

How candidates performed by subject

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KAMPALA. Uganda National Examinations Board, (Uneb) secretary Mathew Bukenya, yesterday said female candidates performed better than males "at the A-E level" mainly in Arts subjects.

An analysis done by *Daily Monitor* to ascertain how each subject was performed by candidates who sat their exams in 2015, indicates that 67 per cent of the 99,847 candidates who wrote the exams passed General Paper.

History, one of the subjects that had the biggest number of offering it (38,251 candidates), had 86 per cent of students scoring between A-E, making History the best performed subject. According to Uneb grading in-between A-E, there are other ratings of B and C.

An 'A' means a candidate has scored six points in that particular subject. 'B' translates into 5 while 'C' is equivalent to 4 points. 'D' is equivalent to 3 points, 'E' means a student has scored 2 points.

Others like 'O' mean one point while 'F' translates into failure.

Islamic Religious Education, with 3,740 candidates offering it, saw 72.2 per cent of the candidates scoring a principal pass (between A-E).

Art among the best

Uneb results also show that Art was the third best done subject at 73 per cent pass rate.

Of 42,004 candidates who sat for Economics, 54 per cent scored the required principal passes to enrol for higher education.

Although a UK-based business networking group survey, the Approved Index survey last year ranked Uganda the most enterprising country in the world, 61 per cent of 24,676 candidates who sat for Entrepreneurship failed it.

Another poorly done subject was Mathematics with 31,239 sitting for it but only 54 per cent managed to score at least an E.

As for Agriculture, 62.3 per cent of 2,651 candidates passed the subject while 60.4 per cent of 12,039 candidates who sat for Chemistry obtained at least a principal pass.

Biology was another subject that was poorly done with only 40 per cent of 12,979 candidates obtaining a principal pass.

Thirty eight per cent of 16,824 candidates passed Physics and only 25 per cent of 30,833 candidates who sat for Sub Math managed to pass.

Geography with 40,511 candidates, had only 40 per cent passing while 50 per cent of candidates who sat for Christian Religious Education passed. Literature in English, which females performed better than boys, on average had 70 per cent pass rate just 6 per cent higher than Sub-ICT