

10.0: HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT (311)

The 2004 History and Government examination format had two sets of papers. Paper I examines the History of Kenya while paper 2 is on Themes in World History. The subject equips students with knowledge that enables them to understand the social economics as well as political developments in Kenya and the rest of the world under study. This report analyses the performance of candidates in the 2004 examination. It discusses questions that were poorly performed and advises teachers on the steps to take to improve performance of their students.

10.1 GENERAL PERFORMANCE OF THE CANDIDATES

The table below shows performance of candidates over a period of four years.

Table 10: Candidates Performance in History and Government for the Last Four Years

Year	Paper	Candidature	Max. Score	Mean Score	Standard Deviation
2001	1		100	61.81	18.38
	2		100	40.02	16.94
	Overall	81,945	200	100.03	34.00
2002	1		100	58.18	21.67
	2		100	46.65	18.98
	Overall	84,848	200	104.62	38.90
2003	1		100	52.64	18.90
	2		100	49.55	19.65
	Overall	96,045	200	102.19	38.55
2004	1		100	61.82	19.90
	2		100	52.24	19.30
	Overall	115,060	200	114.03	37.00

The following observations can be derived from the table above:

- i) The candidature has continued to rise in the subject.
- ii) The mean of 311/1 went back to the year 2000 when we had a mean of 61.81.
- iii) The mean of 311/2 has been improving steadily.
- iv) The overall mean of the subject is the best over the years.