

Malaysia - Primary School Achievement Test, Ujian pencapaian sekolah rendah

Ministry of Education - Government

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Overview

Identification

Summary

ABSTRACT

The Primary School Achievement Test (UPSR) is administered annually by the Ministry of Education, Examinations Syndicate to grade 6 (ISCED 1) students in public and private schools.

The UPSR 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).

The UPSR is administered face-to-face. It comprises a written component, delivered through paper-pencil tests, and an oral component. All test-takers are presented with the same cognitive booklets or tests, which are aligned with the national curriculum.

The UPSR serves the following purposes:

- student certification for completion of primary education
- student selection to higher education programmes or admission into specific courses or tracks
- supporting teachers (training, relevant materials, etc.)
- school or educator accountability
- promoting competition among schools
- sub-national level monitoring of learning outcomes
- monitoring education quality levels
- planning education policy reforms

Note that the results are also used by the Inspectorate and Quality Assurance division to rank school effectiveness.

The UPSR accommodates students with special needs by providing test materials in braille or with large fonts for visually impaired students.

A back-up version of the tests is prepared for unexpected delay or postponement due to mishaps or natural disasters.

KIND OF DATA

Census (all students at the given grades or ages)

UNITS OF ANALYSIS

Results are available at the student and school levels. Data are disaggregated by sex.

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

Scope

NOTES

The UPSR comprises five mandatory subjects administered in Malay except for the Mathematics and Science tests, which are administered in Malay and English, and the English language test. These subjects and the duration of each test are listed

below:

- Malay language (writing), 75 minutes
- Malay language (comprehension), 50 minutes
- Science, 75 minutes
- Mathematics, 60 minutes
- English language, 50 minutes

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 and mixed texts.

Reporting metrics: Student performance is reported as a composite score, by subject tested.

Student performance is reported by the percentage of all items answered correctly. Grades A, B, C, D and E are each assigned to range of proportion of correct responses; however, the corresponding ranges and meaning of the grades are not disclosed. The minimum requirement to meet the national standard is grade C.

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National

UNIVERSE

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

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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2013	2013	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 at headquarters.

Other Processing

Data entry is performed manually and by scanning score sheets. The data capture operations are performed at headquarters.

Data Access

Access Authority

Examinations Syndicate/Ministry of Education (Government), www.moe.gov.my/lp

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Access Conditions

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