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#### **FOREWORD**

The examiners' report on the performance of the candidates in Communication skills subject in the Diploma in Secondary Education Examination (DSEE) 2014, was prepared to provide a feedback to student teachers, tutors, parents, policy makers and the public in general on the candidates' performance and the challenges that they face in attempting examination questions.

The Diploma in Secondary Education Examination marks the end of two years of diploma course. It is a summative evaluation on which among other things, reveals the effectiveness of the teaching and learning process at the end of the course.

The candidates responses to the examination questions is a strong indicator of what the education system was able or unable to offer to the student teachers in their two years of studies. This report is intended to contribute towards understanding of possible reasons behind the candidates' responses in Communication skills subject. It shows the factors that made the candidates fail to score high marks in the questions. Such factors include failure to understand the needs of the question, lack of knowledge on the concepts related to the subject and inability to follow examination instructions.

The feedback provided will enable the educational administrators, college managers, tutors, student teachers and other stakeholders to think of proper measures to be taken in order to improve the candidates performance in future examinations administered by the council. The National Examinations Council of Tanzania will highly appreciate comments and suggestions from all education stakeholders that can be used in improving future examiners' reports.

Lastly, the council would like to thank the examination officers, examiners and all who participated in processing and analyzing the data used in this report.

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the performance of the candidates, who sat for Diploma for Secondary Education Examination in May, 2014 which focused on testing the candidates' competences in communication theory, reference skills, oral presentation, reading skills, writing skills, vocabulary and structure. The report shows how those candidates performed in each question.

The DSEE Communication Skills examination paper consisted of two sections A and B with a total of 18 questions set according to the 2009 syllabus and the respective examination format. The duration of the examination paper was three hours. Section A was comprised of ten (10) compulsory questions and the total marks for this section was forty (40), while section B consisted of eight (8) essay questions each carrying fifteen marks and the candidates were required to answer four (4) questions only, making a total of sixty (60) marks for this section.

The number of candidates, who sat for this examination in May, 2014 was 6034 and their performance has been shown in table 1.

**Table 1:** Candidates' pass grades in DSEE Communication skills examination May, 2014.

Grade	A	В	C	D	F
Number of	О3	111	3403	2320	197
candidates					

The analysis of candidates' performance in this report is organized in such a way that each individual item is presented by indicating the percentage of candidates who attempted the question and the percentage of candidates who scored various marks based on their responses. Samples of extracts of candidates' responses are presented as evidence of how the candidates responded in regard to the demands of the question.

The following sections present the analysis of the candidates' responses and extracts obtained from the candidates' examination scripts.

## 2.0 ANALYSIS OF THE CANDIDATES PERFORMANCE PER QUESTION

## 2.1 SECTION A: OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

There were ten compulsory questions in this section composed from various topics of the syllabus, each carrying 04 marks, making a total of 40 marks.

#### 2.1.1 Question 1: Reference Skills

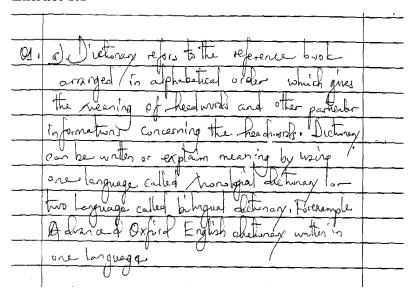
In this question, the candidates were required to define the following terms:

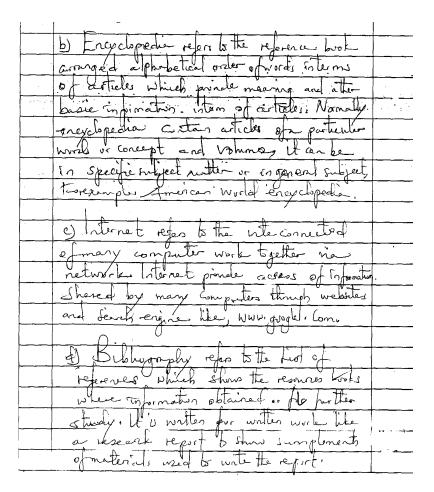
- (a) Dictionary (b) Encyclopaedia (c) Internet and
- (d) Bibliography.

The question was attempted by 6034 candidates (99.0%) of which 5,404 candidates (89.6%) had their scores ranging from 2 to 4 marks, indicating an excellent performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who scored high marks were able to include all the important elements needed in the definitions of the terms as follows: Dictionary is a book containing words of a language arranged alphabetically with their meanings in one different languages, and sometimes pronunciations. grammatical labels. inflections and etymologies while Encyclopaedia is a reference book containing information on every branch of knowledge, or on one particular branch, usually arranged in an alphabetical order. Extract 1.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who wrote the definitions with clear examples.

Extract 1.1





Extract 1.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who answered the question correctly, an indicator that he/she had adequate knowledge on the topic of reference skills.

However, there were 630 candidates (10.4%) who scored from 0 to 1.5 marks, indicating unsatisfactory performance. The candidates in this category failed to define the given words in a correct way in such a way that some words were not explained correctly and some were explained partially with no examples. Extract 1.2 is a sample of a response of a candidate who failed to answer that question correctly.

