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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

## Improvement in Trinidad & Tobago's Performance at the 2023 CSEC and CAPE Examinations

The performance of Trinidad and Tobago students in both 2023 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) and Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) showed improvement in 2023, as compared with 2022.

In the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) 2023, passing grades (Grades I, II & III) were obtained in 67.77% of written entries, compared with 62.72% in 2022.

For 2023, 58.57% of the students who wrote 5 or more CSEC subjects were successful in obtaining a minimum of 5 subjects, which is an increase from 2022 with 53.05%. Further, 51.51% of the students who attempted five or more subjects inclusive of Mathematics and English A were successful, compared to 43.66% of the students in 2022. Pass rates were greater in twenty-six (26) subjects in 2023.

Thirty-two (32) Unit I and twenty-nine (29) Unit II subjects were written at CAPE 2023 and according to the CXC analysis, in 2023, 96.08% of the written CAPE subjects entries achieved acceptable passes of Grades I-V compared to 94.34% in 2022. In 2023, 73.87% attained Grades I, II and III, an increase from 70.78% in 2022.

In 2023, 96.40% of written CAPE Unit I subject entries achieved acceptable passes of Grades I-V, compared to 94.78% of the subject entries in 2022. Further in 2023, 73.81% of subject entries attained Grades I, II and III, an increase from 70.11% in 2022. There was an increase in the quality of grades with 2.44% more Grade 1 passes bring achieved in 2023 over 2022. In addition, performance in CAPE Unit I continues to be good, with twenty-six (26) out of thirty-two (32) subjects attaining a pass rate of 90% and above. Three (3) subjects attained pass rates of 100% with seventeen (17) subjects registering improvements from 2022 to 2023.

Performance in Cape Unit II was encouraging, with twenty-five (25) out of twenty-nine (29) subjects attaining a pass rate of 90% and above. In 2023, 95.47% of written CAPE Unit II subject entries achieved acceptable passes of Grades I-V compared with 2022, with 93.54% achieving acceptable passes. Grades I, II and III were obtained by candidates in 73.99% of the subject entries written when compared with 72.01% in 2022.



Six (6) subjects had attainment rates of 100% in comparison to three (3) subjects in 2022. Twenty (20) subjects registered an improvement in pass rate in 2023 as compared with fifteen (15) subjects in 2022.

These results are testament to the resilience of our students, dedication of their teachers and support of their parents. The Ministry of Education is encouraged by the results for 2023, and congratulates all students, even as we wish them further success in their educational journeys.

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