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PRESS STATEMENT

RELEASE OF PROVISIONAL RESULTS FOR THE 2016 WASSCE FOR SCHOOL CANDIDATES

The West African Examinations Council wishes to inform its numerous publics that it has released **provisional results** of candidates who took the 2016 West African Senior School Certificate Examination for School Candidates (WASSCE). The Council is in the process of despatching the results to the schools and candidates are 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.

The Council is alerting members of the public, especially candidates, to be wary of impostors who promise to change examination results for a fee. The activities of these persons are being investigated and culprits will be brought to book. Candidates are to note that all WAEC results are well secured and can be authenticated, and persons with forged results will be exposed.

STATISTICS

A total of **274,262** candidates entered for the examination. This figure is 2% higher than the 2015 candidature of 268,764. The 2016 entry figure was made up of **141,524** (51.60%) males and **132,738** (48.40 %) females. The examination was conducted for **897** participating schools. A total of 1,552 (0.57 %) of the candidates who registered were absent from the examination.

The performance of the candidates in regard to the four core subjects are as below:

- English Language: **125,065** (53.19%) obtained **A1-C6**; **59,725** (25.40%) obtained **D7-E8** whilst **46,595** (19.82%) had **F9**;
- Mathematics: **77,108** (32.83%) obtained **A1-C6**; **65,007** (27.68%) obtained **D7-E8** whilst **89,477** (38.10%) had **F9**;

- Integrated Science: **113,933** (48.48%) obtained **A1-C6**; **75,938** (32.32%) obtained **D7-E8** whilst **42,519** (18.09%) had **F9**;
- Social Studies: **129,058** (54.93%) obtained **A1-C6**; **53,824** (22.91%) obtained **D7-E8** whilst **49,198** (20.94%) had **F9**.

The general performance for 2016 is a significant improvement over that of 2015.

MALPRACTICE

Following the conclusion of investigations into cases of examination malpractice detected during the conduct of the examination:

- **1,576** candidates had their **subject** results cancelled;
- **598** candidates had their **entire** results cancelled;
- **13** candidates had their entire results cancelled and have been barred from taking any of the Council's examinations for **2** (two) years mainly for impersonation during the examination.

With the aid of the Item Differentia Profile (IDP) software; two thousand, two hundred and ninety three (**2,293**) candidates who were identified to have cheated in the following core subjects: English Language, Mathematics and Integrated Science have had their relevant subject results cancelled. The software did not detect any cheating in Social Studies. The IDP software was introduced to enable the Council detect cheating in the objective tests which hitherto, went largely unnoticed.

Additionally, the entire results of candidates presented by **85** schools have been withheld whilst investigations into alleged cases of mass cheating are being conducted.

The withheld results of candidates will be cancelled if found culpable or released if otherwise.

CONCLUSION

The Council wishes to express its deepest appreciation to all stakeholders especially the Ministry of Education, Ghana Education Service, Supervisors, Invigilators, the Ghana Police Service, Examiners and all who in various ways helped in the successful conduct of the examination and the timeous release of results.


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