2015 Test Report

Of all 2015 FLPT examinees, 64% took the English test, 17% Japanese, 4% French, 5% German, and 10% Spanish (see Figure 1). The average age of the examinees was 30.3, with the oldest being 63 and the youngest 14 years of age. Over 80% of the examinees were between 20 and 39 years of age (see Figure 2). University students or graduates constituted 46% of the examinees, and 33% were graduate school students or graduates (see Figure 3). The male-female ratio was approximately 1:1.
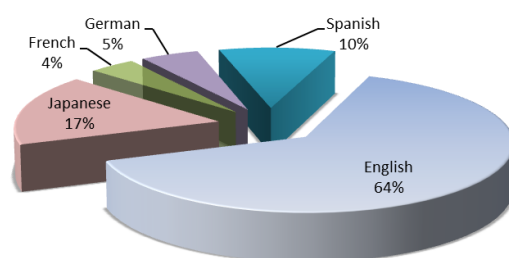
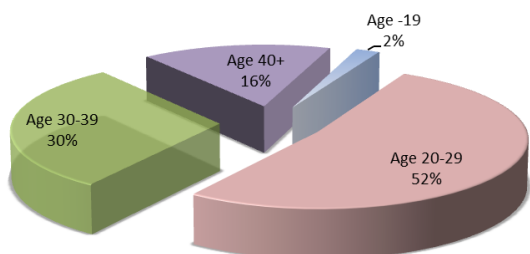Figure 1: Examinee distribution by language
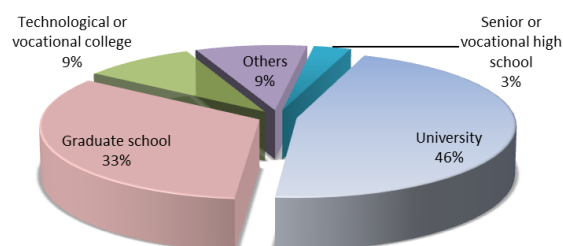
Figure 2: Examinee distribution by age

Figure 3: Examinee distribution by education level

- English Test

The average age of the examinees was 32.7, with the oldest one being 63 and the youngest 15 years of age. Nearly 80% were within the age range of 20~39 (see Figure 5). Graduate school students or graduates constituted 44% of the examinees, and 38% were university students or graduates (see Figure 6). The mean section scores on the English test were as follows: Listening 71, Usage 66, and Vocabulary and Reading 67. The mean band score achieved by examinees in the Oral test was S-2+, while the Writing test, which was first administered in 2014, had an average band score of C (see Table 2).

- Japanese Test

The average age of the examinees was 26.4, with the oldest being 63 and the youngest 14. Approximately 75% of the examinees were within the age range of 20~29 (see Figure 5). University students or graduates (59%) made up the majority of the examinees, followed by technological or vocational college students or graduates (16%) (see Figure 6). The mean

section scores were Listening 63, Usage 62, and Vocabulary and Reading 61. The mean band score achieved by examinees in the Oral test was S-2 (see Table 2).

• French Test

The average age of the examinees was 27.5, with the oldest being 51 and the youngest 20. Over 70% of the examinees were within the age range of 20~29 (see Figure 5). The examinees were mainly university students or graduates (55%) and graduate school students or graduates (30%) (see Figure 6). The mean section scores were Listening 51, Usage 52, and Vocabulary and Reading 50. The mean band score achieved by examinees in the Oral test was S-1+ (see Table 2).

• German Test

The average age of the examinees was 25.3, with the oldest being 53 and the youngest 14. Seventy-six percent of the examinees were within the age range of 20~29 (see Figure 5). The examinees were mainly university students or graduates (70%) and graduate school students or graduates (18%) (see Figure 6). The mean section scores were Listening 56, Usage 54, and Vocabulary and Reading 54. The mean band score achieved by examinees in the Oral test was S-1+ (see Table 2).