#### Extract 1.2

1	al. Dictionary - Ic the lamb which airs
<b></b>	al. Dictionary-Is the book which give Information about the word.
<u> </u>	THE MILLY ACCOUNT THE CONT.
<u></u>	bl. they doping - is the book which give
	b). Encyclopia - Is the book which give Information about subject matter
L	
	W. Internet - 1s the interpretation where of
	electronia
	dl. Bibliography is the dictiony which is transleted in English and swahili
	transleted in English and Swahili

Extract 1.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who failed to define correctly the terms given in question 1 (a) - (d).

#### 2.1.2 Question 2: Structure

In this question, the candidates were required to rewrite correctly the two sentences given and provide a reason for each sentence for being incorrect.

The incorrect sentences were:

- (a) One of the shops in our street close late.
- (b) The smell of the oranges are refreshing.

This question was attempted by 6034 candidates (99.0%) of which 5,455 candidates (90.4%) scored from 0 to 1.5 marks, with 4965 candidates (82.3%) scoring a 0 mark, indicating an unsatisfactory performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses showed that most candidates, who failed to provide reasons which made those sentences wrong, failed to write those sentences correctly, as shown in Extract 2.1.

#### Extract 2.1

2. @ In our street one of the chop clase last	
(b) Are oranges the represhing of the smell,	

Extract 2.1 shows that the candidate lacked knowledge of 'subject-verb agreement', as a result he/she just copied the sentence in (a), while in (b) he/she wrote a meaningless sentence not related to the requirements of the question.

On the other hand, only 579 candidates (0.6%) had their scores ranging from 2 to 4 marks. These candidates managed to identify exactly why those sentences were wrong. The candidates in this category were able to recall the rule of 'subject-verb-agreement'. Extract 2.2 is a sample answer from one of these candidates.

Extract 2.2

L Street	
2nd Tacarreat: One of the shops in our villed	close
late	
Correct: One of the shops in our street	closs
late	
Reason: Because the sentince states about	
Pusent and third personal singular,	50
our verb should carry "es" mis" of	1 the
end.	
b/ The small of the Oranges are refreshing	19.
(incorrect)	
Correct: The small of the oranges is refe	eshing.
Reason: The form of the verb should be just	(90 से
by the subject and the subject of our se	ntence
by the subject and the subject of our se is "The small of the branges" not "orange	

Extract 2.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who had a good understanding of structure topic based on 'subject-verb agreement'.

#### 2.1.3 **Question 3: Oral Presentation**

The candidates were required to differentiate between two terms, *conversation* and *speech* by using two points.

The question was attempted by 6,034 candidates (99.0%) of which 4,598 (76.2%) had their scores ranging from 2 to 4 marks, indicating a good performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses showed that most candidates who answered this question correctly showed a good understanding of the concepts as they were able to differentiate the terms as follows; conversation can be a dialogue between two people or more while in speech one person addresses a number of people. Also, a conversation can be of non-specific topic while in speech there should be a specific topic. Lastly, conversation use informal language while in speech formal language is used. This is illustrated in Extract 3.1.

#### Extract 3.1

3. Monuers atron-refers to unorganized informal excha-	
rye of ideas while speech news to a some talk definered is informal or formal occasions	
talk deflured is informal or tomal occarion	
S. 0	
(i) Con versation does not need preparation beca-	
need preparation because there is spentic	
need preparation because there is spenie	
lopic.	

Extract 3.1 shows a sample of response of a candidate who answered the question as required.

However, 1,436 candidates (23.8%) scored from 0 to 1.5 marks, because they failed to differentiate the terms *conversation* and *speech* correctly. Extract 3.2 is a sample of a response of one candidate who misunderstood the concepts of the terms, and therefore explained the terms wrongly.

#### Extract 3.2

_3	. Differ from the Meaning: Conversation means
	new works are formed without adding the any
	affixes to a word base, while speech refers
	to what people can talking or saying.
	b). Conversation is a one process of works
	while speech is not a process of words.

Extract 3.2 shows a sample of response of a candidate who failed to differentiate the terms 'conversation' and 'speech' correctly.

## 2.1.4 Question 4: Theory of Communication

In this question, the candidates were required to outline four causes of barriers to communication.

This question was attempted by 6,033 candidates (98.9%) of which 5,592 candidates (92.7%) scored from 2 to 4 marks, indicating an excellent performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who scored high marks understood the requirement of the question and provided correct response by outlining the causes of barriers to communication such as physical barriers like noise, poor choice of media, psychological barriers like hunger and anger, use of difficult language and inattentiveness of communicators just to mention a few. Extract 4.1 is a sample of a response of a candidate from this category.

#### Extract 4.1

1) Low voice of the reader may leads	
to Incomprehensibility to the lestener	
(11) Incorrect use of puntuation marks of	
the reader leads to Incomprehensibility	
to the lictoners	
(11) poor pronunciations of the words of	
the reader leads to incompreus builty	
to the listeners.	

Extract 4.1 shows a sample of a good response. This candidate had a good understanding on barriers to communication.

On the other hand, only 441 candidates (7.3%) scored from 0 to 1.5 marks. Those candidates failed to outline correctly the barriers to communication. The candidates in this category had inadequate knowledge on barriers to communication and in some cases they wrote meaningless sentences. A sample response from one of those candidates is shown in Extract 4.2.

