

14.0: SOCIAL EDUCATION AND ETHICS (316)

This subject was tested in two papers (1 and 2) just like it has been the case in the past. The subject is being phased out after 2005. This report presents comments on general performance of the candidates and gives special attention to a few of the questions that were poorly done. All this is in an attempt to help candidates record better performance.

14.1 GENERAL PERFORMANCE

General performance of both papers 1 and 2 was average with mean grades almost equal. This would mean that the two papers were of equal difficult level.

The Table below shows Performance in Social Education and Ethics over the Last Four Years.

Table 14: Candidates' Overall Performance in SEE for the Last Four Years

| Year | Paper | Candidature | Max. Score | Mean Score | Standard Deviation |
|------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 2001 | 1 | | 100 | 51.81 | 14.26 |
| | 2 | | 100 | 57.81 | 14.08 |
| | Overall | 49,341 | 200 | 107.95 | 27.00 |
| 2002 | 1 | | 100 | 40.21 | 12.19 |
| | 2 | | 100 | 51.29 | 16.07 |
| | Overall | 47,712 | 200 | 88.40 | 28.35 |
| 2003 | 1 | | 100 | 49.30 | 13.77 |
| | 2 | | 100 | 56.39 | 15.30 |
| | Overall | 52,058 | 200 | 105.69 | 27.17 |
| 2004 | 1 | | 100 | 49.16 | 14.75 |
| | 2 | | 100 | 49.38 | 15.04 |
| | Overall | 50,572 | 200 | 98.44 | 28.00 |

From the table above the following observations can be made:-

- i) The overall mean for 2004 is lower than that of 2003 and 2001. This may mean that candidates generally found this year's papers a little harder. According to paper mean scores the papers were of equal difficult and the means just about 50, which is the ideal mean in normal distribution. This was therefore average performance.
- ii) There was an increase in candidature from 52,058 to 50,572 candidates