

31.0: ECONOMICS (563)

The subject was tested in two papers and paper formats were the same as in the past. This subject is being phased out and will be sat for the last time end of 2005. We hope that both teachers and candidates will be able to gain from the criticisms and advice given over the years to improve performance. We have observed that candidates generally have the same problems from year to year and this year's criticisms and advice will not be unique.

31.1 GENERAL PERFORMANCE

Table 31: Candidates' Overall Performance in Economics for the Last Four Years

Year	Paper	Candidature	Max. Score	Mean Score	Standard Deviation
2001	1		100	50.25	13.02
	2		100	29.83	13.71
	Overall	1,032	200	75.15	32.00
2002	1		100	47.93	11.77
	2		100	40.23	14.05
	Overall	625	200	86.95	24.61
2003	1		100	54.09	11.92
	2		100	36.98	13.46
	Overall	405	200	91.07	25.00
2004	1		100	67.71	12.09
	2		100	47.08	15.20
	Overall	330	200	114.80	25.00

The following observations can be made from the table above:

- i) The performance of economics in 2004 was the highest in the last four years.
- ii) The mean scores for both papers are also the highest in the last four years which is very encouraging.
- iii) Candidature for the subject is still very low but it is encouraging to note that those opting for the subject are serious. There was remarkable improvement in each of the papers with paper one especially registering a very high mean score (67.71).

We attribute this good performance to hard work by both teachers and candidates. We will now discuss a few of the poorly done questions.