#### Extract 4.2

His Disturbance in transmission channels example	
rain, and thunder.	
(ii) Different reception of reality.	
find ong type of language	
(is) fremature evaluation of information.	
, ,	ļ

In Extract 4.2 the candidate wrote what he/she suggested as barriers to communication, an indicator that he/she had inadequate knowledge on barriers to communication.

### 2.1.5 Question 5: Vocabulary

In this question, the candidates were given four phrasal prepositional verbs in order to construct one meaningful sentence, for each of the phrasal verbs. The phrasal verbs were: (a) called off (b) called up (c) hand in and (d) hand over.

This question was attempted by 6,034 candidates (99.0%) of which 5,900 candidates (97.8%) had their scores ranging from 0 to 1.5 marks, with 5,102 candidates (84.6%) scoring a 0 mark, indicating unsatisfactory performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' response indicated that those who performed unsatisfactorily in this question did not have good knowledge in phrasal verbs. Some candidates did not know the meanings of those words, and this is revealed by the sentences which they constructed. Extract 5.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who failed to construct meaningful sentences using the phrasal verbs given.

#### Extract 5.1

5	(d) The man is hand over
	(6) Asha is called off
	(a) Asha is called off,
	(b) Bakari is called up
	(c) Amina is hand in

Extract 5.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who failed completely to construct meaningful sentences using the phrasal verbs given.

However, a few candidates (2.2%) scored from 2 to 4 marks in this question. The candidates who performed well in this question had a good understanding of the given phrasal verbs hence they constructed grammatical sentences. Examples of correct sentences could be:

- (a) The meeting was called off at 6.30 pm.
- (b) Mbwana Sammatta has been called up to join the National team.
- (c) The Tumaini University graduands were supposed to hand in their research report in May 2014.
- (d) The retired Headmaster handed over the school to the Second master.

Extract 5.2 is a sample of a response of a candidate who demonstrated good understanding of the prepositional phrasal verbs given.

#### Extract 5.2

5. @ called off; Minister of education and his	3
5. @ called off; Minister of education and his assistant called off a meeting	
	1
b) Called up! Those student who performed in form four examination, were called up if soin Diploma in Teaching.	well
in form four examination, were called up	<del> </del>
soin Diploma in Teaching.	
(c) Hand in: The outgoing president was a by academic twitor to hand in the files the was given last year.	alled
by academic tritor to hand in the files the	2 <del>)</del>
was given last year.	
(d) Hand over: The "casfeta" members, are to make their handove party on monday.	going
to make their handover party on monday.	y 5
	1

In Extract 5.2, the candidate showed a good understanding of the prepositional phrasal verbs that helped in constructing correct sentences.

## 2.1.6 Question 6: Vocabulary

The candidates were required to identify the appropriate ways used in the formation of the words: (a) Illogical (b) Blood test (c) Fridge and (d) Interpol.

This question was attempted by 6,034 candidates (99.0%) of which 4,284 (71%) scored from 2 to 4 marks, indicating a good performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who scored high marks were able to identify appropriate ways used in the formation of the provided words. For example, the word Interpol has been formed through blending; it means that at least one of the elements of two bases is fragmented and joined (blended) together to form a new word. Illogical has been formed through affixation whereby 'il' is a negative prefix which means 'not'. Hence, illogical means not logical. Extract 6.1 shows a sample of a good response.

#### Extract 6.1

6-	Appropriate waxs used in the operation of the	
	tollowing words.	
	a) Illegical - Through affixation. (Il logical - prefix).	×
ļ	1) Blood led I and company of a sugar	
	6) Blood test - through compounding wans combining two bases to trim	
	combining two bases to prim  one word nears blood + test =	
	bloo test (liquid form).	
-	c) Fridge - through clipping; means reduct	
	words from begin and last in	<u> </u>
	order to get form a word.	
•	ike Intridge rator to get tièlge.	
••••	d) Interpol - through blending, means to use	
	two words to formulate on word.	
	Example International + Police Hation to	
	get Interpol	

Extract 6.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who understood the question and was able to give correct information.

On the other hand, 1,750 candidates (29.0%) had their scores ranging from 0 to 1.5 marks. The candidates in this category failed to identify the appropriate ways used in the formation of the words Illogical, blood test, fridge and Interpol while others tried to explain the meaning of those words contrary to the requirements of the question. Extract 6.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who failed to comprehend the requirement of the question.

#### Extract 6.2

6. @ Illogical, Refers to the any word the herve not mean's connection between the word talking and meaning,	
herve not moon connection between the	
word talking and meaning,	
OBlood frest, Refer to the treat of which done in the Stomach dunk of the diegition taking place.	
of which done in the Stomach during	
of the diegition taking place.	
Olssed in the blending word	
(d) Interpol - Interpressonal	

Extract 6.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who gave the meaning of the words instead of identifying the appropriate ways used in the formation of those words.

#### 2.1.7 Question 7: Structure

The candidates were required to explain four uses of the definite article 'the' by using examples.

The question was attempted by 6,034 candidates (99.0%) of which 2,950 candidates (48.9%) had their scores ranging from 2 to 4 marks, indicating a satisfactory performance in this question.

