

Score Data Summary for 2009 GEPT-Advanced

In 2009, the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) Advanced Level recognized 796 First Stage test takers and 304 Second Stage test takers. The First Stage average scores were 72.82 for the Listening Test and 69.34 for the Reading Test, with a passing rate of 32%. The Second Stage average band scores were 2.4 for the Writing Test and 3.0 for the Speaking Test, with a passing rate of 29% (Figure 1).

Analysis of test takers' background shows that 60% of the test takers were from northern Taiwan, 21% from the central region, and 19% from the southern region. The ratio of males to females was approximately 2:3. The average age of examinees was 27.8, while the oldest passing examinee was 49 years of age. Target test takers, that is, English majors at local universities, including graduates,

made up 36% of the population (Figure 3).

In terms of First Stage test scores, test takers from the northern region scored slightly higher than those from other regions on the Listening and Reading Tests (Figure 4). No gender difference was found in the Listening Test, but male examinees achieved slightly better scores than females on the Reading Test. In general, test takers over 15 years old performed better on Listening than on Reading (Figure 5).

As Second Stage test takers had been screened in the First Stage Tests, few score differences were found across regions, ages and education levels. Overall, examinees performed better on the Speaking Test than on the Writing Test (Figure 6).

Figure 1. Score distribution by test

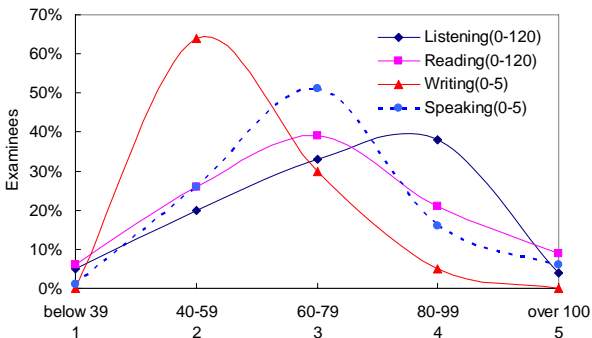


Figure 2. Examinee distribution by region

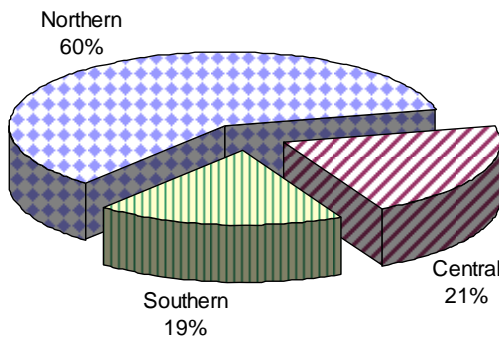


Figure 3. Examinee distribution by education

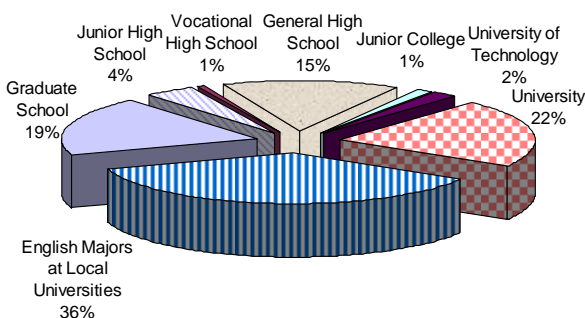


Figure 4. Scores by region

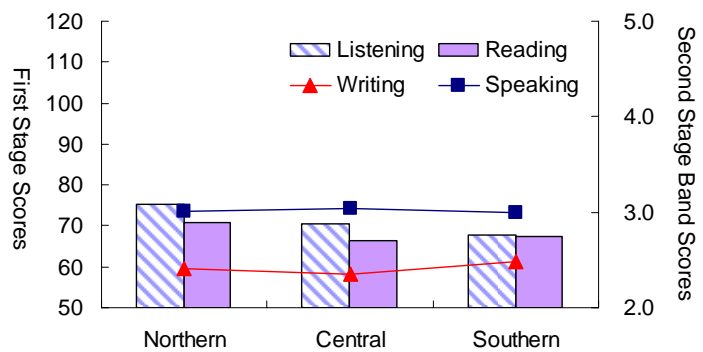


Figure 5. Scores by age

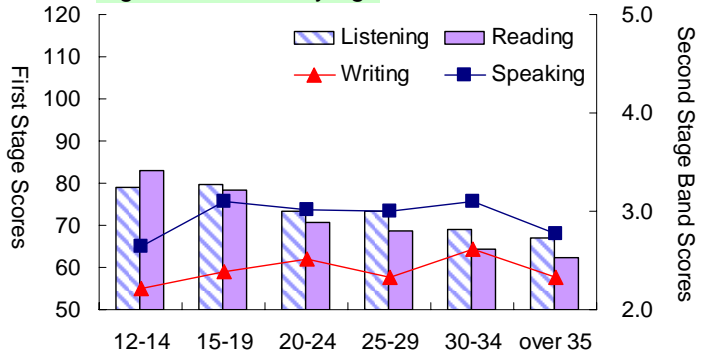


Figure 6. Scores by education level

