need further support before proceeding to Week 8.</i>		
Week 7	English Language	Revision of comprehension techniques, word classes, narrative and descriptive essay writing; mid-term test on Weeks 1–6.
	General Mathematics	Revision of sets, indices, logarithms, approximation, and simple equations; mid-term test on Weeks 1–6.
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	Revision of citizenship, national values, cultural heritage, and unity in diversity; mid-term test.
	Digital Technologies	Revision of computer hardware, software, operating systems, number systems, and networking basics; mid-term test.
	Accounting	Revision of the accounting equation, source documents, the ledger, books of original entry, and the cash book; mid-term test.
	Commerce	Revision of forms of business organisation and types of trade; mid-term test.
	Marketing	Revision of the marketing concept, marketing mix (product, price, place); mid-term test.
	Economics	Revision of basic economic problems, factors of production, and economic systems; mid-term test.
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Mid-term tests and assignments – revision of solar energy basics, components, sizing, mounting, and wiring.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Mid-term tests and assignments – revision of tools, measurement, pattern drafting, fabric selection, and machine operation.
	TRADE: Livestock Farming	Mid-term tests and assignments – revision of livestock types, poultry housing, brooding, feeding, and health management.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Mid-term tests and assignments – revision of tools, skin types, hair care, manicure/pedicure, and facial treatments.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	Mid-term tests and assignments – revision of computer types, motherboard, PSU, storage devices, and I/O devices.
	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Mid-term tests and assignments – revision of horticulture branches, tools, soil, seeds, nursery practice, and land preparation.

WEEK 8

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
Week 8	English Language	Letter writing – formal letters: format, tone, and content for official correspondence (e.g. a letter of complaint).
	General Mathematics	Algebraic expressions – simplification, substitution, and basic factorisation (common factors).
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	Government and governance – meaning and purpose of government; arms of government (executive, legislature, judiciary).
	Digital Technologies	Introduction to the Internet – meaning, history, and uses; basic web browsing and search engine use.
	Accounting	Trial balance – meaning, purpose, and preparation of a simple trial balance from ledger balances.
	Commerce	Aids to trade – meaning and types: transportation, warehousing, insurance, banking, and advertising.
	Marketing	Promotion – meaning and elements of the promotional mix: advertising, personal selling, sales promotion, and publicity.
	Economics	Demand – meaning, the law of demand, and factors affecting demand for a commodity.
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Introduction to inverters – pure sine wave vs modified sine wave inverters; matching inverter capacity to load.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Cutting techniques – laying out fabric, pinning the pattern, and cutting with precision to avoid wastage.
	TRADE: Livestock Farming	Introduction to ruminant animals – cattle, sheep, and goats: basic characteristics and uses.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Introduction to make-up application – basic make-up tools and a simple day-look application sequence.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	Computer assembly basics – step-by-step assembly of a desktop computer system; safety precautions (ESD).
	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Planting techniques – spacing, depth, and timing for common vegetables and ornamental seedlings.

WEEK 9

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
Week 9	English Language	Oral English – speech sounds: vowels and consonants in English; basic phonetic transcription using simple symbols.
	General Mathematics	Factorisation – difference of two squares and factorisation of simple quadratic expressions.
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	Government and governance (continued) – levels of government in Nigeria: federal, state, and local government.

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
	Digital Technologies	Internet safety and ethics – introduction to cyberbullying, data privacy, and responsible internet use.
	Accounting	Errors and their correction (introduction) – errors not affecting the trial balance and the use of the journal proper.
	Commerce	Aids to trade (continued) – the role of money and banking in facilitating trade; functions of commercial banks.
	Marketing	Market segmentation – meaning and bases of segmentation: demographic, geographic, and psychographic.
	Economics	Supply – meaning, the law of supply, and factors affecting the supply of a commodity.
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Battery storage systems – lead-acid vs lithium-ion batteries; battery maintenance and safety.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Garment assembly – joining cut pieces; basic seam types (plain seam, French seam) and finishing.
	TRADE: Livestock Farming	Introduction to fish farming – pond construction and management basics; common fish species reared in Nigeria.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Introduction to basic braiding – cornrow technique and simple braiding patterns on a mannequin.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	Introduction to mobile phone technology – basic parts of a feature phone and an introduction to GSM terminology.
	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Watering and irrigation for horticultural crops – manual watering, watering cans, and simple drip systems.

WEEK 10

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
Week 10	English Language	General revision of all First Term topics – comprehension, lexis and structure, essay writing, letter writing, and oral English; revision test.
	General Mathematics	General revision of all First Term topics – sets, indices, logarithms, approximation, equations, algebraic expressions, and factorisation; revision test.
	Citizenship & Heritage Studies	General revision of all First Term topics – citizenship, national values, cultural heritage, unity in diversity, and government; revision test.
	Digital Technologies	General revision of all First Term topics – hardware, software, number systems, networking, the Internet, and online safety; revision test.
	Accounting	General revision of all First Term topics – the accounting equation, source documents, the ledger, books of original entry, cash book, trial balance, and errors; revision test.

