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AN INTRODUCTION TO WAEC EXAMINATIONS

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Agenda

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Part II: Senior Secondary Education Cycle

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Part I:

Introduction to West African Examinations Council (WAEC)

West African Examinations Council Countries

West African Examinations Council (WAEC)

- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Liberia
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone



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Which country(ies) were independent countries in the year when WAEC was established in 1952?

- A. Ghana*
- B. Nigeria*
- C. The Gambia*
- D. Liberia*
- E. Sierra Leone*
- F. All of the above*
- G. None of the above*



West African Examinations Council (WAEC)

Background

- Established in 1952
- Examination Board that conducts secondary level external examinations in Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and the Gambia
- Conducts examinations for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE), General Certificate of Education O' Levels, and General Certificate of Education A' Levels
- Each country has its own national offices with additional zonal offices

West African Examination Council Exams

Country	National Primary School Certificate	Basic Education Certificate	Jr. Secondary School Certificate/ Jr. School Certificate	WASSCE/ SSCE	General/ Advanced Business Certificate
Gambia		★		★	
Ghana		★	★	★	★
Liberia			★	★	
Nigeria			★	★	
Sierra Leone	★	★		★	

Part II:

Senior Secondary Education Cycle

Secondary Education System



Secondary Education

Admission Requirements and Leaving Certificates

Junior Secondary (completion of 9 years)

**Entrance
Requirement:**
Primary School
Leaving Certificate

Leaving Certificate:
Basic Education
Certificate
(BEC), Junior School
Certificate (JSC), etc

Senior Secondary (completion of 12 years)

**Entrance
Requirement:** Basic
Education Certificate
(BEC), Junior School
Certificate (JSC), etc

Leaving Certificate:
West African Senior
School Certificate of
Examination
(WASSCE)

Senior Secondary Education: WASSCE implementation



Senior Secondary Education:

External Examinations - General

- Who is eligible to sit for WASSCE?
 - **School candidates:** must be enrolled in SSC Class 3 (3rd year of their senior secondary education)
 - **Private candidates:** those who have taken WASSCE or GCE in previous years; typically not currently enrolled in a secondary school; may have other foreign qualifications
- What are the components of WASSCE?
 - Two components - **continuous** assessment from school (30%) and **external** examinations (70%)
 - Secondary schools submit school assessment forms to WAEC

Senior Secondary Education:

External Examinations - General



Examinations are **multiple times** a year

- January/February
- May/June
- August/September



Exact dates are announced by the secondary schools weeks before



This year (2018) the May/June exams are held between **April 3rd to May 15th**



In the past – it was only held twice a year (once for school candidates and once for private candidates)

Senior Secondary Education:

External Examinations - General

Minimum of seven and a maximum of nine subjects, and must include:

- **2 compulsory core subjects:** English language, mathematics
- **2-3 core subjects:** such as one science subject, one social science/literature subject, and an agricultural science or vocational subject
- **3-4 elective subjects:** subjects listed on the WAEC websites and are also provided by the schools.

Senior Secondary Education:

External Examinations - Nigeria



Minimum of eight and a maximum of nine subjects, and must include:

- **4 compulsory core subjects:** English language, mathematics, civic education, and one trade/entrepreneurship course
- **4-5 elective subjects:** subjects listed on the WAEC websites and are also provided by the schools. Choose from 4 specializations – Science and Mathematics; Technology; Humanities; Business Studies

Senior Secondary Education: External Examinations - Ghana



Minimum of seven and a maximum of nine subjects, and must include:

- **4 compulsory core subjects:** English language, mathematics, science, and social studies
- **3-4 elective subjects:** subjects listed on the WAEC websites and are also provided by the schools. Choose from 6 specializations – Agriculture, Business, Technical, Vocational, General, and Science

Secondary Education Grading Scale (WAEC)

Grade	Description	WES Equivalent
A1	Excellent	A
B2	Very Good	A
B3	Good	B
C4-C6	Credit	B
D7-E8	Pass	C
F9	Fail	F

