Overview

Identification

Summary

ABSTRACT
The Brevet d’Études du Premier Cycle (BEPC) is administered annually by the Ministère de l’Éducation Nationale to grade 10 (ISCED 2) students in general education programmes in public and private schools.

The BEPC is a high-stake and mandatory examination that certifies completion of lower secondary general education programmes. It is a requirement for students wishing to pursue an upper secondary education (ISCED 3), in either general or vocational education programmes.

Passing the BEPC allows reintegration of out-of-school children and youth into the school system at the next appropriate grade.

The BEPC is a written examination, administered face-to-face and delivered through paper-pencil tests. All test-takers are presented with the same cognitive booklets or tests, which are aligned with the national curriculum.

The BEPC serves the following purposes:
- student certification for completion of lower secondary education
- student selection to higher education programmes or admission into specific courses or tracks

KIND OF DATA
Census (all students at the given grades or ages)

UNITES OF ANALYSIS
Results are reported at the student, school, sub-national and national levels. Data are disaggregated by sex, geographic location (urban and rural), major cities and type of schools (public and private).

Results are published in reports, which are available in print and online.

Scope

NOTES
The Brevet d’Études du Premier Cycle comprises 10 mandatory subjects. The subjects, the language of the test, and the duration of each test are listed below:

- Mathematics, 120 minutes, French, 25% of the total score
- Arabic language, 120 minutes, Arabic, 15% of the total score
- French language, 90 minutes, French, 10% of the total score
- History and Geography, 90 minutes, Arabic, 10% of the total score
- Natural sciences, 90 minutes, French, 10% of the total score
- Physics and Chemistry, 90 minutes, French, 10% of the total score
- Civics, 60 minutes, Arabic, 5% of the total score
- English language, 60 minutes, English, 5% of the total score

- Religion, 60 minutes, Arabic, 5% of the total score

- Physical Education, Arabic, 5% of the total score

Description of test items: Test items consist of open-ended questions requiring short constructed responses and essay writing.

Description of stimuli: Test stimuli consist of continuous, non-continuous and mixed texts.

Reporting metrics: Student performance is reported by average score. The minimum requirement to meet the national standard is a score of 10 out of 20, or 50%.

**Coverage**

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
National

UNIVERSE
Students enrolled in grade 10 (ISCED 2) in general education programmes in public and private schools.

**Producers and Sponsors**

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Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

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Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]
Data Processing

Data Editing

Test booklets are scored and verified manually and through automatic controls. The data editing process is performed at headquarters and in local examination centres.

Other Processing

Data entry is performed manually and by scanning score sheets. The data capture operations are performed at headquarters and in local examination centres.
Data Access

Access Authority

Ministère de l'Education Nationale (Government), www.education.gov.mr

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Access Conditions

Publicly released data is accessible online at www.education.gov.mr