

Score Data Summary for 2014 GEPT

I. Overview

In 2014, an analysis of each level of the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) showed that 55% of the total test taking population took the First Stage (Listening and Reading Tests) of the Elementary Level; 35% took the Intermediate Level; and 10% took the High-Intermediate or Advanced Level (see Figure 1). As for the Second Stage (Speaking and Writing Tests), 58% took the Elementary Level; 34% took the Intermediate Level; and 8% took the High-Intermediate or Advanced Level (see Figure 2).

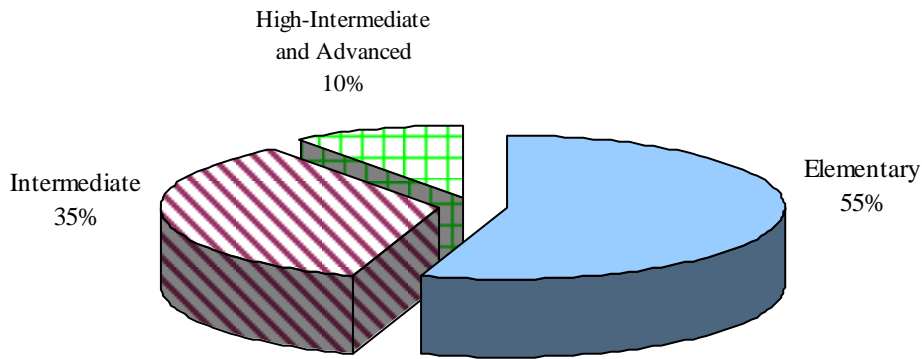


Figure 1 First-stage-test examinee distribution by test level

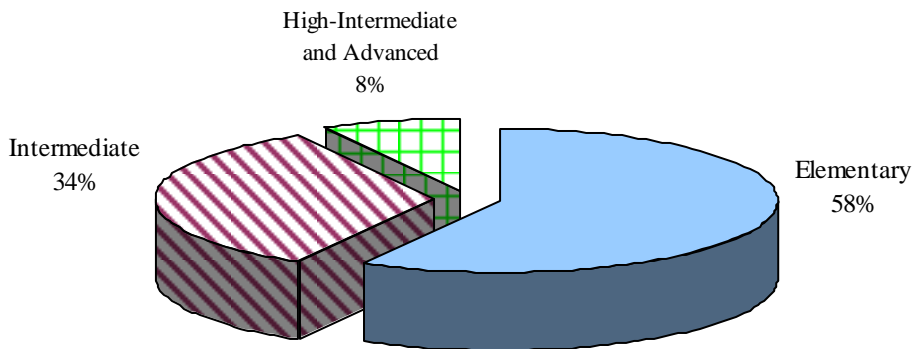


Figure 2 Second-stage-test examinee distribution by test level

An analysis of examinee background shows that the average age of the examinees

was 16.5, with the oldest being 79 years of age, and 58% of the examinees being between 15 and 19 years of age (see Table 1). Of all examinees, 50% had graduated from junior high school; 37% from senior high school; and 13% from college or above (see Table 2). Of these, 39% came from the northern region; 31% from the central region; 25% from the southern region; and 5% came from the eastern region, outlying islands or China (see Table 3). Furthermore, 43% of all examinees were male, and 57% were female (see Table 4).

II. Summary by level

At the Elementary Level, the average age of examinees was 15.1, with the oldest being 78 years of age. Junior high school students and graduates made up the largest group of examinees (74%), and vocational high school students and graduates were the second largest group (12%). The average scores for the First Stage were 82.15 for the Listening Test and 78.94 for the Reading Test, with a passing rate of 50%. The average band scores for the Second Stage were 3.7 for both the Writing Test and the Speaking Test, with a passing rate of 53%. The oldest passing examinee was 71 years of age.

At the Intermediate Level, the average age of examinees was 17.6, with the oldest being 64 years of age. Senior 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 81.04 for the Listening Test and 76.48 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 32%. The oldest passing examinee was 59 years of age.

At the High-Intermediate Level, the average age of examinees was 20.6, with the oldest being 79 years of age. Senior high school students and graduates made up the largest group of examinees (47%), and local university students and graduates were the second largest group (33%). The average scores for the First Stage were 78.54 for the Listening Test and 78.88 for the Reading Test, with a passing rate of 46%. The average band scores for the Second Stage were 3.5 for both the Writing Test and the Speaking Test, with a passing rate of 31%. The oldest passing examinee was 59 years of age.

At the Advanced Level, the average age of examinees was 24.8 while the oldest examinee was 67 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. Senior high school students and graduates were the second largest group (28%). The average scores for the First Stage were 73.35 for the Listening Test and 65.50 for the Reading Test, with a passing rate of 39%. 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 17%. The oldest passing examinee was 41 years of age.

Table 1
Examinee distribution by age

Age	Elementary	Intermediate	High-Intermediate	Advanced	Total
12~14	52%	11%	3%	3%	33%
15~19	45%	77%	62%	37%	58%
20~24	1%	9%	20%	22%	6%
25~29	0%	1%	5%	10%	1%
30~34	0%	1%	4%	11%	1%
35~39	0%	0%	3%	8%	1%
40~44	0%	0%	2%	5%	1%
Above 45	0%	1%	2%	4%	1%
Average	15.1	17.6	20.6	24.8	16.5
Age of the oldest examinee	78	64	79	67	79

※Due to the rounding of figures, totals in these tables may not add up to 100%.

Table 2
Examinee distribution by highest education level achieved

Highest level of education achieved	Elementary	Intermediate	High-Intermediate	Advanced	Total
Junior high school	74%	23%	6%	7%	50%
Vocational high school	12%	12%	3%	1%	11%
Senior high school	8%	49%	47%	28%	26%
Junior college	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
University of technology	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Local university	1%	12%	33%	32%	8%
Local graduate school	0%	1%	6%	21%	1%
Overseas university	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Overseas graduate school	0%	0%	1%	5%	0%

Table 3
Examinee distribution by region

Region	Elementary	Intermediate	High-Intermediate	Advanced	Total
Northern	36%	42%	53%	55%	39%
Central	31%	33%	26%	25%	31%
Southern	29%	22%	19%	20%	25%
Eastern	4%	3%	2%	0%	4%
Outlying Islands & China	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%

Table 4
Examinee distribution by gender

Gender	Elementary	Intermediate	High-Intermediate	Advanced	Total
Male	44%	42%	44%	42%	43%
Female	56%	58%	56%	58%	57%

Table 5
Average score by test & level

Test	Elementary	Intermediate	High-Intermediate	Advanced
Listening	82.15	81.04	78.54	73.35
Reading	78.94	76.48	78.88	65.50
Passing rate	50%	43%	46%	39%
Writing	3.7	3.5	3.5	2.2
Speaking	3.7	3.6	3.5	2.7
Passing rate	53%	32%	31%	17%
Age of the oldest passing examinee	71	59	59	41