It was observed that the candidates who performed well in this question were able to explain the uses of the article 'the', for example when reference is made to an institution shared by community, like, the radio and the television. The article can also be used when the object or group of objects is the only that exists like the world, the moon, the sun just to mention a few. Extract 7.1 is a sample of a response in this category.

#### Extract 7.1

7 Uses of article "the"
is It is used when you mertian something
for the sicond time:
Example In our home we have a cat and
adog, but I like the dog than the at
In It is used before unique things.
example; The moon, the sun, he Good
- In It used when you mention an
Institution of member of community.
institution of member of Community.
institution of member of Community.  example: The parliament, the cabinet
institution of member of community.  example: The parliament; the cabinet.
institution of member of community.  example: The parliament, the cabinet.  In it is used before superation form of
institution of member of community.  example: The parliament; the cabinet.

Extract 7.1 shows a sample answer from one of the candidates who answered the question correctly indicating that he/she had adequate knowledge on the uses of definite article 'the'.

However, 3,084 candidates (51.1%) failed to explain correctly the uses of the definite article "the", an indicator that 'structure' topic is very challenging to most learners of Communication skills. Extract 7.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who encountered difficulties in explaining the uses of the definite article 'the'.

#### Extract 7.2

07: L	ling example explain tour uses of the definite	
a	Wing example explain tour uses of the definite	
	i= It use to show the capital city.	
	for example: The African country.	
\ <u>'</u>	- The Tanzanian, the Kempai	
u	- It use to show the nouns	
1	for example - The best The John.	· .
	the tallest	<u> </u>
ļ.,.		
l u	i. If use to show the profferrional work.	
<u> </u>	for example The feachers	
 	The doctors	
111		<u> </u>
	of use to differentials things o	
<u> </u>	for example : The boy, the gril	

Extract 7.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who failed to explain correctly the uses of the article 'the'.

### 2.1.8 Question 8: Reading

The candidates were required to describe four factors which make reading aloud to be incomprehensible to the listeners.

The question was attempted by 6,033 candidates (98.9%) of which 5,773 candidates (95.7%) had their scores ranging from 0 to 1.5 marks, with 79.4 percent of them scoring a 0 mark, indicating unsatisfactory performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that most candidates did not understand the requirement of the question hence they failed to give correct responses. Some candidates mentioned factors which are caused by environment rather than the person who reads aloud. Some of candidates wrote factors which were irrelevant to the demand of the question, for example; one candidate considered reading aloud as something unwanted as it disturbs listeners because not all listeners are attracted to it. Extract 8.1 illustrates this case.

#### Extract 8.1

7	of Disturb others, because not all-	
	Listeners affracted with it	
	ii/ Diswrage attention, that is instead	
	of making retent, they start to do things	
	they want	
	in Expose the mistakes done by the	
	reader when reading like pour pronu-	
	naistron.	_
	is/Makes the listeners to be bored	
	due to noise made by the readure.	

Extract 8.1 shows a response of a candidate who failed to describe the factors which can make 'reading aloud' incomprehensible to the listeners.

On the other hand, 260 candidates (4.3%) had their scores ranging from 2 to 4 marks. These candidates were able to describe factors which make 'reading aloud' incomprehensible to the listeners. These are factors like mispronunciation of certain words, low voice of the reader and incorrect use of punctuation marks. Extract 8.2 shows a sample of a response of a good response.

#### Extract 8.2

8 (11) Low.	voice of the reader may lead
to ly	rcomprehensibility to the lestener
(11) Incor	vect use of punctuation marks o
the r	eader leads to incomprehensibility
to th	e listoners.
(IV) POOT	pronunciations of the words of
the	reader leads to incompreus willy
tot	the listeners,

Extract 8.2 shows that the candidate had a good understanding of the factors which make reading aloud incomprehensible.

#### 2.1.9 Question 9: Writing

In this question, the candidates were supposed to explain briefly the importance of an introduction in written works.

The question was attempted by 6,034 candidates (99.0%) of which 3,728 candidates (61.8%) had their scores ranging from 2 to 4 marks, indicating an average performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses showed that the candidates who answered this question correctly were able to explain the importance of introduction in written works such as showing the organization of the work and helping a reader to know the purpose of the writer. Extract 9.1shows a sample of a good response.

#### Extract 9.1

go-p To know The background of The topic witten	-
* Motivate the readers for what is	_
in the main body.	-
-D To hold the attention of the reader	
-D To know The subject matter of the	
discussion.	_

Extract 9.1 shows that the candidate understood well the demand of the question on importance of introduction.

However, 2,306 candidates (38.2%) performed unsatisfactorily in this question with 1,173 candidates (19.4%) scoring a 0 mark. Such candidates failed to explain correctly the importance of introduction in written works demonstrating inability to comprehend the requirements of the question, as shown in Extract 9.2

#### Extract 9.2

9. Four tactors indicating the Importance of an Introduction in written works	
) Literature review	
ij Reseach Proposal	
iny Time which will be used to writte that work	
IN Topic of what you are going to writte	

Extract 9.2 shows that the candidate did not understand clearly the demand of the question.

#### 2.1.10 Question 10: Reference skills

In this question, the candidates were required to enumerate four functions of media in our daily life with vivid examples.

