



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

5 February 2021

### **RELEASE OF 2020 GRADE SEVEN EXAMINATION RESULTS**

The Zimbabwe School Examinations Council Board and Management would like to advise the nation of the release of the 2020 ZIMSEC Grade Seven Examination results.

Candidates who sat for this examination will be able to collect their results from their respective schools from Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021. However, candidates will be able to view their results online via the ZIMSEC website as from Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. Candidates will get access to the ZIMSEC website by using their smartphones or computers where instructions to view the results will be provided.

The total number of candidates who sat for the 2020 Grade Seven examination was 327 559. This figure is 1.35% higher than the 2019 entry which was 323 207. The 2020 national pass rate is 37.11% which is lower than the 2019 national pass rate which was 46.9%. This translates to a decrease of 9.79% in the pass rate.

Out of the 327 559 candidates who sat for the 2020 Grade 7 examination, 167 602 (51.17%) were females and 159 957 (48.83%) were males. The entry of female candidates was higher than male candidates by 4,78%. The pass rate for female candidates was 39.67% compared to 34.42% for males.

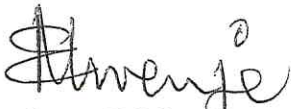
Like in 2019, Indigenous languages, again, recorded high subject pass rates when compared to performances in English, Mathematics, Agriculture and General Paper. While the pass rates in Shona, Ndebele, Nambya, Tshivenda, Xichangana and Kalanga were above 65%, Sesotho and Tonga were at 54,62% and 52,38% respectively.

There was an increase in Braille candidate entry as compared to the 2019 cohort. The 2020 cohort performed better than the 2019 candidates by 15,79%. Although there was an increase in entry in 2020 as compared to 2019 for Enlarged Print, Physically Impaired and Hard of Hearing candidate categories, there was a drop in pass rates by 3,33%, 19,8% and 11,57% respectively.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all those who were involved in the 2020 Grade Seven Examination processes. ZIMSEC received the much-needed support from all stakeholders of this examination despite the COVID19 global pandemic which necessitated many changes and heightened precautions in the writing and marking of this examination. Particular mention goes to teachers, markers, and staff from ZIMSEC, Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education and the Ministry of Health and Child Care. The efforts and sacrifices by all involved have all

contributed to the successful progression of the Zimbabwean education system for the betterment of our future generations.

ZIMSEC hereby takes this opportunity to wish all the candidates the best in their future studies and endeavours.



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