

Côte d'Ivoire - Brevet d'Études du Premier Cycle

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Overview

Identification

Summary

ABSTRACT

The Brevet d'Études du Premier Cycle (BEPC) is administered annually by the Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de l'Enseignement Technique to grade 9 (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 education. It is a requirement for students wishing to pursue an upper secondary education (ISCED 2).

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
- promoting competition among schools
- monitoring education quality levels

KIND OF DATA

Census (all students at the given grades or ages)

UNITS OF ANALYSIS

Results are reported at the student level. Examination results are broadcasted on the radio, on television and published in the media.

Scope

NOTES

The BEPC comprises eight mandatory subjects administered in French, except for the foreign language tests. The subjects and duration of each test are listed below:

- Dictation and questions, 120 minutes
- Essay writing, 120 minutes
- Mathematics, 120 minutes
- Physical sciences 120 minutes
- English language (written), 120 minutes
- English language (oral), 30 minutes
- Foreign language (German or Spanish), 90 minutes
- Physical education

The school-based assessments held during the academic year contribute 40% of the final score, while the subjects assessed in the BEPC contribute 60%.

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 50%.

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National

UNIVERSE

Students enrolled in grade 9 (ISCED 2) in general education programmes in public and private schools.

Producers and Sponsors

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OTHER PRODUCER(S)

Name	Affiliation	Role
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Metadata Production

METADATA PRODUCED BY

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de l'Enseignement Technique	MENET	Gouvernement	Data collection
UNESCO Institute for Statistics	UIS	United Nations	Questionnaire design, metadata collection, review and publication

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2014

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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

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