The question was attempted by 6,033 candidates (98.9%) of which 4,925 candidates (81.6%) had their scores ranging from 2 to 4 marks, indicating an excellent performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who scored high marks were able to enumerate the functions of media in our daily life by giving vivid examples. These were delivery of information to the mass, for example, news bulletin on the radio or television; to entertain people through music or plays; and influencing certain behaviours to the society. A sample of a response of a candidate who explained correctly the functions of media is shown in Extract 10.1

#### Extract 10.1

10 (1) Media helps to get information for exa	_
mple Teleursion	
(ii) media helps to Intertain for example	
watching game in Television	
(iii) media helps to educated for	
example drama, News.	
W Media helps toget friends	
for example facebook, wheter in	
phone,	

Extract 10.1 shows a sample of a good response from one of the candidates who explained correctly the functions of media. It was also noted that 1,108 candidates (18.4%) were not able to enumerate correctly the functions of media in our daily life. Some candidates mentioned types of media instead of the functions of media as shown in Extract 10.2

Extract 10.2

10(y	Audio aredia which can be seen to people. Example Television Ractio	
	Example Television Ractio	
	I	
(ii)	Visual Media Which can be seen to people Example Television.	
	people. Example Televisian.	
	'	
( <u>iú</u> )	Written Okedia which is in the written from	
	example books	
W	Audio - Visual which can be seen and heard	
	Example Radio, Television.	
	'	

Extract 10.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who wrote types of media instead of enumerating the functions of media as required.

#### 2.2 SECTION B: OPTIONAL SUBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

In this section the candidates were required to answer only four (4) out of eight (8) questions and each question carried 15 marks.

#### **2.2.1 Question 11: Communication Theory**

The candidates were required to explain factors which make people attracted to each other as a result of interpersonal communication (interpersonal communication which may result into interpersonal relationship).

This question was attempted by 569 candidates (9.3%) of which 432 candidates (75.9%) scored from 0 to 5.5 marks, with 71 candidates (12.5%) of them scoring a 0 mark, demonstrating unsatisfactory performance in this question.

It was observed that the candidates who performed poorly in this question did not understand the demand of the question as a result they failed to give correct responses. In some cases, the candidates explained meanings of a sender and a receiver something which was not asked in the question. Extract 11.1shows a sample of a poor response.

#### Extract 11.1

11	Receiver 11 the person who percent
	the message which provided by a
	sender which can help helshe to
	know the the meany of message
	and to take action:
	feedback; is the one factor
	which make people attacked to
	each other because when the receiver
	get the missage helshe return
	The message to the sender which
	send the message and sender stre
	shelpe know if theor objective is
	archive
	Interprison commanacation
	can make people affacted to each
	of other because of various factor
	which accelute. The communications
	to be attracted to each other.

Extract 11.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who explained about sender, receiver, feedback and other things which are not related directly to the question.

However, 137 candidates (24.1%) scored from 6 to 12 marks. These candidates were able to some extent answer the question by explaining factors which make people attracted to each other as a result of interpersonal communication. For example, physical attraction can be one among the factors in the sense that people are often attracted to others because of the way they look or their style and therefore they want to get to know them better. Extract 11.2 shows a sample of a good response.

## Extract 11.2

M.	There are deffrent fractors which make
	people attracted to each other Juch as the
	Phylical aprearance, language of communication
	and also the living style. The following-
	phylical apearance , language of communication and also the living Ityle. The following some of the tackers which make people -
	aftracted to each other.
	People with the same ideas and
	ideologies. People in the society have different
	colors and stayle of interesting with each other
	but those with the same ideology beauther
	de with each other in sharping of talcas and
	Knowledge,
L	Pauple of the status and capaciene. Thu-
	also make people attracted to each other as
	they maynt be living in the same society
	meeting treasurently and shair ideas due- to their knowledge and qualification.
<u>.                                    </u>	to their knowledge and qualification.
<u> </u>	Can be attracted or can be interested with -
	Can be attracted or can be interested with -
	a person because he or She behaves well in-
	The society and also create relationship with-
<u></u>	hein or her inorder to object the same behan
	vier which was create strong relationship.
	Love afair, A man con initiate retalis
	on the with a girl for the aim of young
ļ	married where they become close in relation
	Ship.
	Physical appearance. Tometime as person can be attracte with one onother due to the
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<u> </u>	outlook where they initiate close relationship
	especially people with opposite gender for each
	myde a girl and gentleman.

Extract 11.2 shows a sample of a good response from one of the candidate who had a better understanding of interpersonal communication which may result into interpersonal relationship.

#### **2.2.2 Question 12: Communication Theory**

The candidates were required to explain clearly the importance of teaching Communication skills in teachers' colleges.

This question was attempted by 3699 candidates (60.7%) of which 3418 (92.4%) scored 6 marks and above, indicating an excellent performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who scored high marks explained clearly the importance of teaching Communication skills in teachers' colleges such as it empowers students with library and other media skills like use of the internet; enables students in note taking during the lectures and note making when reading in the library; helps students to communicate verbally and non-verbally appropriately, enables students to learn effectively other subjects taught in English, just to mention a few. A sample response from one of those candidates is shown in Extract 12.1

## Extract 12.1

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	professional due to the following fact in our daily
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	and encyclopaedia. All these sources require com
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	nt to the teacher in teaching process but it should
	La improved by employing various wethouse and
	expert in teaching and learning Communia-
	tion skills.