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
	Commerce	General revision of all First Term topics – forms of business organisation, trade, and aids to trade; revision test.
	Marketing	General revision of all First Term topics – the marketing concept, marketing mix, and market segmentation; revision test.
	Economics	General revision of all First Term topics – economic problems, factors of production, economic systems, demand, and supply; revision test.
	TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	General revision of all First Term topics – solar basics, components, sizing, mounting, wiring, inverters, and batteries; revision test.
	TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	General revision of all First Term topics – tools, measurement, drafting, fabric, machine operation, cutting, and assembly; revision test.
	TRADE: Livestock Farming	General revision of all First Term topics – livestock types, poultry production, ruminants, and fish farming; revision test.
	TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	General revision of all First Term topics – tools, skin/hair care, manicure/pedicure, facials, make-up, and braiding; revision test.
	TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	General revision of all First Term topics – computer types, components, assembly, and introduction to mobile technology; revision test.
	TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	General revision of all First Term topics – branches of horticulture, tools, soil, seeds, nursery, land preparation, planting, and irrigation; revision test.

WEEKS 11–13

WEEK	ACTIVITY
Week 11	GENERAL REVISION across all 14 subjects – consolidation of First Term topics; intensive past-question practice and group review sessions.
Week 12	FIRST TERM EXAMINATION – objective and theory papers in all 14 subjects; the Trade Subject is additionally assessed by practical examination.
Week 13	Marking, result compilation, and end-of-term activities; resumption date for Second Term communicated to students and parents.

FIRST TERM SUBJECT OVERVIEW

SUBJECT	FIRST TERM FOCUS AREAS
English Language	Comprehension (specific details, fact vs opinion), Lexis and Structure (word classes), Narrative Essay, Descriptive Essay, Formal Letters, Oral English (speech sounds)

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General Mathematics	Sets and Venn Diagrams, Indices, Logarithms, Approximation, Simple Equations, Algebraic Expressions, Factorisation
Citizenship & Heritage Studies	Citizenship (rights & duties), National Values, Nigerian Cultural Heritage, Unity in Diversity, Government and Governance, Levels of Government
Digital Technologies	Computer Systems (hardware & software), Operating Systems, Number Systems, Networking Basics, The Internet, Internet Safety & Ethics
Accounting	Introduction to Accounting, The Accounting Equation, Source Documents, The Ledger & Double Entry, Books of Original Entry, The Cash Book, Trial Balance, Correction of Errors
Commerce	Introduction to Commerce, Forms of Business Organisation (sole proprietorship, partnership, companies, co-operatives), Trade (home & foreign), Aids to Trade
Marketing	Introduction to Marketing, The Marketing Concept, The Marketing Mix (Product, Price, Place, Promotion), Market Segmentation
Economics	Introduction to Economics, Basic Economic Problems, Factors of Production, Economic Systems, Demand, Supply
TRADE: Solar PV Installation & Maintenance	Solar Energy Basics, Solar System Components, Basic Electrical Concepts, System Sizing, Panel Mounting, Wiring, Inverters, Battery Storage
TRADE: Fashion Design & Garment Making	Tools & Equipment, Body Measurement, Pattern Drafting, Fabric Selection, Sewing Machine Operation, Cutting Techniques, Garment Assembly
TRADE: Livestock Farming	Introduction & Types of Livestock, Poultry Housing, Brooding, Feeding, Poultry Health Management, Ruminant Animals, Introduction to Fish Farming
TRADE: Beauty & Cosmetology	Tools & Equipment, Skin Types & Care, Hair Care Basics, Manicure & Pedicure, Facial Treatments, Basic Make-up, Basic Braiding
TRADE: Computer Hardware & GSM Repairs	Types of Computers, Motherboard, Power Supply Unit, Storage Devices, Input/Output Devices, Computer Assembly, Introduction to Mobile Phone Technology
TRADE: Horticulture & Crop Production	Branches of Horticulture, Tools & Equipment, Soil & Growing Media, Seeds & Seed Selection, Nursery Practice, Land Preparation, Planting & Irrigation

Important Notes: Week 7 = Mid-term Tests/Review & Assessment (all subjects). Week 11 = General Revision across all subjects. Week 12 = First Term Examination (objective and theory). Week 13 = Marking, result compilation, and end-of-term activities. The Trade Subject requires both written and practical assessment.

Abbreviations: SSEC = Senior Secondary Education Curriculum | NERDC = Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council | GSM = Global System for Mobile communications | PV = Photovoltaic | 4Ps = Product, Price, Place, Promotion (Marketing Mix)

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