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OVERALL REPORT

The Common Entrance Examination was held on May 9th 2008.

The Examination was open to all students who were eleven but not yet fourteen (14) years of age on September 1st 2008. However, a number of students who were already fourteen years old, were permitted to write the examination.

The Examination consisted of two papers:-

- (i) A multiple-choice component comprising Social Science, Natural Science, Language Arts and Mathematics.
- (ii) A written component where candidates wrote a short composition on a given topic and provided solutions to mathematical problems.

RESULTS

- ✚ A total of two thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight (2,798) students wrote the examination. They comprised one thousand five hundred and thirty-nine (1,539) boys and one thousand two hundred and fifty-nine (1,259) girls.
- ✚ A total of two thousand and ninety-eight (2,098) students were assigned. They comprised one thousand one hundred and five (1,105) boys and nine hundred and ninety-three (993) girls. Those assigned included 130 students whose last chance at the examination was in 2007.

The following table shows the number of students assigned to each school.

School	Number assigned
GRENADA BOYS' SECONDARY SCHOOL	140
PRESENTATION BROTHERS' COLLEGE	70
ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, ST. GEORGE'S	105
ANGLICAN HIGH SCHOOL	100
WESLEY COLLEGE	140
HAPPY HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL	140
ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN SECONDARY SCHOOL	140
ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, ST. ANDREW'S	105
ST. DAVID'S SECONDARY SCHOOL	105
MAC DONALD COLLEGE	106
ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL	70
ST. ROSE MODERN SECONDARY SCHOOL	70
GRENADA S.D.A. COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL	93
ST. MARK'S SECONDARY SCHOOL	105
BISHOP'S COLLEGE	59
GRENVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL	140
BOCA SECONDARY SCHOOL	175
HILLSBOROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL	60
WESTMORLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL	20
WESTERHALL SECONDARY SCHOOL	140
BEACON HIGH SCHOOL	15
TOTAL	2098

✚ In 2007 a total of two thousand three hundred and eight (2,308) students were assigned. They comprised one thousand one hundred and twenty-two (1,122) boys and one thousand one hundred and eighty-six (1,186) girls.

The highest standard score attained in the examination was **129.535**, **the cut off score was 99.16**. In 2007 the highest standard score was 132.31, the cut off score was 100.58.

All primary and secondary schools will be provided with the list of students assigned to each secondary school and the candidates' performance profiles as indicated by the raw scores.

There was improved performance in English generally, except in the area of Spelling and Reading B. In the multiple choice section of the examination nine components showed improved performance over the 2007 results. These included History, Politics, Physical Science, Health Science, Spelling, Vocabulary, Mathematics Concepts and Mathematics Skills.

The worst performance was recorded in Earth Science, Plant Science, Problem Solving, Physical Science and Culture and Sports.

In the written component (essay) of the Examination, out of a possible total of 50 marks in both Mathematics and English, the National Mean in Mathematics was 12.4 and in English 18.7 . Last year the National Mean in Mathematics was 13.27 and 16.83 in English.

The performance in the written component of Mathematics was similar for the last three years. There has been some improvement in the written component in English.

TABLE SHOWING A COMPARISON OF THE NATIONAL MEAN ON THE TWENTY (20) COMPONENTS OF THE EXAMINATION FOR 2006, 2007 AND 2008.

SUBJECT	No. of Items	(2006)	(2007)	(2008)
		MEAN	MEAN	MEAN
HISTORY	10	4.6	4.2	4.7
CUL/SPORT	8	3.3	4.6	2.7
COM/ECON	8	2.5	3.1	2.7
POLITICS	10	3.3	3.0	4.1
ANIMALS	8	3.2	4.0	4.3
PLANTS	6	2.8	3.0	1.7
PHY. SCI.	6	1.9	1.9	2.5
HEALTH	6	2.4	2.2	2.6
EARTH SCI.	7	2.1	2.6	1.5
SPELLING	6	3.0	2.6	3.4
ENG/GRM	10	4.9	6.1	5.7
PUNCT.	10	4.6	5.1	3.5
READING A	10	3.8	4.7	4.7
READING B	6	2.7	2.5	2.6
VOCAB.	10	3.5	4.1	4.2
MATH/CONCEPTS	10	4.2	4.0	4.4
MATH SKL.	24	8.6	9.5	10.1
PROB/SOL.	5	1.3	1.5	1.1
MATH	50	13.8	13.2	12.4
ESSAY	50	16.6	16.8	18.7