Nigeria: Admission to Higher Education

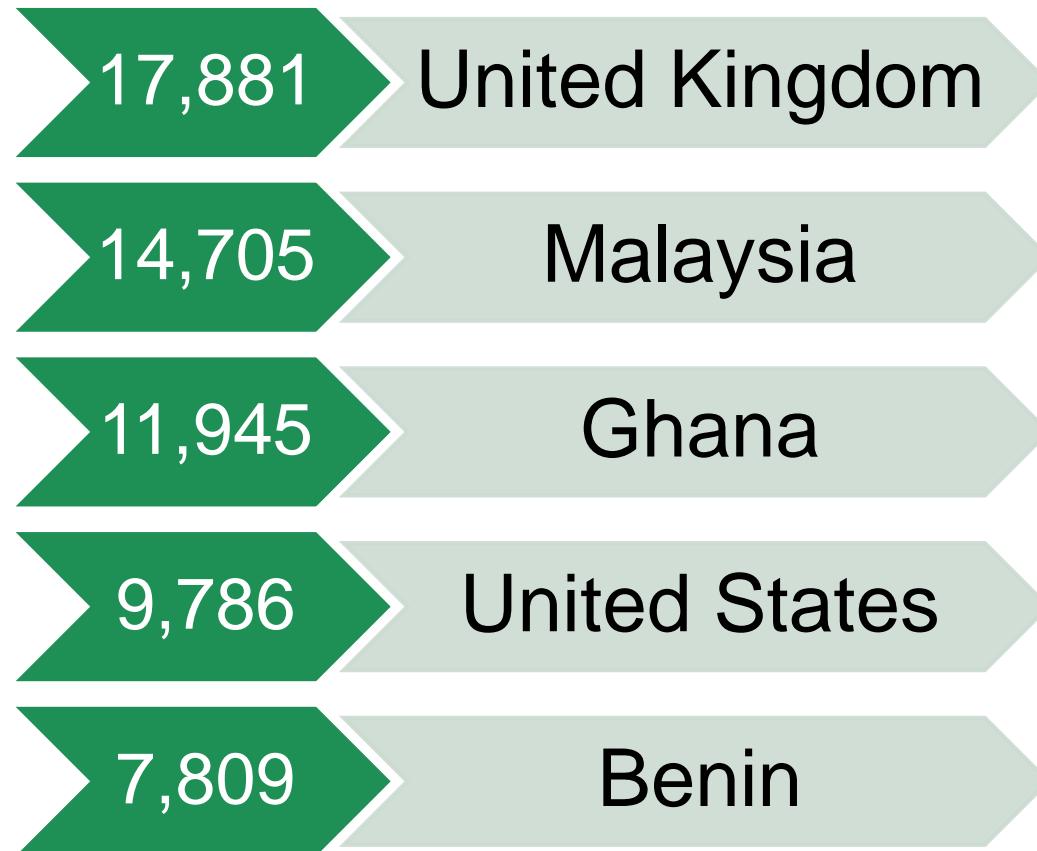


- Organized by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB)
 - Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE)
 - Credit passes in at least 5 subjects (including mathematics and English Language)
 - United Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME)
 - Choice of six institutions – 2 universities, 2 polytechnics, 2 colleges of education. Exams in English, and 3 subjects related to their proposed major. Need a minimum score out of 400 for university admission. Exact cut-off mark is decided each year
- Direct entry is available for those with other qualifications. e.g. National Diploma, Higher National Diploma

Note: Individual institutions may have additional testing or other requirements for specific programs

Source: WAEC, WENR

Nigerian Students Studying Abroad: Top 5 Destination Countries



Source: UNESCO UIS

Part III:

Required Documents and Verification

Secondary Education

WES Document Requirements

For Completed Study:

Final Examination Results
(West African Senior School
Certificate)



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For Incomplete/In-progress Study:

Official Secondary school
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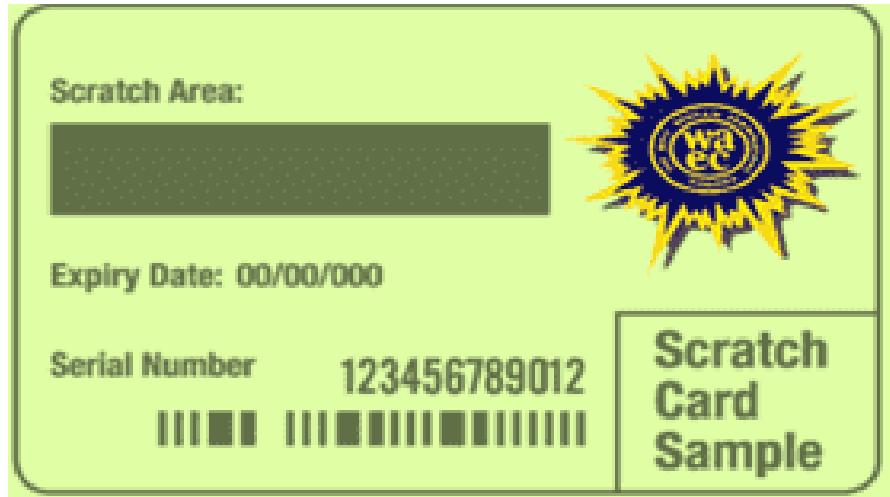
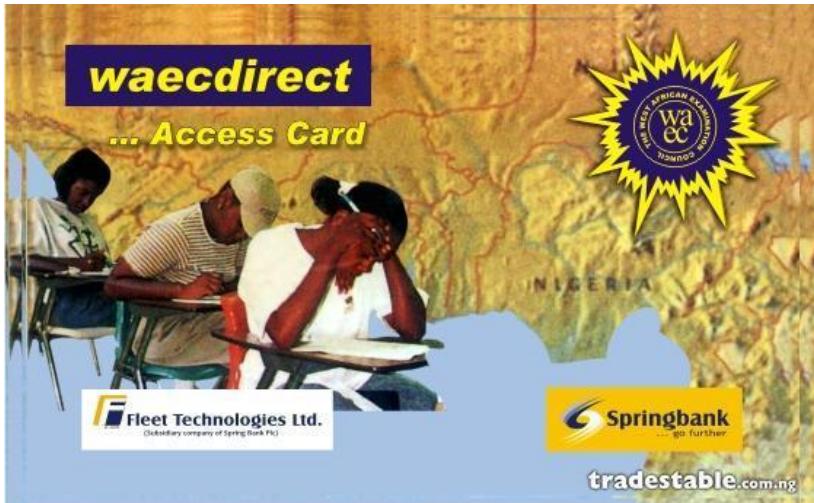


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Verification – Scratch Cards

- A scratch card is a plastic card that has a hidden pin number. This number can be used to access the students WAEC results directly online
- Website for Nigeria – www.waecdirect.org
- Input examination number, year, card serial number, and pin code
- One scratch card can be used up to 5 times. After the 5th time, the card becomes invalid

WAEC Scratch Cards



Sources: tradestable.com.ng, easy24.com.ng, waecnigeria.org

Part IV:

Sample Documents

Sample Document: Nigeria



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Ref: [REDACTED] March 14, 2018

WORLD EDUCATION SERVICES,
[REDACTED]

CONFIRMATION OF RESULT

NAME OF EXAM: SCHOOL CANDIDATES 2017 W.A.S.S.C.E.
NAME OF SCHOOL: NIGERIAN NAVY SECONDARY SCHOOL, NAVY TOWN
CANDIDATE'S NUMBER: [REDACTED]
CANDIDATE'S NAME: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
SEX: [REDACTED]
DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

Please find forwarded to you the confirmed result of the above named candidate.
The details of his performance at the examination are as follows:

SUBJECT	GRADE	INTERPRETATION
GEOGRAPHY	A1	EXCELLENT
CIVIC EDUCATION	B2	VERY GOOD
ENGLISH LANG	C4	CREDIT
MATHEMATICS	B3	GOOD
BIOLOGY	B3	GOOD
CHEMISTRY	B3	GOOD
PHYSICS	B3	GOOD
TECHNICAL DRG	C4	CREDIT
ELECT INS&MWRKS	C5	CREDIT

NO OF SUBJECTS LISTED: NINE (9)

You will have to satisfy yourself that [REDACTED] of our records are one and the same person.

