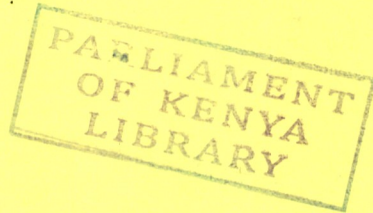


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## Chairman's Report

For the Year Ended 30th June 1985

The last examination for the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) was sat in November 1983. Due to the changeover from the 7-4-2-3 education system to the 8.4.4 system, one year passed before there could be a standard eight class preparing for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examination. Thus the first KCPE candidates were registered for the examination in the first half of the year 1985 and sat their examination in November 1985. Other school as well as Post-school examinations were conducted successfully.

The Council is grateful to the Police and Provincial Administration for providing security and transport which facilitated efficient conduct of examinations. The Council is also grateful to Provincial Education Officer, District, Municipal and City Education Officers and their officers who did a commendable job towards the successful local administration of the examinations. Last but not least, the Council would like to thank most sincerely, the teachers who marked the examinations during their school holidays.

### Kenya Junior Secondary Examination (KJSE)

#### Entry

A total of 20,055 candidates entered for the KJSE examination at the end of 1984. In 1983, 33,233 candidates entered for this examination. This represents a drop of 39.65% from 1983. The candidature for K.J.S.E. has been falling steadily over the last three years. This is accounted for by the fact that this examination is going to be phased out. Indeed, the 1985 K.J.S.E is the last one.

The breakdown of entry by girls and boys for the last three years was as follows:

	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
1982	17900	23941	41841
1983	13811	19422	33233
1984	8146	11909	20055

### Results

Out of 20,055 candidates who entered for K.J.S.E. in 1984, 3,452 (17.21%) passed. In 1983, 8,313 (25.01%) passed.

The table below shows the breakdown of passes by girls and boys for the last three years.

	GIRLS	BOYS
1982	2398 (13.40%)	7387 (30.86%)
1983	2055 (14.88%)	6258 (32.22%)
1984	708 ( 8.69%)	2744 (23.04%)

Boys performed better than girls. This has been the trend over the last three years.

### The Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE)

#### Introduction

The number of centres presenting candidates for the KCE examination in October/November 1984 increased by 98 from 1698 in 1983 to 1796 in 1984. Correspondingly, the number of candidates increased by 10256 from 109247 in 1983 to 119503 in 1984.

#### Examination Administration

The Kenya Certificate of Education was taken between October 23rd and November 26th. The supervision of both K.C.E. and K.A.C.E. which were conducted at the same time involved 6910 officers throughout the Republic.

In order to curb on examination irregularities, the Council implemented several measures during the 1984 examinations.

There is evidence to show that the measures paid dividends. In 1983, 60 centres were involved in examination irregularities. In 1984, only 50 centres were found to have been involved. There was a remarkable reduction in the number of candidates involved. In 1983, 946 candidates were involved in cheating and other irregularities. In 1984, only 302 candidates were involved.

Examination Performance

Again in 1984, as it has been the trend for the last four years, performance improved remarkably in 1984. The summary below shows performance for the last two years compared to 1984.

DIVISION	1982	1983	1984
1	2923 ( 2.83%)	3499 ( 3.20%)	4687 ( 3.92%)
2	10039 ( 9.73%)	11417 (10.43%)	15524 (12.99%)
3	23097 (22.39%)	25450 (23.30%)	31846 (26.65%)
4	34352 (33.30%)	36523 (33.43%)	37118 (31.06%)
Fail	32759 (31.75%)	32358 (29.62%)	30328 (25.38%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>103170</b>	<b>109247</b>	<b>119503</b>

A total of 52057 (43.56%) met the requirements for divisions 1, 2 and 3. In 1983, 40366 (36.95%) candidates obtained divisions 3 and above.

The majority of private schools continued to perform very poorly, showing lack of commitment on the part of the management of such schools to the proper education of those who pay heavily for very pathetic resources.

The Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (KACE)

In 1984, 17204 candidates sat for K.A.C.E. compared to 16436 candidates in 1983. This is an increase of 4.67% over 1983 candidature.

The K.A.C.E. examination was taken between 23rd October and 23rd November 1984. The marking of candidates' scripts started on 3rd December and by 4th January, most of the papers had been marked.



### Results

The table below shows the number of candidates who sat K.A.C.E. in 1984 and their achievement. The 1982 and 1983 summary is also shown for comparison.

	1984	1983	1982
3 Principals and above	2417 (10.05%)	2767 (16.83%)	2334 (14.75%)
2 Principals	3439 (19.99%)	3004 (18.28%)	2752 (17.40%)
1 Principal	3882 (22.56%)	3658 (22.26%)	3888 (24.58%)
Candidates	17204	16436	15820

### Post-Schools Technical Examinations

There were a total of 70 courses offered in the 1984 December series of Post-Schools Technical examinations.

- 18 Craft Courses
- 28 Technician Courses
- 8 Ordinary Diploma Courses
- 15 Higher Diploma Courses
- 1 Final Craft Course (Home Science)

A total of 2622 candidates registered for these examinations but only 2481 sat for all the papers they registered for. Others were either absent for one or more papers. The December series in 1983 had 2105 candidates.

### Examinations Administration

The administration of the papers for these examinations went on smoothly. There were no hitches or irregular practices found during the examination. The marking of candidates' scripts was also done without problems. Most of the scripts were marked by 28th January 1985.

Performance in the examination was as follows:

- 1485 (59.85) candidates passed
- 515 (20.76) candidates were referred



For the similar series in 1983, 46.84% of candidates passed and 24.32% were referred. Generally therefore, there was an improvement in performance in 1984 December series examinations compared to the performance in the December series, 1983.