Extract 12.1 shows a sample of a response from a candidate who managed to explain clearly the importance of teaching Communication skills in teachers' colleges.

On the other hand, 281 candidates (7.6%) were not able to explain correctly the importance of teaching Communication skills in teachers' colleges. Extract 12.2 shows a sample of a poor response.

#### Extract 12.2

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	information from various return-
-	cess and Internet
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	tate Classroom activities by
	responding to students quenting
	It enable a teacher to

Extract 12.2 shows a response of a candidate who scored low marks due to poor grammar of English language and failure to explain clearly the points.

## 2.2.3 Question 13: Vocabulary

In this question, the candidates were required to describe ways to comprehend a word in English Language.

The question was attempted by 1,035 candidates (17.0%) of which 994 (96.0%) had their scores ranging from 0 to 5.5 marks with 784 candidates (75.7%) scoring a 0 mark, indicating unsatisfactory performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses with poor performance indicated that some candidates misinterpreted the question and explained the word formation processes (compounding, clipping, blending) instead of describing the ways of comprehending a word in English language, like knowledge of collocation, knowledge of register, knowledge of morphology, knowledge of semantics and knowledge of polysemy. Extract 13.1 is a sample of a response from one of candidates who failed to describe ways of comprehending a word in English language.

#### Extract 13.1

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lish language as follows.
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words and got a new one tore
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from the word Son and water
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for different world and got a new world forexcepte Blunch tra
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Extract 13.1 shows a sample of a response from a script of a candidate who explained word formation processes instead of explaining ways of comprehending a word in English language.

Despite the unsatisfactory performance in this question, there were 41 candidates (4%) who had their scores ranging from 6 to 10 marks. These candidates were able to explain partially ways of comprehending a word in English language in the sense that some of their explanations were not correct. Usually, knowledge of a word exists on various levels which

seem to be language universal. For example, knowledge of collocation implies knowing the systematic behavior associated with the word and also knowing the networks of association between those words and other words in a language. Extract 13.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who explained partially the ways of comprehending a word in English language.

#### Extract 13.2

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	on various levels in any particular Language.  The following are the Ways of Comprehending a Word in
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-	Restatement in this way, different Statement can be used to help the reader to under Stand the Meaning of word in English Language.
	For example one can the Command Material or
	For example one can use command statement or polite statement to indicate certain Meaning.
	Compare though Lacking as the provided
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	have tillnest broaden ar my can lay are the
-	move affects are received for the constant
	of bentiful things, obviously the Learner will uncleastance Iti lyeaning by witing on the examples.  Antonymy these refers to the word which have different Meaning or we can Jay are the word which a girl. Through looking on the antonym and make Correlation the reader will be in a position of Comprehending a word in english Language.
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	has the can notite is add to be the Manains
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	or Meaning of such story,
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	Such as relationship between variables artingms,
	Synonyms and by utina examples so as to
	Comprehend or understand the word in English.
	Also one can use restatemen way and contervali-
	Zation

Extract 13.2 shows a sample of a response from a script of a candidate who showed an average understanding on ways of comprehending a word in English language.

#### 2.2.4 Question 14: Reference Skills

In this question, the candidates were required to explain with vivid examples the uses of a dictionary.

The question was attempted by 5,324 candidates (87.3%) of which 5,111 candidates (89.6%) had their scores ranging from 6 to 14 marks, indicating an excellent performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who performed well in this question wrote a good introduction and explained the appropriate uses of a dictionary like providing meaning of a word, correct spelling, pronunciation, parts of speech and etymology or origin of a word. Moreover, all the points provided were supported with examples. Extract 14.1 shows a sample of a response from a candidate who performed well in this question.

## Extract 14.1

14 A distronary is the reference book	
which words are arranged alphabetically	
and used to refer when what to get more	
information Concerned the Certain word,	
The following are the uses of a dictionary;	
A dictionary is used to show the	
origin of the word for example the British	
English word go and the American english	
is genna.	
A dictionary used to show the	_
pronounciation of the words we learn from	
dictionary of how words are pronounced	
in order to not the Correct meaning.	
in order to get the correct meaning is through pronounciation example Bank /bi:nk/	
A distronary used to Show the meaning	
of the words this are the exactly meaning	
of word which are provided by the ditton	
Forexample play means physical exercise and	
forexample play means physical exercise and run means to perform activities	
A dictionary used to show the word	
class if it is countable noun or uncountable	
Go noun also indicate if it is a very advertish	
for example the word love is the norm and	
Can be a verb'	
A dictionary used to show the	
spelling of the word means it shows	
how word are written	
A dictionary used to thow the	
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Extract 14.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who managed to explain with examples the uses of a dictionary.

In spite of the excellent performance in this question, some 213 candidates (4%) had their scores ranging from 0 to 5.5 marks. These candidates failed to explain correctly the uses of a dictionary as illustrated in Extract 14.2.