Certified by:

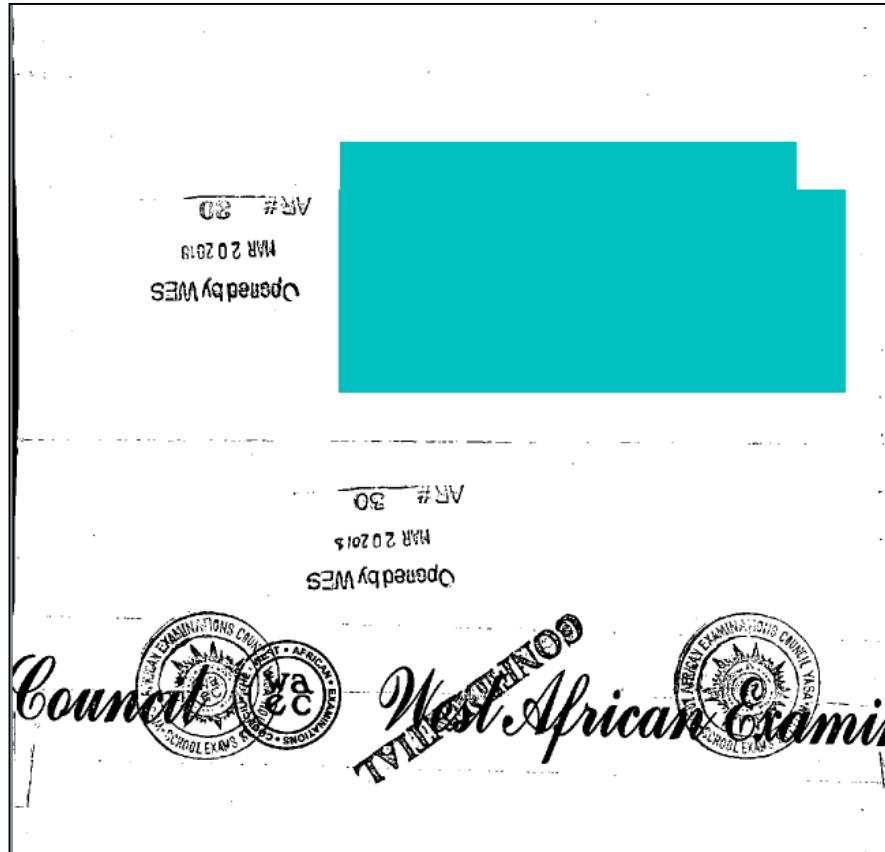
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Sample Document: Ghana

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CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS
WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

JUNE 2017

NAME [REDACTED]

INDEX NUMBER [REDACTED]

DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

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The above-named person, whose photograph is embossed on this document, and was a candidate in the examination indicated, has asked us to confirm his/her results to you. These are:

SUBJECT	GRADE	INTERPRETATION
SOCIAL STUDIES	B2	VERY GOOD
ENGLISH LANG	B2	VERY GOOD
MATHEMATICS(CORE)	B2	VERY GOOD
INTEGRATED SCIENCE	B2	VERY GOOD
MATHEMATICS(ELECT)	B2	VERY GOOD
BIOLOGY	B3	GOOD
CHEMISTRY	A1	EXCELLENT
PHYSICS	B3	GOOD

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Please ensure that the candidate named above is the same person in respect of whom this statement was issued.

THE DIRECTOR
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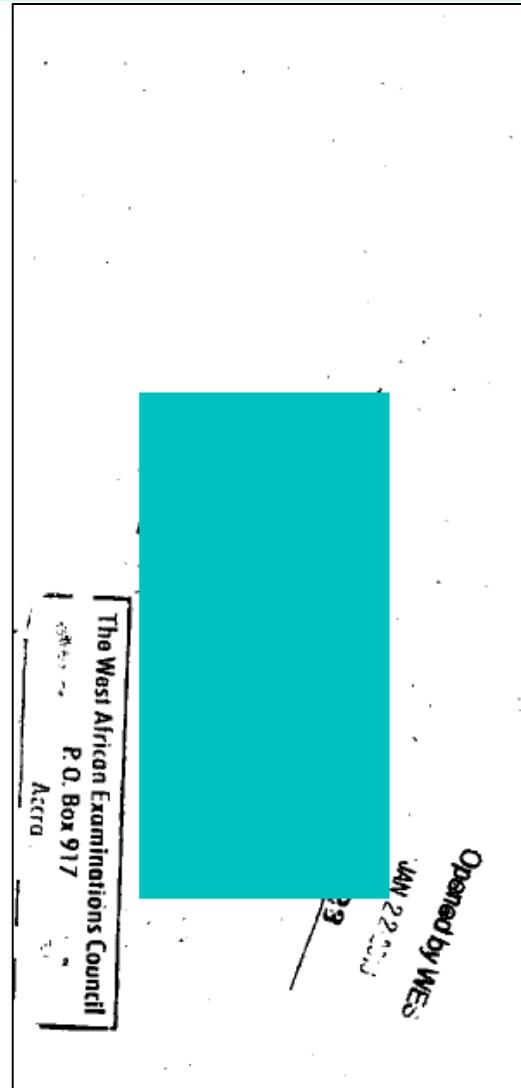
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Ref: [REDACTED] March 1, 2018

