



Preliminary Notes on the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) Results for 2018

In the June 2018 Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE), candidates were entered for **35** subjects. There was a total of **61,722 subject entries** for Units 1 and 2. Of this number **58,512 (approximately 95%)** were sat, with an average pass rate of **91%** compared with **90.5%** in 2017 where **56,498** subject entries were sat. Unit 1 had a total of **43,322 subject entries**, of which **40,919 (94.5%)** were sat with a pass rate of **90.4%**. Of the **18,400 subject entries** for Unit 2, a total of **17,593 (95.6%)** were sat with a pass rate of **92.4%**.

Public schools accounted for some **86.4% (53,309)** of the total subject entries for Units 1 and 2. Of this number **50,903 (95.5%)** were sat, with an average pass rate of **92%**, an increase of 0.1 percentage point over the previous year. Unit 1 had a total of **37,295 subject entries**, of which **35,519 (95.2%)** were sat with a pass rate of **91.5%** representing **0.3** percentage point increase over the previous year. Of the **16,014 subject entries** for Unit 2, a total of **15,384 (96.1%)** were sat with a pass rate of **93.2%**, registering a **0.2** percentage point decrease when compared with 2017.

Similarly to 2017, there was improved performance in 23 subject areas. Logistic and Supply Chain Operations, Unit 1 and Performing Arts, Unit 1 had the highest percentage increases of **26.2** and **19.3** respectively. It should be noted also that Applied Mathematics and Integrated Mathematics had percentage increases of **7.6** and **8.9** respectively when compared with 2017.

A total of **13,660** candidates were entered for both units 1 and 2 from secondary level schools, which represent a **4.6%** increase over the previous year. A total of **13,550** candidates were entered for Unit 1, a **4.4%** increase over the 2017. For 2018, **7,604** candidates were entered for Unit 2, which represent a **3.6%** increase over the previous year.

Preliminary Notes on the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) Examination Results for 2018

All Jamaica

In the June 2018 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) Examination, Jamaican candidates were entered for **34** subjects.

A total of **63,428** candidates were registered to sit the examination, of which **37,875** (59.7%) were females and **25,553** (40.3%) were males. Some **1,135** fewer candidates were registered compared to 2017. Of those who entered, **59,580** (93.9%) candidates sat, of which **46,443** (78%) obtained grades 1-3. A total of **35,819** females sat and **28,217 (78.8%)** obtained grades 1-3 while some **23,761** males sat and **18,226 (76.7%)** obtained grades 1-3.

The results showed **248,414** subject entries, of which **232,840** (93.7%) were sat. There were **6,049** fewer entries in 2018 than in 2017. Additionally, the number of entries sat was **7,953** fewer than those sat in the previous year. Of the total sitting, **159,280** or **68.4%** obtained grades 1-3. This was an increase of **3.8 percentage points** compared to 2017.

Mathematics and English Language, with the largest numbers of entries and sittings, recorded percentage passes of **46.5** and **68.7** percent respectively. When the average attainment rates for Mathematics and English Language were compared with 2017 results, there were increases of **4.5** and 2.9 percentage points for Mathematics and English Language respectively.

Total subject entries for females were **148,081** with **140,891** being sat and **99,427 (70.6%)** attaining the required grades.

Total subject entries for males were **100,333** with **91,949** being sat and 59,853 (65.1%) attaining the required grades.

Males achieved higher percentage passes than females in three (3) subjects: Biology, 73.2% compared to 70.9% for females; Chemistry, 57.2% compared to 52.0% for females; Mathematics, 47.3% compared to 46.0% for females.

Public Schools

Some **35,149** students from public schools were registered to sit the examination, of which **34,139** (97.1%) sat and **30,343 (88.9%)** obtained grades 1-3. Some **470** fewer students were registered when compared to 2017. Of the candidates entered, **19,880** (56.6%) were females and **15,269 (43.4%)** males. The number of females who sat was **19,490** with **17,731** (91%) being awarded grades 1-3 while the number of males who sat was **14,649**, from which **12,612** (86%) obtained grades 1-3.

Of the **34** subjects sat, **22** showed improved pass rates over 2017.

There were **190,993** subject entries of which **182,804** were sat. There were **4,505** fewer entries in 2018 than in 2017 while the number of entries sat was 5,503 fewer than those sat in the previous year. Of the subject entries that were sat, **133,395**, or **73%** were awarded grades 1-3. This was a **3.9** percentage point increase compared to the previous year.

Total subject entries for males were **78,186** with **73,230** (95.7%) being sat and **50,594 (69.1%)** attaining the required grades. On the other hand, total subject entries for females were **112,807** with **109,574** (97.1%) being sat and **82,801 (75.6%)** attaining the required grades.

Males achieved higher percentage passes than females in two (2) subjects: Biology 75.1% compared to 73.8% for females, Chemistry 60.9% compared to 56.9% for females. There was no difference in performance between males and females for Additional Mathematics.

Mathematics and English Language, recorded percentage passes of **57.8** and **75.4** percent respectively. When the average attainment rates for Mathematics and English Language were compared with 2017 results, there was a **7.6** percentage point increase in Mathematics and a **4.6** percentage point increase in English Language.

Overall, the highest percentage increase of **26.3** percentage points, was in English Literature. There were also increases in the average pass rates for Additional Mathematics (**4.8** percentage points), Physics (9.8 percentage points), Technical Drawing (**7.7** percentage points), Human and Social Biology (6.4 percentage points), Information Technology (**6.3** percentage points), Biology (**4.5** percentage points) and Chemistry (4.2 percentage points).

There were **21.8** percentage points decrease in Integrated Science and **7.4** percentage points decrease in Agricultural Science Single Award when compared with the previous year.

Four subjects had average pass rates of over 90%. These were Agricultural Science Double Award (**95.3%**), Electronic Document Preparation and Management (**95.4%**), Food, Nutrition and Health (**90.1%**) and Physical Education and Sport (**96.3%**).