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2021 JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (JCE) RESULTS RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2021** Junior Certificate Examination (JCE) Results. A total of **46 232** candidates sat for the examination showing an increase of about 5.35% in candidature compared to **43 883** candidates in **2020**.

There were **22 603 (48.9%)** male candidates and **23 629 (51.1%)** female candidates sitting for the 2021 Junior Certificate Examination.

The grades available at this level are on a pass scale of A - E where **Grades A to C** are credit grades and D to E are pass grades. The symbol **U** denotes failure to achieve the minimum requirements of Grade E and the symbol **X** denotes failure to meet minimum requirement for the award of a qualification.

Overall performance for **government schools** indicates that 83.7% of candidates obtained **Grades E or better (pass grades)** compared to 84.2% in 2020 indicating a slight decrease of 0.5%. The proportion of candidates obtaining **Grades C or better (credit grades)** is at 35.3% compared to 35.8% in 2020 representing a slight decline of 0.5%. This depicts a relatively similar cohort to that of the previous year.

Outstanding performance has been noted where **13 (thirteen)** candidates obtained **Merit** compared to 11 (eleven) in 2020, the highest number recorded since 2010. The 13 candidates are from 12 different examination centres across the country. Only one of the centres amongst the 12 had a Merit candidate in the previous year. This indicates that outstanding performance is randomly distributed across centres and regions.

Overall performance for all 2021 JCE candidates **which includes government schools, private schools and private candidates** indicates that 79.02% of candidates obtained **Grades E or better** (pass grades) compared to **80.72%** in 2020 showing a slight decline of 1.7%. The performance also indicates that **32.56%** of candidates obtained **Grades C or better (credit grades)** compared to **33.16%** in 2020 showing an insignificant decline of 0.6%.

Overall Performance

The overall pass rate for the 2021 JCE cohort is 79.02%.

The female candidates outperformed their male counterparts. Gender differential in favour of females is more evident at credit grades (C or better).

Performance at individual grades is as follows:

Merit	13 (Thirteen) candidates compared to 11 (Eleven) in 2020
Grade A	543 candidates (1.17%) compared to the 485 (1.11%) candidates in 2020
Grade B	4 176 candidates (9.03%) compared to 4 187 (9.54%) in 2020
Grade C	10 322 candidates (22.33%) compared to 9 865 (22.48%) in 2020
Grade D	15 367 candidates (33.24%) compared to 14 924 (34.01%) in 2020
Grade E	6 112 candidates (13.22%) compared to 5 947 (13.55%) in the previous year
Ungraded	6 744 (14.59%) candidates compared to 6 626 (15.10%) in 2020

This year, 2 955 at (6.39%) candidates compared to 1 838 at (4.19%) in 2020, did not meet minimum requirement for the award of a qualification and therefore denoted with an **X**.

Distribution of results will be done as follows:

1. Distribution to Centres: Centres will be given access to the system.
2. Distribution to Regional Offices: Regional Offices will access the results through the Malepa system.
3. Individual Candidates: Candidates will be able to access the results through the BEC Website as well as SMS. The How to Access results guidelines are available on the BEC Facebook Page Botswana Examinations Council, BEC Website www.bec.co.bw and BEC Twitter Account @Bots_Exams
4. Distribution to Ministry of Basic Education (MoBE): The results will be made available in book version hard copy and CDs with the reports on Analysis of Candidates' Performance.

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