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PRESS STATEMENT

Official Release of the 2023 Examination Time Table

Theme: Integrity and security in the management of examinations is our joint responsibility

The Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB) officially releases the 2023 Examination Time Tables for the Primary Leaving Examination (PLE), Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) and the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) examinations. This year's national examinations will commence on **Friday October 13th**, with the briefing of UCE candidates. The first papers will be Geography on October 16, 2023. The UCE Examination will run until **November 17, 2023**. The second series of the examinations is the PLE which will be conducted from **November 7 - 9, 2023**, starting with the briefing of the candidates. The 3rd and final set of the examinations, UACE, will be conducted from **November 10 - December 1, 2023**.

Heads of Centers are hereby advised to ensure that every candidate receives a copy of the time table, and that the same is also displayed on the school noticeboards. Centre heads can access the time tables from their portals. Hard copies will also be provided along with the other stationery, which will be distributed from Monday September 11th, 2023

Braille versions of the UCE and UACE Time Tables have also been provided for Special Needs Education (SNE) candidates with visual impairment.

Candidates and all those concerned **MUST** take special note of the sections on Directions to candidates, and Caution against Malpractice in or around the Examination Room. These have clearly spelt out the instructions that candidates must follow and cases of examination malpractice that can lead to **disqualification, cancellation of results or arrest of a candidate**. The candidates must further note that **involvement in malpractice in one paper shall lead to cancellation of entire results of the examination**.

Parents are equally encouraged to take keen interest in the precautions highlighted on the time table, and counsel the learners accordingly. Headteachers must use the time table and other documents supplied by UNEB to thoroughly brief the candidates. Evidence from past examinations indicates that a lot of candidates whose results have been withheld/cancelled were often those who were not briefed by the headteachers. Schools should make effective use of the remaining time to provide the required academic guidance and teaching, so as to avoid the temptation to indulge in malpractice.

DISPLAY OF CANDIDATES' REGISTERS (AUGUST 14 - OCTOBER 13, 2023)

The UNEB Act 2021, Article 4, sub-section 2, compels Examination Centers to display candidates' lists, sixty days before the date for the commencement of the national examinations. Accordingly, with effect from August 14th, 2023, Heads of Centers were asked to display the candidates' registers in a conspicuous place at the school notice boards. The purpose of the display is to enable candidates to confirm registration status as well as the correctness of their bio-data.

Candidates should look out for correctness of names as well as the order of names, date of birth, gender, resolution of the candidates' photograph, as well as the subjects and papers registered for in the case of UCE and UACE candidates. After confirming registration status, candidates should sign on a parallel register to confirm correctness of the registration data. Where anomalies in the candidate's bio-data are found, candidates should inform the school authorities, who shall alert UNEB for correction of the variance.

CANDIDATURE

A total of one million, two hundred twenty-four thousand, three hundred seventy-one (1,224,371) candidates have registered for all the three levels of the final examinations, from **20,921 centers**. Of the total candidature, **51% are females**, while **49% are males**.

We have recorded a percentage increase of **12,690 (13.5%)** at **UACE** level, that is a total of **110,579** candidates this year, as compared to **97,889** last year. At UCE level, there is a percentage increase of **14,988 (4.3%)** in candidature, from **349,433 to 364,421** candidates this year. There is, however, a drop of **83,438 (10%)** in the candidature at PLE level, from **832,809** last year to **749,371** this year.

Of the entire candidature, **3,698** are Special Needs Education (SNE) learners, as compared to **3,400** of last year. Of the SNE candidates, **2,436** are PLE candidates, **721** are UCE, while **242** are UACE Candidates.

	2023 candidature				2022 Candidature
Level	No. of Centres	Male Candidates	Female candidates	Total Candidates	2022 Total
PLE	14,778	357,797	391,574	749,371	832,809
UCE	3,861	180,357	184,064	364,421	349,433
UACE	2,282	63,327	47,252	110,579	97,889
Total	20, 921	601,481	622,890	1,224,371	1,280,131

In terms of funding, **645,191 (53%)** of the total candidature are funded by the government, while **579,180 (47%)** of the candidates are privately sponsored.

THE NEW LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM (NLSC)

The Board is steadily preparing for the assessment of learners under the New Lower Secondary School Curriculum. While the actual examination under this curriculum will take place next year, 2024, preparations are ongoing. We have just completed a countrywide pre-test of the test items, and are currently analyzing the outcome. The pretest exercise was conducted in 220 schools and involved 6,000 students. During the pretest, the Board interacted with the learners of Senior Three (the class that did the pretest) and collected valuable insights from the students. Views of teachers are also being collected. These, and the analysis of the results of the pretest will inform the Board's decisions on the final paper formats. At the appropriate time, the Board will distribute sample examination papers to ALL SCHOOLS to acquaint themselves with the questions and formats and guide the learners accordingly.

For the Continuous Assessment scores, Schools and the respective subject teachers are informed that the Board will soon issue the Project Work Assessment Framework that will guide the assessment of project work and submission of scores to UNEB.


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