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PRESS RELEASE

RELEASE OF PROVISIONAL RESULTS FOR THE WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (WASSCE) FOR SCHOOL CANDIDATES, 2020 IN GHANA

The West African Examinations Council (WAEC) wishes to inform its numerous publics that it has released **provisional results** of candidates, who sat for the WASSCE for School Candidates, 2020 in Ghana. This follows the completion of all post-examination processes. The results of the candidates will be dispatched to their schools. Candidates are therefore advised to contact their heads of school for their results.

Meanwhile, the Council has hosted the results online and candidates who so desire, may access their results at the Council's website – www.waecgh.org.

The Council hereby cautions all stakeholders, especially candidates, to be wary of fake results websites and the activities of fraudsters who promise to upgrade results for a fee. Candidates are to note that all WAEC results are secured and can be authenticated. Institutions are therefore urged to always verify results presented to them to expose incidents of forgery.

STATISTICS

A total of 375,763 candidates from 976 schools entered for the examination. This figure is 8.6% higher than the 2019 candidature of 346, 098. The 2020 entry figure was made up of 187,581 (49.9 %) males and 188,182 (50.1 %) females. A total of 3,343 (0.89 %) of the candidates who registered were absent from the examination.

The performance of the candidates regarding the four core subjects is shown in the Table below.

WASSCE (SC) 2020
PERFORMANCE OF CANDIDATES

SUBJECTS	NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CANDIDATES OBTAINING			
	GRADES A1 – C6	GRADE D7	GRADE E8	GRADE F9
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	212,866 (57.34%)	68,525 (18.46%)	46,732 (12.59%)	42,500 (11.45%)
MATHEMATICS (CORE)	243,904 (65.71%)	38,984 (10.50%)	37,551 (10.11%)	49,721 (13.40%)
INTEGRATED SCIENCE	194,891 (52.53%)	54,053 (14.57%)	48,081 (12.96%)	73,242 (19.74%)
SOCIAL STUDIES	238,584 (64.31%)	25,108 (6.77%)	29,466 (7.94%)	77,192 (20.81%)

The provisional results indicate that there were improvements in the performance of candidates at Grades A1 to C6 in English Language and Mathematics (Core) in 2020 as compared to 2019 as follows:

- English Language – 48.96% in 2019 to 57.34% in 2020
- Mathematics (Core) – 65.31% in 2019 to 65.71% in 2020.

On the other hand, Integrated Science and Social Studies recorded a decline in the performance of candidates at Grades A1 to C6 in 2020 as compared to 2019 as follows:

- Integrated Science – 63.17% in 2019 to 52.53% in 2020
- Social Studies – 75.43% in 2019 to 64.31% in 2020.

MALPRACTICE

- (1) The Subject Results of **2,383** candidates have been cancelled for engaging in collusion, bringing foreign material to the examination hall and tearing part of their question papers to solicit assistance.
- (2) The Entire Results of **480** candidates have been cancelled for bringing mobile phones to the examination hall.
- (3) The Entire Results of **384** candidates have been withheld pending the conclusion of investigations into various cases of examination malpractice detected during and after the conduct of the examination.

In the meantime, scripts of candidates from 122 schools in certain subjects are undergoing scrutiny.

The withheld results of candidates may be cancelled or released based on the outcome of the investigations.

CONCLUSION

The Council is especially appreciative to the Ministry of Education, Ghana Education Service, the Security Agencies, Supervisors, Invigilators, Ministry of Health Officials and Examiners for their support and cooperation before, during and after the conduct of the examination amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.



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