

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview of the Year 2004 KCSE Examination Report

The KCSE examination report analyses in detail candidates' performance in the KCSE examination. Its main aim is to provide a feedback on candidates' performance in KCSE examination subjects, with a focus on those questions which candidates found difficult. Such questions have been identified and discussed, possible causes of mistakes pointed out and expected answers in some cases have been given in order to show what kind of answers were expected.

The report indicates areas of the syllabus not adequately covered as evidenced by the poor performance by candidates in these areas and gives recommendations on how such areas could be managed or better taught.

1.2 KCSE Examination Candidature

In 2004, there were **222,676** candidates who were registered for the KCSE examination compared to **207,730** candidates who registered for the same examination in 2003.

The information on total candidature by gender for the year 2004 KCSE examination has been *tabulated* below. Information for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 has been included for comparison.

Table 1: The Candidature for KCSE Examination from 1999 to 2004

Year	Candidature Trend		
	Total	Male Total	Female Total
2004	222,676	120,067	102,609
2003	207,730	111,589	96,141
2002	198,356	106,164	92,192
2001	194,883	104,911	89,972
2000	181,966	97,956	84,010
1999	172,883	93,487	79,396

1.3 Candidates' General Performance in the years 2003 and 2004 KCSE Examinations

Table 2 below shows candidates general performance in all subjects for the year 2003 and 2004.