• Spanish Test

The average age of the examinees was 25.1., with the oldest being 50 and the youngest 14. Seventy-five percent of the examinees were within the age range of 20~29 (see Figure 5). Most examinees were university students or graduates (62%), followed by technological or vocational college students or graduates (20%) (see Figure 6). The mean section scores were Listening 52, Usage 51, and Vocabulary and Reading 51. The mean band score achieved by examinees in the Oral test was S-1+ (see Table 2).
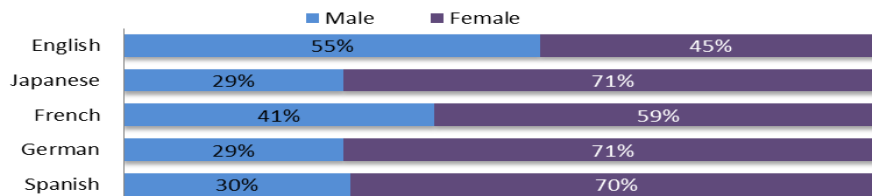

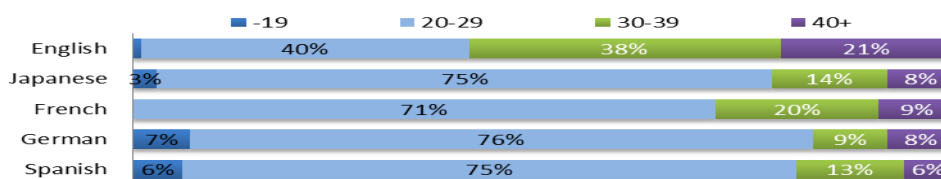
Figure 4: Examinee distribution by gender and language

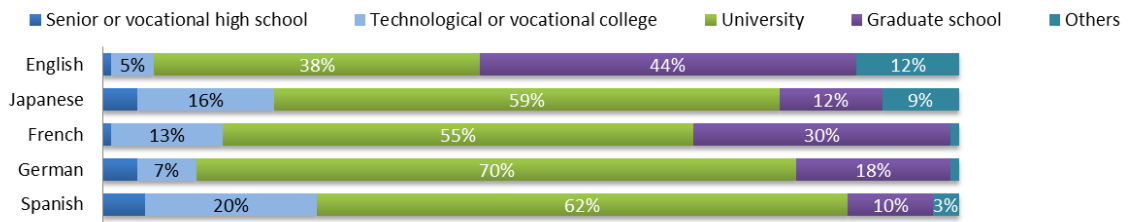Figure 5: Examinee distribution by age and language

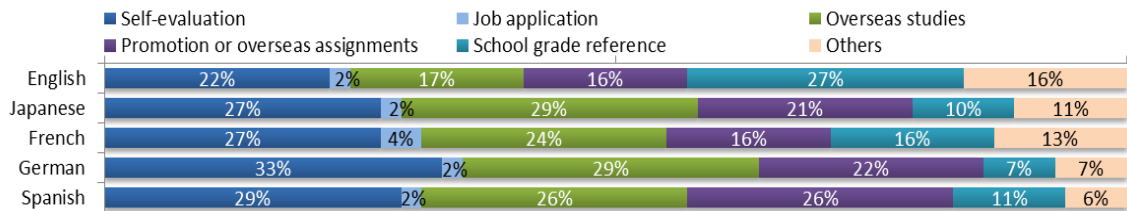Figure 6: Examinee distribution by education level and language

