

Mauritius - Certificate of Primary Education

Mauritius Examinations Syndicate - Government

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Overview

Identification

Summary

ABSTRACT

The Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) has been administered annually since 1980 by the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate to grade 6 (ISCED 1) students in public and private schools. The CPE is generally administered to students aged between 11-13 years old. While there is no age limitation for independent candidates, public school candidates above 13 can only take the examination if they have repeated a class.

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

The CPE 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 CPE serves the following purposes:

- student certification for completion of primary education
- student selection to higher education programmes or admission into specific courses or tracks
- school or educator accountability
- sub-national level monitoring of learning outcomes
- monitoring education quality levels
- planning education policy reforms

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

- Hearing impairment: provision of reader; additional time
- Deaf blindness: provision of reader and writer; test materials in braille
- Physical disability: provision of reader and writer; additional time; separate examination room
- Emotional disturbance: separate examination room
- Visual impairment: test materials in large fonts; additional time
- Language impairment: provision of reader; additional time
- Environmental effect: additional time
- Accident, injury or severe illness: provision of reader and writer; additional time; separate examination room

KIND OF DATA

Census (all students at the given grades or ages)

UNITS OF ANALYSIS

Results are reported at the student, school, local, sub-national, national and international levels. Data are disaggregated by

sex, type of schools (public and private) and location (main island of Mauritius and islands of Rodrigues and Agalega).

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

Scope

NOTES

The Certificate of Primary Education comprises six mandatory subjects: English, Mathematics, French, Science, History and Geography, and a third language. For the third language test, candidates can choose between the seven following languages: Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, Marathi, Telugu, Modern Chinese, and Arabic.

The Mathematics, Science and History and Geography tests are administered in English.

All tests have a duration of 105 minutes, except the Science and History and Geography tests, which each have a duration of 60 minutes.

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

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

Reporting metrics: Student performance is reported by six proficiency levels defined as A+, A, B, C, D, E and U. The levels used in grading the examination and the corresponding score ranges, out of a maximum score of 100, are as follows:

A+ : 90-100 points

A : 75-89 points

B : 60-74 points

C : 50-59 points

D : 40-49 points

E : 30-39 points

U : below 30 points.

U is a failing grade.

A student needs at least an E in a subject to pass in the subject but the minimum requirement to achieve the national standard is to obtain at least an E in four subjects including English, French and Mathematics; or to obtain at least an E in English, French and Mathematics with an overall aggregate of 35 %. A student is allowed to take a resit paper in one subject to enable him or her to pass the examination.

Students who receive grades at level U have not reached the minimum requirement and are not promoted to the next education level.

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National

UNIVERSE

Students enrolled in grade 6 (ISCED 1) in public and private schools.

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