## Score Data Summary for 2013 GEPT

## I. Overview

In 2013, a total of 500,000 examinees took the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT). Approximately 310,000 examinees took the First Stage (Listening and Reading Tests) of GEPT at the Elementary, Intermediate, High-Intermediate, and Advanced Levels; 57\% of the total testing population took the Elementary Level; 34\% took the Intermediate Level; 9\% took the High-Intermediate Level; and 0.4\% took the Advanced Level. Approximately 190,000 examinees took the Second Stage Tests (Speaking and Writing Tests); 59\% took the Elementary Level; 34\% took the Intermediate Level; 7\% took the High-Intermediate Level; and $0.2 \%$ took the Advanced Level.


Pie Chart 1 First-stage-test examinee distribution by test le vel


Pie Chart 2 Second-stage-test examinee distribution by test level

Analysis of examinee demographics shows that $44 \%$ of all examinees were male and $56 \%$ were female (Table 1). Of these, $40 \%$ came from the northern region; $31 \%$ came from the central region; $26 \%$ came from the southern region; and $3 \%$ came from the eastern region and outlying islands (Table 2). The average age of the examinees was 16.7 while the oldest one was 81 years of age. More than half of the examinees were 15 to 19 years of age (Table 3). Of all examinees, $50 \%$ had graduated from junior high
school; $25 \%$ from general high school; and $9 \%$ from college or above (Table 4).
II. Summary by level

At the Elementary Level, $44 \%$ of the examinees were male and $56 \%$ were female. The average age of examinees was 15.4 while the oldest examinee was 80 years of age. Junior high school students and graduates made up the largest group of examinees ( $71 \%$ ), and vocational high school students and graduates were the second largest group (14\%). The average scores for the First Stage were 83.37 for the Listening Test and 79.80 for the Reading Test, with a passing rate of $52 \%$. The average band scores for the Second Stage were 3.7 for the Writing Test and 3.7 for the Speaking Test, with a passing rate of $53 \%$. The oldest passing examinee was 58 years of age.

At the Intermediate Level, the male-female ratio was approximately $2: 3$. The average age of examinees was 17.8 while the oldest examinee was 81 years of age. General high school students and graduates made up the largest group of examinees (49\%), and junior high school students and graduates were the second largest group (23\%). The average scores for the First Stage were 80.83 for the Listening Test and 75.36 for the Reading Test, with a passing rate of $43 \%$. The average band scores for the Second Stage were 3.5 for the Writing Test and 3.6 for the Speaking Test, with a passing rate of $31 \%$. The oldest passing examinee was 64 years of age.

At the High-Intermediate Level, $45 \%$ of the examinees were male and 55\% were female. The average age of examinees was 21.0 while the oldest examinee was 78 years of age. General high school students and graduates made up the largest group of examinees (42\%), and local university students and graduates were the second largest group (36\%). The average scores for the First Stage were 78.03 for the Listening Test and 78.61 for the Reading Test, with a passing rate of $44 \%$. The average band scores for the Second Stage were 3.5 for the Writing Test and 3.6 for the Speaking Test, with a passing rate of $26 \%$. The oldest passing examinee was 60 years of age.

At the Advanced Level, the male-female ratio was approximately 2:3. The average age of examinees was 26.3 while the oldest examinee was 66 years of age. The largest group of examinees (60\%) was made up of local university students and graduates, overseas university students and graduates, and students who were attending or had completed graduate school either locally or overseas. General high school students and graduates were the second largest group (25\%). The average scores for the First Stage were 73.20 for the Listening Test and 65.06 for the Reading

Test, with a passing rate of $26 \%$. The average band scores for the Second Stage were 2.2 for the Writing Test and 2.7 for the Speaking Test, with a passing rate of $19 \%$. The oldest passing examinee was 54 years of age.

Table 1
Examinee distribution by gender

| Gender | Elementary | Intermediate | High-Intermediate | Advanced | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | $44 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Female | $56 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $56 \%$ |

Table 2
Examinee distribution by region

| Region | Elementary | Intermediate | High-Intermediate | Advanced | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Northern | $37 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Central | $31 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Southern | $28 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Eastern | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | ---- | $3 \%$ |
| Outlying Islands $0 \%$ $1 \%$ | --- | ---- | $0 \%$ |  |  |

Table 3
Examinee distribution by age

| Age | Elementary | Intermediate | High-Intermediate | Advanced | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $12 \sim 14$ | $50 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| $15 \sim 19$ | $46 \%$ | $77 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| $20 \sim 24$ | $2 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| $25 \sim 29$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| $30 \sim 34$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| $35 \sim 39$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| $40 \sim 44$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Above 45 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Average | 15.4 | 17.8 | 21.0 | 26.3 | 16.7 |
| Age of the oldest | 4 | 80 | 81 | 78 | 66 |
| examinee |  |  |  | 81 |  |

Table 4
Examinee distribution by education level

| Education Level | Elementary | Intermediate | High-Intermediate | Advanced | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Junior high school | $71 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Vocational high | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| school | $9 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| General high school | $9 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Junior college | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| University of <br> technology | $2 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Local university <br> Local graduate <br> school | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Overseas university | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Overseas graduate <br> school | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

Table 5
Average score by test \& level

| Test | Elementary | Intermediate | High-Intermediate | Advanced |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Listening | 83.37 | 80.83 | 78.03 | 73.20 |
| Reading | 79.80 | 75.36 | 78.61 | 65.06 |
| Passing rate | $52 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Writing | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.2 |
| Speaking | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 2.7 |
| Passing rate | $53 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Age of the oldest passing | 58 | 64 | 60 | 54 |

