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PRESS RELEASE: BGCSE 2010 EXAMINATION RESULTS OUT

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the 2010 Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) results. A total number of **29,363** candidates sat for the examinations compared to **31,468** in 2009. Out of the 29,363 candidates who sat for the 2010 examinations, **21,250** were from Government and Government-aided schools compared to **23,897** in 2009 while **2,361** were from Private Schools compared to **1,862** in 2009. There were **5,752** Private candidates compared to **5,709** in 2009. These statistics show a decrease in candidature across most of the syllabuses due to a decrease in the 2009 transition rate from junior secondary to senior secondary education.

Overall summary of the 2010 BGCSE results

- There was a decline in candidature across all syllabuses except Physical Education that was offered in 17 more centres.
- The number of grades that were C or better is **69,827 (32.76%)** out of **213,153** grades issued to all candidates for all syllabuses compared to **80,857 (34.75%)** out of **232,670** in 2009. This shows a drop of 1.99%. The results show a steady decline since 2006.
- The number of grades that were A or better is **7,181 (3.37%)** out of **213,153** grades issued to all candidates for all syllabuses compared to **8,751 (3.76%)** out of **232,670** in 2009. This shows a drop of **0.39%**.
- Science – Single Award, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Literature in English, Design and Technology and Computer Studies show an increase in performance at grades C or better compared to 2009.
- Mathematics, Development Studies, Geography, Social Studies, Accounting and Business Studies showed similar performance as in 2009.
- Performance in the following syllabuses has declined: Science –Double Award, English Language, Setswana, Human & Social Biology, History, Art & Design, Commerce, Agriculture, Fashion & Fabrics, Home Management, Food & Nutrition and Physical Education.

- **19 out of 28** of the government and government-aided schools have recorded a decline in performance at grades C or better; **7** show an increase and **2** have maintained the same performance as in 2009.

Candidates can get their results through the SMS technology by sending the following:

BGCSE space **CENTRE NUMBER** space **STUDENT NUMBER** to **71312285**, for example, **BGCSE BW800 0001**.

The results are also available from BEC website (www.bec.co.bw).

The results should have reached all senior secondary schools by Monday, 28th March 2011.

Candidates and members of the public are informed that the results cannot be obtained in person or by telephone from the Botswana Examinations Council.

School candidates should contact their respective School Heads for their results. Private Candidates who registered with BEC will receive their results through the post.

For further information please contact the BEC Public Relations Office at **3650700**.

Thank you.

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