Figure7: Examinee distribution by purpose and language

Table 1: Examinee Distribution by Major

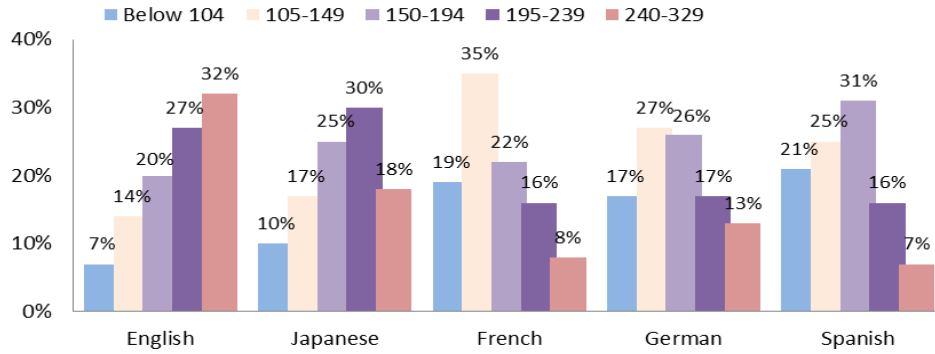| Major	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
English/TESOL	8%	5%	4%	7%	17%	8%
Other foreign languages (Japanese, French, German, Spanish)	1%	60%	45%	55%	50%	20%
Literature, History, Philosophy, Education	7%	3%	6%	3%	3%	6%
Tourism/Recreation/Catering Industry	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Social Studies, Economics, Psychology	4%	1%	6%	4%	1%	4%
Law, Politics	87%	6%	10%	13%	4%	7%
Business Management, Finance	14%	5%	9%	6%	8%	11%
Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, IT, Engineering	27%	6%	13%	5%	7%	20%
Medicine, Pharmacology, Public Health, Life Science	7%	0%	2%	2%	2%	5%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Others or unspecified	17%	12%	5%	5%	8%	13%

Figure 8: Distribution of total scores by language
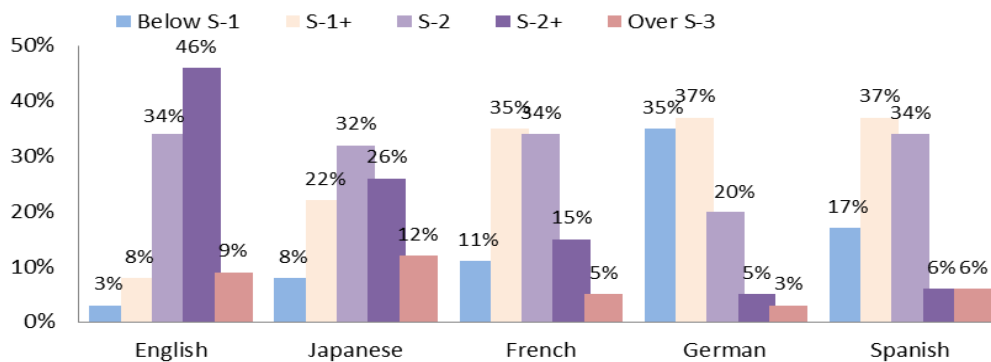(Listening, Usage, and Vocabulary & Reading)

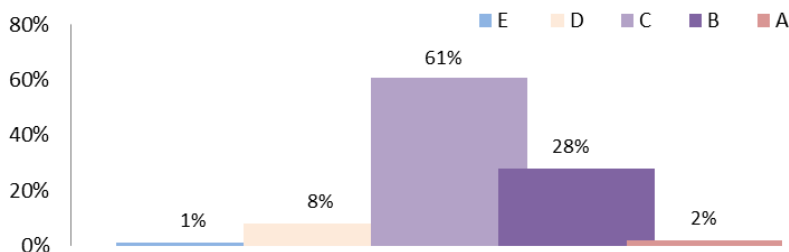Figure 9: Distribution of Oral test scores by language

Figure 10: Distribution of English Writing scores

Table 2: Examinee Distribution by Mean Score

Test Section	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish
Listening	71	63	51	56	52
Usage	66	62	52	54	51
Vocabulary & Reading	67	61	50	54	51
Oral test	S-2+	S-2	S-1+	S-1+	S-1+
Writing	C	---	---	---	---