

PRIMARY SEVEN ENGLISH LESSON 26

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow correctly.

In Uganda, there are three national examinations written at three different levels. All these national examinations are set by the same body called Uganda National Examinations Board(UNEB). The people who look forward to writing any of these national examinations are called candidates. In the first level of education called primary, the national examination done is known as Primary Leaving Examination (PLE). This examination prepares primary children for the next level. This is simplest of all national examination since it comprises only 4 subjects but it is again the most feared. Children fear PLE just because it is always their first national examination.

The next level of education is called secondary. This is the one that succeeds the primary level. It comprises two sub-levels viz; O level and A level. At O level, the national examination done is called Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE). This is a bit more complicated than PLE since it involves 10 subjects.

At A level, the national examination done is Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE). It has fewer subjects than UCE but it is the hardest of all.

All these national examinations are usually done towards the end of the year. PLE is done first followed by UCE and then later UACE comes. After the candidates have written these national examinations, the national examinations are taken to different UNEB marking centres for marking. The marking is done by different teachers selected by UNEB and these selected teachers are called examiners.

Questions

1. What is the passage about?

2. How many national examinations are there in Uganda?

3. According to the passage, which body is responsible for setting national examinations?

4. Why do candidates fear PLE more than other national examinations?

5. Which national examination is written at O level?

6. How many more subjects are done in UCE than in PLE?

7. Who are candidates according to the passage?

8. Give another word or group of word to mean the same as:

I. comprises _____

II. selected _____

9. Suggest a suitable title to this passage.

10. When are the national examinations written?
