End of Primary Benchmark

2017

Educational Assessment Unit
Directorate for Quality and Standards in Education
PURPOSES

• A benchmarking exercise at the end of the Primary Cycle

• Performance data used to inform pupils, parents & schools about the achievement of each learner
NATIONAL DATA

• A total of 91 schools participated (all 62 State schools, 22 Church schools and 7 Independent schools)

• 93.2% of all Year 6 students sat the 2016 End of Primary Benchmark

• 450 students benefitted from one or more access arrangements and 93 were exempted from all three subjects
National Statistics (2016)

The national median scores for the subjects were:

Malti - 73
English - 73
Mathematics - 78
End of Primary Benchmark 2017

Dates: 26th May – 2nd June 2017

26th May – Maltese Oral (Speaking) Component
29th May – English Oral (Speaking) Component
30th May – Maltese Writing & Maltese Reading
31st May – English Writing & English Reading
1st June – Maltese Listening & English Listening
2nd June – Mathematics (Mental & Written)
Second Session

- Mid-June (12 – 16th June 2017) after school hours
- Students whose schools did not participate in the first session
- Students who were sick for the first session
- Held in one central location – Malta and Gozo
Examination Details

- Speaking component marked by class teachers
- All other components centrally marked by two markers
- EAU sends marks to schools
- Schools post results to parents
All Benchmark Papers

- **Font Style**: Andika size 13 for all papers

THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG. The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.


- **Paper Colour**: Cream for all students
Maltese & English

- **It-Taħdit / Speaking**
  
  (10 minuti kull par)

- **Il-Fehim mis-Smigh / Listening**
  
  (30 minuta)

- **Il-Fehim mill-Qari / Reading**
  
  (50 minuta)

- **Il-Kitba / Writing**
  
  (60 minuta)

- **20 marka**

- **20 marka**

- **30 marka**

- **30 marka**
It-Tahdit / Speaking

- **It-Thejjija / Warmer:** The interlocutor will use simple questions to put students at ease

- **L-Intervista / Interview:** Questions about a single topic asked to each student

- **Żewġ eżerċizzi / Two tasks**
Two tasks

- Staqsini inti / Inverted interview
- Qabbel / Compare and contrast
- Stampa waĥda / Single picture
- Stampa storja / Picture story
- Stampa dwar tema / Thematic picture
Il-Fehim mis-Smigh / Listening

Two Listening Tasks:

- **Task 1:** One text or number of short texts (of about 300 words)
  e.g. dialogues, monologues, conversations, instructions, directions, descriptions, news bulletins including weather reports

- **Task 2:** Monologue, dialogue or conversation (of about 500 words)
Il-Fehim mis-Smīgh / Listening

• Questions test listening not writing skills

• Students listen twice to recording of both texts, including questions

• Students are given time to check answers
Fehim mill-Qari / Reading Comprehension

Two Reading Tasks:
• **Text 1**: short task

Students write words / numbers in spaces, underline, circle, tick, match, complete grids with information and label pictures or simple diagrams
Text 2: factual / literary text (of about 500 words)

Students answer a range of comprehension questions

Students **not penalised** if they write short answers. They do not need to write in full
Kitba / Writing

- **Short Writing Task**
  (50-60 words)  
  10 marks

- **Long Writing Task**
  (140-200 words)  
  20 marks

- Plan / Web  
  (2 marks)

- Writing  
  (18 marks)
Writing / Kitba

- **Task 1**: Choice of 1 out of 2 tasks of same text type
- **Task 2**: Choice of 1 out of 2 tasks of same text type
Mathematics

- **Mental Paper**
  (15 minutes)  
  20 marks

- **Written Paper**
  (1 hour 30 minutes)  
  80 marks
Mathematics – Mental Paper

• 20 short graded questions + Practice Question
• Read twice (Recorded on CD)
• Instructions in Maltese & English
• Questions in English
• Samples available on DCM website
MATHEMATICS – Written Paper

16 questions

- Q 1-4  4 marks each
- Q 5-12 5 marks each
- Q 13-16 6 marks each

Working space available on paper in questions that require working
More information

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