

Cameroon - Certificat d'Études Primaires

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Overview

Identification

Summary

ABSTRACT

The Certificat d'Études Primaires (CEP) is administered annually by the Ministère de l'Éducation de Base, Direction des Examens, des Concours et de la Certification to grade 6 (ISCED 1) students in public and private schools.

The CEP is a high-stake and mandatory examination that certifies completion of primary education. It is a requirement for students wishing to pursue lower secondary education (ISCED 2). Students enrolled in the French system register for the CEP, whereas those in the English system register for the First Leaving School Certificate (FLSC). See separate Catalogue entry for the FLSC examination.

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

The CEP 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 CEP serves the following purposes:

- student certification for completion of primary education
- school or educator accountability, especially in private schools
- promoting competition among schools, especially private schools
- sub-national level monitoring of learning outcomes
- monitoring education quality levels

The CEP accommodates students with special needs, by providing the following arrangements:

- Hearing impairment: providing written instructions and test questions
- Visual impairment: braille

KIND OF DATA

Census (all students at the given grades or ages)

UNITS OF ANALYSIS

Results are reported at student, school, sub-national and national levels. Examination results are broadcasted on the radio and published in the media.

Scope

NOTES

The CEP comprises 12 mandatory subjects administered in French, except for the English Language test. The subjects and the duration of each test are listed below:

- English language, 60 minutes, 13% of the total score
- French language, 60 minutes, 13% of the total score

- General knowledge, 60 minutes, 13% of the total score
- Problem solving, 60 minutes, 13% of the total score
- Science, 60 minutes, 13% of the total score
- Mathematics, 30 minutes, 8% of the total score
- Dictation, 15 minutes, 5% of the total score
- Speaking skills, 5% of the total score
- Practical applications, 30 minutes, 5% of the total score
- Physical Education, 30 minutes, 5% of the total score
- Writing, 60 minutes, 5% of the total score
- Rapid calculation, 10 minutes, 3% of the total score

Description of test items: Test items consist of multiple choice questions with three or more response options, open-ended questions requiring short constructed responses and essay writing.

Description of stimuli: Test stimuli consist of continuous, non-continuous, mixed and multiple 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 6 (ISCED 1) in public and private schools.

Producers and Sponsors

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Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2014	2014	Every year

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

Data Processing

Data Editing

Test booklets are scored and verified manually. The data editing process is performed in local examination centres.

Other Processing

Data entry is performed manually. The data capture operations are performed in local examination centres.

Data Access

Access Authority

Ministère de l'Éducation de Base (Government), <http://www.minedub.cm/>

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