#### Extract 14.2

10	It used to facilitate the process of kaching and leaning for example Tanzania people greak (ciswahili wastly but they learning
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	people greak (ciswalili mostly but they learning
	through poreign language that is English
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	in order to have easily understanding
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	available in the centers Which they
	Selling books and Stationary So thise are
	used as the source of getting Income
	to the people.
	It help the leaner to make good
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	reading one searching different hypomations
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	book When learning a second language so
	government of Hanzunic must Encrease
	more dectionary in the schools because
	It can help to facilitate the process
	It can help to facilitate the process of teaching and learning to the
	leavers and natering teaching process

Extract 14.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who explained partially the uses of a dictionary while demonstrating a poor English grammar.

#### 2.2.5 **Question 15: Oral Presentation**

The candidates were required to describe important guidelines to be considered when making oral presentation on HIV/AIDS during the college assembly.

This question was attempted by 2,566 candidates (42.1%) of which 2,420 (94.3%) had their scores ranging from 6 to 15 marks, indicating an excellent performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who performed well in this question were able to describe correctly important guidelines to be considered during oral presentation, for example, organizing the oral presentation in such a way there should be an introduction, the development part and the conclusion. Also, to limit the subject by explaining the topic that is supposed to be covered, in this case, HIV/AIDS. Extract 15.1 shows a sample of a response from one of the candidates who performed well in this question.

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15	Oral presentation refers to the communication	
	ghills which use words. Oral presentation is the among	
	of the parts of operating skills where by only human	
	being is blessed to me language for a person to make	
	effective oral presentation find of all he or the must prepar	
	a himself or herself before the audience like choosing the	
	subject matter, determine the purpose, outline the reforences, orga	
	muse the talk and dressing property (avoid over or under dressing).	
	do as to make an oral presentation on HIV/AIDS during	
	the college assembly the following are the guidelines to	
	Consider during that presentation.	
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	seconcy sundames. Through thus the Collegers well	
	runderstand what am going to talk also	
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	and how to cure or measurement to be taken.	

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end conclusion in order to avoid the collegers	_
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and finally measurement to be taken. Through	_
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Extract 15.1 shows a sample of a response from a candidate who understood the requirements of a question and was able to explain important guidelines to be considered during oral presentation.

Despite the excellent performance in this question, some 146 candidates (5.7%) had their scores ranging from 0 to 5.5 marks. These candidates failed to interpret the requirement of the question, in the sense that, they explained about HIV/AIDS basing on its meaning, causes, symptoms, how it is transmitted, the effects and how it can be prevented instead of describing the importance guidelines to be considered when making oral presentation as shown in Extract 15.2.

### Extract 15.2

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Extract 15.2 shows a sample of an incorrect response from one of the candidates who failed to describe important guidelines to consider during oral presentation.

# 2.2.6 Question 16: Writing

The candidates were required to explain important aspects involved in writing a curriculum vitae (CV).

This question was attempted by 4,669 candidates (76.6%) of which 4,635 candidates (99.3%) scored between 6 and 14.5 marks, indicating an excellent performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who scored high marks in this question were able to explain the important aspects which are involved in writing curriculum vitae (CV) such as personal information of an individual like name, date of birth, sex, nationality,

marital status and the like. They also included academic background, employment experience and referees as important aspects to be included in writing a CV. Referees are very important because these are people who will provide important applicant's information to the employer. Extract 16.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who performed well in this question.

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Extract 16.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who was able to explain important aspects involved in writing curriculum vitae (CV).

However, there were 34 candidates (0.7%) who scored from 0 to 5.5 marks. These candidates failed to explain vividly the important aspects which should be involved in writing curriculum vitae. This case is illustrated in Extract 16.2.

## Extract 16.2

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Extract 16.2 shows a sample of a response from a candidate who failed to explain vividly the important aspects involved in writing curriculum vitae.

### 2.2.7 Question 17: Writing

In this question, the candidates were required to analyse the components involved in writing an essay. The question intended to test the candidates' ability in identifying components involved in writing an essay and how it is supposed to be organized.

This question was attempted by 3,110 candidates (51%) of which 3,091 (99.4%) scored above 6 marks, indicating an excellent performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who performed well in this question showed a clear understanding of the question as they provided a good analysis of the components involved in writing essays including introduction, development part and conclusion. The candidates were able to identify necessary points in each component as shown in Extract 17.1.

#### Extract 17.1

A. Writting essay refers to a type
of writing skills on the particular
matter or topic. The essay will be
either extended or restricted. There
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mental retardation, so the main body

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Extract 17.1 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who managed to write the components involved in writing essay.

In spite of excellent performance in this question, there were 19 candidates (0.6%) who scored from 0 to 5.5 marks. These candidates failed to identify and explain correctly the components involved in writing an essay. For example, one candidate suggested sentences, paragraphs and punctuation marks as components of essay rather than introduction, main body and conclusion. Extract 17.2 illustrates this case.

#### Extract 17.2

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	Sentences, by starting with thesis and
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Extract 17.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who failed to identify the components involved in writing essay.

## 2.2.8 Question 18: Writing

In this question, the candidates were required to write a letter to the administrator of Sabasaba Secondary School requesting for accommodation for a group of thirty students who will be attending interschool sports and games bonanza for one week since 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014. This question intended to test the candidates' ability to write an official letter.

This question was attempted by 3,165 candidates (51.9%) of which 3,154 (99.7%) had their scores ranging from 6 to 14 marks, indicating an excellent performance in this question.

