

12.0: CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (313)

The 2004 KCSE Christian Religious Education tested candidates' knowledge in two papers. Paper one having twenty structured questions while paper two had six essay type questions. This report analyses the performance of the candidates in the poorly performed questions. It highlights the possible causes of the poor performance and gives expected responses. There is an attempt to advice teachers on how best to handle the subject. The papers contain the following content areas.

- i) The Old Testament.
- ii) The New Testament.
- iii) The Christian Witness.
- iv) The African Religious Heritage.
- v) The Church in Kenya.
- vi) Contemporary Christian Living.

12.1 GENERAL PERFORMANCE

The table below shows performance in CRE for the last four years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Table 12: Candidates' Overall Performance in CRE for the Last Four Years

Year	Paper	Candidature	Max. Score	Mean Score	Standard Deviation
2001	1		100	50.01	13.50
	2		100	48.45	14.61
	Overall	65,839	200	92.55	29.00
2002	1		100	54.75	13.29
	2		100	63.14	15.81
	Overall	70,824	200	117.56	27.62
2003	1		100	55.33	13.84
	2		100	62.45	15.40
	Overall	73,592	200	117.74	27.34
2004	1		100	53.95	14.46
	2		100	56.84	15.42
	Overall	90,175	200	110.71	28.00

The following observations can be derived from the information presented in the table above:-

- i) There has been a steady rise in the candidature.
- ii) There was a decline in the means of both papers.
- iii) The overall mean for the subject declined.