

## **15.0 HOME SCIENCE (441)**

### **15.1 GENERAL CANDIDATES' PERFORMANCE**

The KCSE Home Science examination comprises of papers 1, 2 and 3. Their composition is as follows:-

#### **Paper 1**

This theory paper is divided into sections A and B. Section A consists of short answer questions worth 40 marks while section B consists of four essay questions each worth 20 marks of which candidates are to answer only three.

#### **Paper 2**

This paper tests candidates' practical skills and it is composed of a practical paper in clothing construction worth 25 marks and coursework worth 15 marks.

#### **Paper 3**

This is also a practical paper which tests skills in Home Management, Childcare, Foods and Nutrition worth 60 marks.

For the purposes of computing the results, the scores of paper 2 and 3 are added together to form paper 2. The examination covered a wide range of skills such as recall of knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation. This report analyses candidates' performance in the year 2004 KCSE Home Science examination focusing on questions where performance by candidates was poor. It highlights the possible causes of their poor performance and gives the expected responses. An attempt is made to advise teachers on how to improve their approach to the teaching of the subject thus improving performance in the subject.

The table below shows the performance of candidates over a period of four years that is 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.