World Education Services
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: **STATEMENT OF RESULTS IN FAVOR OF** [REDACTED]

We have been asked by [REDACTED] to furnish you with the details of [REDACTED] performance at the May 2017 WAEC Examination (Liberia Senior High School Certificate Examination).

In view of the above, we are pleased to confirm that [REDACTED] I of the Christ The King Catholic High School sat at the May 2017 Liberia Senior High School Certificate Examination administered by the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) and made a pass.

The details of his performance are as follows:

SUBJECT	GRADE
English	8
Economics	8
Geography	8
History	7
Literature	8
Mathematics	7
Biology	8
Chemistry	8
Physics	8
Aggregate	46
Division	3

GRADE INTERPRETATION					
Excellent	Very Good	Good	Credit	Pass	Fail
1	2	3	4-6	7-8	9

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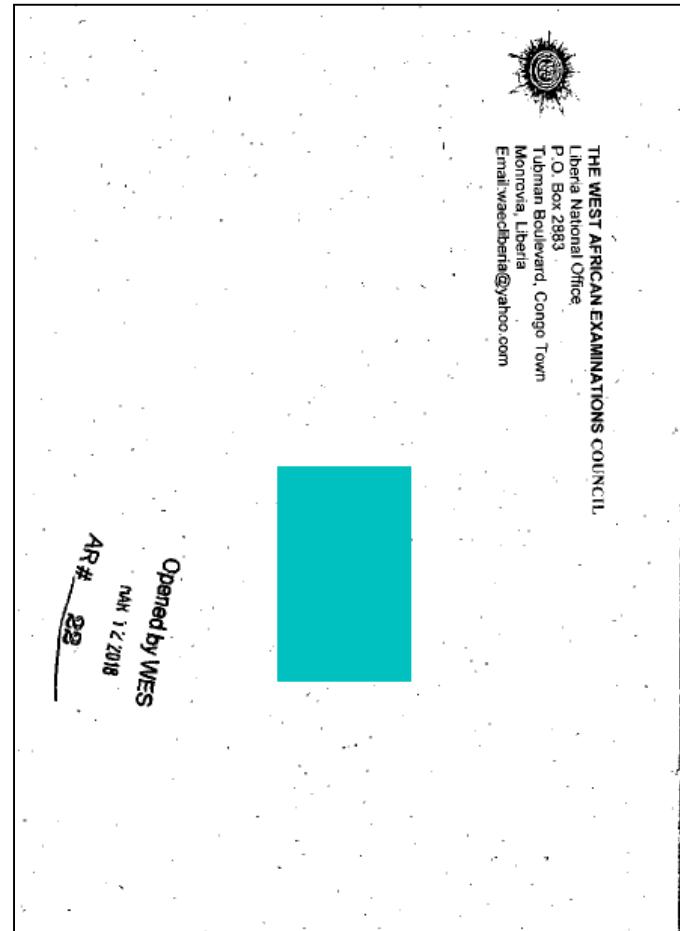
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Kind regards,


Isaac N. T. Tetteh
ACTING HEAD
TEST ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
FOR: THE HEAD OF NATIONAL OFFICE

[REDACTED]



Sample Document: The Gambia



The West African Examinations Council

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OUR REF: [REDACTED] DATE: January 31, 2018

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World Education Services [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

STATEMENT OF EXAMINATION RESULT
CANDIDATE'S NAME: [REDACTED]

This is to certify that according to records in this Office, [REDACTED] took The West African Senior School Certificate Examination in **May/June 2017** at **ST. PETER'S TECHNICAL SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL** as candidate number: [REDACTED]

Details of [REDACTED] performance are given below:

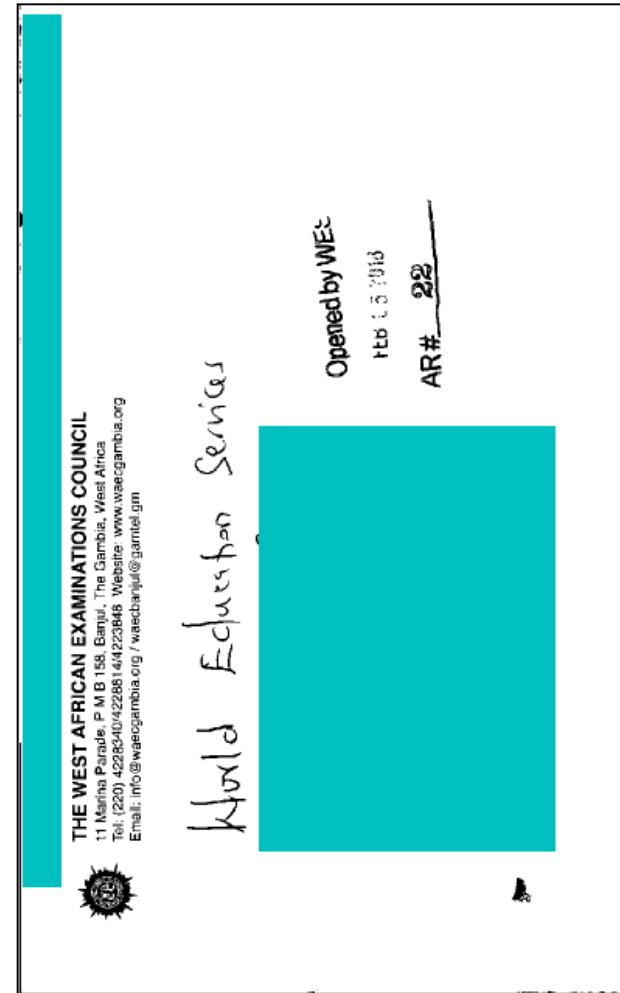
SUBJECT	GRADE	RESULT
GEOGRAPHY	A1	EXCELLENT
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	B3	GOOD
FURTHER MATHEMATICS	A1	EXCELLENT
MATHEMATICS	A1	EXCELLENT
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	B3	GOOD
BIOLOGY	B3	GOOD
CHEMISTRY	A1	EXCELLENT
PHYSICS	B2	VERY GOOD
TECHNICAL DRAWING	B2	VERY GOOD

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Besenty Gomez
FOR: HEAD OF NATIONAL OFFICE

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Sierra Leone

Reference: [REDACTED] 15 November 2014

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Dear Sir/Madam

Statement of Result

West African Senior School Certificate Examination

Name: [REDACTED]
Identification Number: [REDACTED]
School/Centre: Birch Memorial Secondary School, Makeni

The above-named person who was a candidate for the examination held in November/December 2013 has asked us to forward his/her result to you.

Details of the result are given below:

SUBJECT	GRADE	INTERPRETATION
Economics	C6(Six)	Credit
Geography	B3(Three)	Good
English Language	F9(Nine)	Fail
Mathematics	E8(Eight)	Pass
Agricultural Science	F9(Nine)	Fail
Biology	F9(Nine)	Fail
Chemistry	C6(Six)	Credit
Science	F9(Nine)	Fail
Physics	F9(Nine)	Fail
***** Subjects Listed... 9 *****		

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Yours faithfully

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for Head of National Office

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Result Checking

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The West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)

Candidate's Details

Candidate Number [REDACTED]
Candidate Name [REDACTED]
Date of Birth [REDACTED]
School Birch Memorial Secondary School, Makeni
Date of Exam NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013

Result

Subject	Grade	Interpretation
Economics	C6(Six)	Credit
Geography	B3(Three)	Good
English Language	F9(Nine)	Fail
Mathematics	E8(Eight)	Pass
Agricultural Science	F9(Nine)	Fail
Biology	F9(Nine)	Fail
Chemistry	C6(Six)	Credit
Science	F9(Nine)	Fail
Physics	F9(Nine)	Fail

Subjects Listed ... 9

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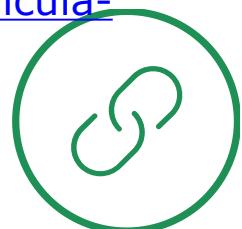
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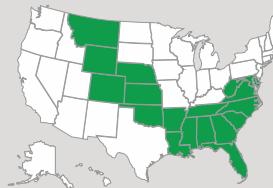
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