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 86 schools participated (all 62 State schools, 20 Church schools and 4 Independent schools)

• Approximately 85% of all Year 6 students sat the End of Primary Benchmark 2018

• 424 students benefitted from one or more access arrangements and 86 were exempted from all three subjects
National Statistics (2018)

The national median scores for the subjects were:

Malti    -  69
English  -  70
Mathematics  -  75
End of Primary Benchmark 2019

Dates: 24\textsuperscript{th} – 31st May 2019

24\textsuperscript{th} May – Mathematics (Mental & Written)
27\textsuperscript{th} May – Maltese Oral (Speaking) Component
28\textsuperscript{th} May – Maltese Listening, Writing & Reading
29\textsuperscript{th} May – School Day
30\textsuperscript{th} May – English Oral (Speaking) Component
31\textsuperscript{st} May – English Listening, Writing & Reading

New: A 5-minute period (prior examination) for the reading of the questions.
Maltese & English

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

- **Il-Fehim mis-Smigħ / Listening**
  (30 minuta)  
  20 marka

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

- **Il-Kitba / Writing**
  (60 minuta)  
  30 marka
It-Taħdit / 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**
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• Staqsini inti / Inverted interview
• Qabbel / Compare and contrast
• Stampa waħda / 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-Smigh / Listening

- Questions test listening not writing skills
- Students listen twice to recording of both texts, including questions
- Students are given time to check answers
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.
Fehim mill-Qari / Reading Comprehension

• **Text 2**: factual / literary text (of about 500 words)

Students answer a range of comprehension questions

Students **not penalised** for:
- short answers
- orthographical mistakes
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

- **Tasks 1 & 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)
- Instructions in Maltese & English
- Questions in English
- Samples available on DLAP website
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.

Working is to be shown on the paper.
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
Second Session

- Mid-June (10\textsuperscript{th} – 14\textsuperscript{th} June 2019) 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
More information

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