PRESS STATEMENT ON THE ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL JUNE 2020 EXAMINATIONS

The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education would like to congratulate the Zimbabwe School Examinations Council (ZIMSEC) and its stakeholders on successfully conducting the June 2020 Ordinary and Advanced level examinations.

The examinations were written from Tuesday the 30th of June 2020 until Thursday the 23rd of July 2020. ZIMSEC successfully set, printed and distributed the examination materials to all centres without delays or incidents.

The examinations were held under strict guidelines from the Ministry of Health and Child Care as well as the World Health Organisation on mitigating against the spread of Covid-19 pandemic. Schools received thermometers for screening, while learners were allocated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), that is; face masks and hand sanitisers. Social distancing was firmly enforced during the examinations by the centre heads and invigilators.

The assistance from the national Covid-19 response taskforce, tertiary education institutions, corporate partners and other stakeholders who generously donated thermometers, sanitisers and face masks to complement the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education and ZIMSEC’s efforts to protect the candidates and staff from the spread of the virus during the examinations ensured that the examinations were held without incident. We say thank you, siyabonga, tinotenda.
We would like to appreciate those who administered the ZIMSEC June Examinations at the schools, in particular the school/centre heads and the invigilators who remained professional and efficient despite the difficult operating environment posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Extended gratitude goes to some centres which were not originally examination centres but stood in for schools which are being used as Government quarantine centres. Great applause goes to these centres for swiftly rising to the occasion and ensuring that the examinations were successfully undertaken.

We continue to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for all the hard work and efforts of the heads and teachers in ensuring the successful sitting of the June 2020 examinations.

The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education strives to provide equitable, quality, inclusive, relevant and competence driven Primary, Secondary and Non-formal education with the focus being to be the leading provider of 21st century inclusive quality education for socio-economic transformation.

We are grateful for the continued guidance and support of His Excellency, The President, Cde. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, as we endeavor to provide a wholesome education for all Zimbabweans during and beyond this Covid-19 pandemic.

I thank you.

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