



## **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%**).