The analysis of the candidates' responses indicated that the candidates who scored high marks in this question were able to write an official letter correctly showing important features like sender's address, date, addressee's address, salutation, heading, the main body consisting of expression of the request, intention of the journey and correct spelling of words. They also wrote complimentary close, name and signature. Apart from that, they used grammatically correct sentences. Extract 18.1 shows a sample of a good response.

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	KABASABA SECONDARY SCHOOL,	
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Extract 18.1, shows a sample of a response of a candidate who managed to write an official letter showing important features.

Despite the excellent performance in this question, some 11 candidates (0.3%) scored from 0 to 5.5 marks. These candidates performed poorly because they lacked writing skills of an official letter. Some candidates wrote using poor grammar but also addressee's address was written at the opposite side of sender's address, as shown in Extract 18.2.

## Extract 18.2

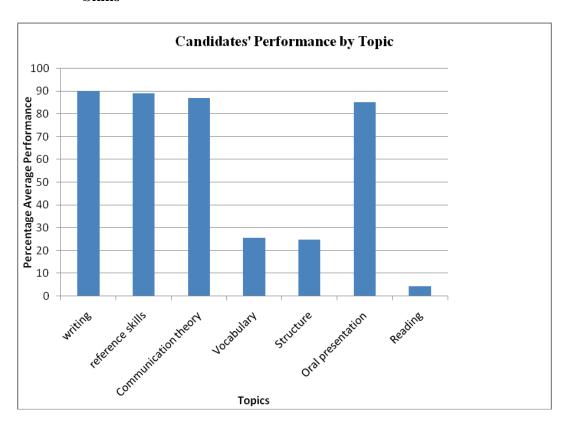
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Extract 18.2 shows a sample of a response of a candidate who failed to write an official letter correctly.

### 3.0 CONCLUSION:

In general, 2014 the candidates' performance in DSEE Communication Skills subject was average as the overall performance was 58.04 percent. There were topics which were done excellently like Writing (90.1%), Reference skills (89.1%), Communication theory (87.0%), and Oral presentation (85.3%). However, the performance of candidates in Vocabulary (25.7%), Reading (4.3%) and Structure (24.8%) was unsatisfactory as indicated in figure 1.

Figure 1 Summary of Performance of Candidates in Communication Skills



The candidates did not perform well in some topics especially reading, structure and vocabulary as it is shown in Appendix A on page forty eight (48). This is revealed by the performance in questions 2 (0.6%), 5 (2.2%), 8 (4.3%) and 13 (4.0%) where most candidates performed poorly. In question 2, the candidates were not able to rewrite the two given sentences correctly. It means that, they were not aware of 'subject-verb agreement in English language. In question 5, most of the candidates failed to construct correct sentences by using the given four prepositional phrasal verbs. It might be they did not know the meaning of those phrasal verbs. In some cases, the candidates failed to understand the requirement of the question, thus, failed

to give correct response as in question 8. The candidates' incompetence in English language also contributed a great deal towards the poor performance in this year's examination as some candidates failed to express themselves in English language and in some cases they wrote ungrammatical sentences.

It is expected that the feedback provided in this report will enable tutors, student teachers and other stakeholders to take appropriate measures to improve the teaching and learning of Communication skills in Diploma course

### 4.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In order to improve the performance of the future candidates, it is suggested that:

- (a) Student teachers should use most of their time to read more books such as novels and Communication skills text books than depending on notes and summary pamphlets
- (b) Tutors should encourage student teachers to practice using English language everyday so as to improve their grammar. Student teachers should be given a lot of tasks which will help them to listen, speak, read and write in English language.
- (c) Tutors must ensure complete coverage of the topics stipulated in the syllabus to make the students acquire the necessary materials in each topic.
- (d) Provision of enough exercises and tests should be encouraged in order to reinforce students understanding of the concepts and skills in different topics.
- (e) Effective teaching methods must be employed so as to improve students' participation in Communication Skills in both individually and in groups.
- (f) The Ministry of Education and Vocational Training should provide enough teaching and learning materials and establish reliable internet services so that it will be easier in searching of the materials.
- (g) The Ministry of Education and Vocational Training should strengthen the directorate of Inspectorate so as to make follow up on the process of teaching and learning in teachers' colleges.

## **APPENDICES**

 $\label{eq:APPENDIXA} A PPENDIXA$  The Summary of Performance of Candidates by Topics

S/N	Topic	Question Number	Performance in Percentages		Remarks
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1	Writing	9	61.8	90.1	Excellent
		16	99.3		
		17	99.4		
		18	99.7		
2	Reference Skills	1	89.6	89.1	Excellent
		10	81.6		
		14	92.4		
3	Communication	4	92.7	87.0	Excellent
	Theory	11	75.9		
		12	92.4		
4	Oral	3	76.2	85.3	Excellent
	Presentation	15	94.3		
5	Vocabulary	5	2.2	25.7	Unsatisfactory
		6	71.0		
		13	4.0		
6	Structure	2	0.6	24.75	Unsatisfactory
		7	48.9		
7	Reading	8	4.3	4.3	Unsatisfactory
	General 1	performanc	ee	58.04	Average

### APPENDIX B

