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CONDUCT OF THE WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (WASSCE) FOR SCHOOL CANDIDATES, 2024 ENDS

The West African Examinations Council (WAEC) has successfully conducted the West African Senior School Certificate Examination for School Candidates, 2024. The examination which started on Monday, August 5, 2024 with the administration of Visual Art Project work ended on Friday, September 20, 2024. A total of 460,611 candidates made up of 212,954 males and 247,657 females, presented by 1,003 participating schools registered for the examination. The examination was administrated at 1,000 centres across the country.

MONITORING /GENERAL OBSERVATION

Staff of WAEC, monitoring agents recruited by the Council, Personnel of the National Intelligence Bureau, Ghana Police Service, National Security, the Ghana Education Service, GNAT and other security agencies monitored the examination across the country. Some Supervisors and Invigilators complied with the rules and regulations regarding the conduct of the examination. Most candidates also adhered to the Dos and Don'ts of the examination communicated to them during the sensitisation of candidates prior to the conduct of the examination.

EXAMINATION IRREGULARITIES

During the monitoring of the examination, the Council's inspectors observed a number of infractions on the part of some Supervisors, Invigilators and candidates. Some of the infractions recorded include:

- photocopying of answers and distribution of same to candidates;
- hiding of foreign material on candidates in the examination halls;
- smuggling of Mobile Phones into the examination halls by candidates and teachers;
- writing answers on boards for the candidates to copy;
- use of projectors to display answers on the board for candidates to copy;
- use of Mobile Phones to take snapshots of questions and posting of same on social media.

The Council will take appropriate action to ensure that all examination officials and stakeholders who were found culpable are sanctioned in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the rules and regulations governing the conduct of the examination.

CONCLUSION

The Council wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all stakeholders who blew the whistle on a number of institutions who planned to cheat during the examination and to reiterate its commitment to the conduct of credible examination at all levels despite the challenges. The Council is also appreciative of the support it received in various forms, especially from the Ghana Police Service, the National Intelligence Bureau, National Security and other concerned citizens who forwarded to the Council various reports in respect of the examination. WAEC recognises the immense efforts put in by a majority of Heads of School, Supervisors and Invigilators to safeguard the integrity of the examination, not forgetting the collaboration we continue to receive from the media.


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