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2007 EXAMINATIONS

Students at Secondary Schools began writing practical examinations on Monday, April 30. Examinations in theoretical subjects will continue until the end of June 2007.

<u>Examinations</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
Caribbean Secondary Entrance Certificate, CSEC	29,928
Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination, CAPE	7,910
Cambridge Examinations	5,503.

Students in our Primary Schools will write the **National Test** on June 26 and the **Primary School Leaving Examination** on June 28-29, 2007. On March 27, approximately 17,812 students wrote the **Secondary Entrance Assessment, SEA**. The National Test is an annual examination of Language Arts and Mathematics that is administered to the students of Standard One and Three in both public and private schools in Trinidad and Tobago. Apart from identifying areas of the education system that require further investigation, the National Test provides the Ministry of Education with information for decision-making at the national, district and school levels. Four levels of performance – Level 1 (Below Basic), Level 2 (Basic) Level 3 (Proficient) and Level 4 (Advanced) are provided.

Senator Hazel Manning, Minister of Education, in a Message to all students writing examinations, said “students have every reason to feel confident and optimistic, for each one of you have done outstandingly well and should be justly proud. Do not forget that parents, teachers, and other members of the community through their support and

encouragement have nurtured your achievements. It would be good for you to remember that other people often care about your achievements more than you may realise.”

The Minister acknowledged all those who confront the challenge of assessment, those who teach them and those who support, nurture and care for them. Equally significant for all at the Ministry of Education, the Minister celebrated the pride of place of education and all that it means to us as a nation.

Senator Manning extends her appreciation to all Ministry of Education personnel, including examination supervisors, centre managers, testers, monitors, school supervisors, facilitators and the several technical teams at the Ministry and at CXC in Barbados who plan, administer and conduct the various examinations.



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