



ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

PRESS STATEMENT

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RELEASE OF 2022 NOVEMBER ORDINARY LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS

Introduction

On behalf of the Zimbabwe School Examinations Council Board and Management, it gives me great pleasure to advise the nation of the release of the 2022 November Ordinary Level Examination results.

The results can be accessed online by candidates or authorised personnel from today 3 February 2023 at 1500 hours. The online results portal will be open for a window period of 5 days only. Candidates can access the results portal through the ZIMSEC website www.zimsec.co.zw by clicking on their respective Province for redirection to the Results portals. Candidates can collect their result slips from their respective Centres/Schools from Monday 6 February 2023.

Malpractice in Examinations

ZIMSEC is committed to upholding the integrity of the Zimbabwe examination system. In this regard, ZIMSEC was seized with the 2022 examination malpractices so that the problems which occurred were dealt with decisively.

The Zimbabwe School Examinations Council issued a statement on the 17th of October 2022, informing the nation that some candidates had been found to have had pre-access to some Ordinary Level Question Papers. Subsequent statements were issued on the 20th of October, the 10th of November 2022 and, the 17th of January 2023 providing updates on the investigations into the matter. Candidates who had pre-access to question papers at different examination centres were identified during the writing of the examinations and also at the Marking of Scripts and Grade Review stages. The results of such candidates were nullified for the subjects in question in accordance with the ZIMSEC Act, Section 34. Candidates, headmasters and members of the public who were caught posting question papers on WhatsApp and those buying them were arrested and appeared

in court. All other practices that contravened the ZIMSEC Act were brought to the attention of ZIMSEC by respective schools. As a result of the combined investigations, reports from schools and the identification of culprits at Marking and Grade Review stages, a total of **4 961** candidates had results nullified. This number is out of **278 760** who registered for the Ordinary Level examination. The number represents **1.78%** of the total candidate entry.

ZIMSEC wishes to state that it reserves the right to withhold results even after the publication date. Results which have been issued can be withdrawn upon evidence of malpractice by candidates. Any centres which were complicit in the examination malpractice will be de-registered.

We wish to thank those who were involved in bringing the culprits to book. In particular, the Commercial Crime Division (CCD) of the CID, the Central Intelligence Organization (CIO) Zimbabwe Anti- Corruption Commission (ZACC) and the ZIMSEC Security who exhibited a high level of competency in dealing with the issues. We also wish to thank the teachers and members of the public who uphold the integrity of examinations.

Entry and Pass rates

A total of **278 760** candidates sat for the November 2022 examinations as compared to **249 914** candidates who sat for the same examinations in 2021. There was an increase in candidature of 28 846, thus translating to an increase of **11.54%**.

In 2022, a total of **183 584** wrote 5 or more subjects and **53 169** passed 5 or more subjects with a grade C or better giving an overall pass rate of **28.96%** as compared to **163 179** candidates who wrote 5 or more subjects in 2021, with **42 985** passing 5 or more subjects with a Grade C or better yielding a pass rate of **26.34%**. The statistics show that the 2022 pass rate increased by **2.62%** from 2021.

The performance of candidates was analysed in the following categories:

- School candidates;
- Private candidates;
- Female candidates;
- Male candidates; and
- Special Needs candidates.

School Candidates

School candidates who wrote five or more subjects in 2022 were **162 813** and **49 501** obtained Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects, yielding a pass rate of **30.4%** as

compared to that of 2021 where **148 005** wrote 5 or more subjects with **40 473** obtaining a Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects resulting in a pass rate of **27.35%**. This shows that the 2022 pass rate for school candidates increased by **3.05%**.

Private candidates

Private candidates who wrote 5 or more subjects were **20 771** and **3 668** obtained Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects, which also translates to a pass rate of **17.66%** as compared to that of 2021 where **15 174** wrote 5 or more subjects with **2 512** obtaining a Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects resulting in a pass rate of **16.55%**. This shows a **1.11%** increase in the 2022 pass rate for private candidates.

Female candidates

The total number of female candidates who sat for the 2022 Ordinary Level Examinations was **146 106** and of these **97 565** wrote 5 or more subjects with **24 371** passing 5 or more subjects, thus translating to a pass rate of **24.98%**. The total number of female candidates who sat for the 2021 Ordinary Level Examinations was **130 996** and, of these, **86 046** wrote 5 or more subjects with **21 852** passing 5 or more subjects, thus translating to a pass rate of **25.4%**. This shows a slight decrease of **0.42%** in the 2022 pass rate for female candidates.

Male candidates

The total number of male candidates who sat for 2022 Ordinary Level Examinations was **132 653** and of these **86 018** wrote 5 or more subjects and **21 645** passed 5 or more subjects translating to a pass rate of **25.16%**. The total number of male candidates who sat for the 2021 Ordinary level examinations was **118 918** and of these **77 133** wrote 5 or more subjects and **20 971** passed 5 or more subjects translating to a pass rate of **27.19%**. The pass rate for male candidates in 2022 decreased by **2.03%**.

Special Needs candidates

A total of **265** special needs candidates sat for a range of subjects from 1 to 12 in 2022. Of these **151** wrote 5 or more subjects and **27** passed 5 or more subjects yielding an overall pass rate of **17.88%**. A total of **276** special needs candidates sat for a range of subjects from 1 to 12 in 2021. Of these **157** wrote 5 or more subjects and **36** passed 5 or more subjects yielding an overall pass rate of **22.93%**. The 2022 pass rate for special needs candidates decreased by **5.05%**.

Conclusion

Allow me, on behalf of the ZIMSEC Board, to express my profound gratitude to all our stakeholders and clients who were involved in the November 2022 Ordinary Level

examination processes. I would like to make special mention of the school administrators, teachers, markers, the parent Ministry, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and ZIMSEC staff for their hard work and dedication in making the running of examinations a success. Once again, we wish to thank the security sector and members of the public for their assistance in the administration of examinations

Finally, the ZIMSEC Board and Management take this opportunity to wish all the candidates, the best in their future studies and endeavours.

I thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Mwenje', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Professor E. Mwenje

CHAIRPERSON: ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL BOARD