

Demographic data 2018

Frequency distributions by percentage

First language¹ (alphabetically)

The following tables show the distribution of grades (in percentages) per sub-test for the most common first languages² in 2018.

Listening

First Language	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Arabic	5.3	69	13.1	11.4	1.1	
Bengali	3.8	71.8	12.3	11.8	0.3	
Bisaya	3	76.2	11.5	9.4		
Burmese	6.6	68.9	11.6	12.3	0.5	
Cantonese	5.2	58.7	17.7	17.4	1	
Cebuano/Bisayan	6.8	76.2	8.7	8	0.2	
Chinese	3.1	42.4	22.6	27.6	4.2	0.2
English	4.3	54.2	17.5	21.8	2.2	
Farsi/Persian	4.4	54.4	16.6	22.3	2.2	
Filipino	3.5	75.2	11.8	9	0.5	
French	6.8	57.6	15.2	14.4	6.1	
Greek	3.3	53.3	21.7	17.8	3.9	
Gujarati	3.6	69.7	14.6	11.5	0.6	
Hindi	3.9	63.5	15.4	15.6	1.6	
Ibo/Igbo	3.6	54.4	18.3	20.7	3	
Italian	1.8	58.7	16.4	21	2	0.2
Japanese		33.3	26.2	36.7	3.8	
Kannada	2	55.6	22.2	18.9	1.3	
Korean	2.8	49.7	21.9	24.2	1.3	
Malay	6.2	59.9	24.7	8.6	0.6	
Malayalam	0.4	52.6	21.1	23.9	2	
Mandarin	3.3	39.5	24.8	29.4	3	
Marathi	3.1	65.1	16.4	15.4		
Nepali	2.9	73.4	12.9	10.2	0.5	
Pashto	5.8	72.1	12.8	7	2.3	
Polish	2	44.6	17.8	34.7	1	
Portuguese	5.4	63.8	14.9	13.4	2.2	0.4
Punjabi	0.7	57.8	19.4	20.6	1.4	
Romanian	3.2	44	21.4	26.3	4.8	0.3
Shona	0.4	63	16.3	19.5	0.8	
Sindhi	5.3	69.7	9.1	15.9		

¹ Note: First Language, in this document, is not an indicator of what a Candidate's proficiency in that self-reported first language might be; it also does not take into account other languages that the Candidate may possess or where they might reside.

² These lists include data for the first language with 100 or more candidates.

Sinhalese	3.9	62.7	14.7	17.2	1.4	
Spanish	2.7	53.9	18.2	21.2	3.9	
Swahili	3.6	65.7	16.3	12	1.8	0.6
Tagalog/Filipino	3.7	71.5	13.6	10.4	0.8	
Tamil	2.6	56.2	18.3	21.4	1.5	
Telugu	2.1	67.5	13.4	14.3	2.1	0.6
Thai	2.4	49.6	17.1	29.3	1.6	
Urdu	6	75.3	10.5	7.4	0.8	
Vietnamese	2	39.6	25.5	30.9	2	
Yoruba	4.3	56	14.7	22.4	2.6	

Reading

First Language	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Arabic	3.9	72.1	7	16.4	0.6	
Bengali	2.2	61.9	9.6	26	0.3	
Bisaya	2	53.8	10.4	33.1	0.8	
Burmese	5.3	77.9	5.7	10.7	0.5	
Cantonese	8.1	78.2	3.9	9.6	0.2	
Cebuano/Bisayan	1.7	68.1	8.2	21.7	0.2	
Chinese	3.3	66.1	8.4	21.3	0.8	0.1
English	2	42.8	9.4	43.6	2.2	
Farsi/Persian	1.5	59.4	8.3	29.8	0.9	0.2
Filipino	1.7	66	8.9	22.8	0.6	
French	8.6	53.1	7.8	26.6	3.9	
Greek	2	74.3	4.6	18.4	0.7	
Gujarati	1.7	48.6	7.5	40.2	2	
Hindi	1.7	42.6	9.6	42.9	3.2	
Ibo/Igbo		52.1	13	33.7	1.2	
Italian	7.6	78.1	4.2	10		
Japanese		52.2	10.1	37.2	0.5	
Kannada	1	41.9	10.7	42.3	3.7	0.3
Korean	2.6	62	10.7	24.5	0.2	
Malay	6.7	45.7	7.9	37.2	2.4	
Malayalam	0.3	41.6	9.7	46	2.5	
Mandarin	4.6	58.7	9.9	26.6	0.2	
Marathi	3.1	44.6	8.2	41.5	2.6	
Nepali	1	48.8	9.6	38.1	2.5	
Pashto	1.7	51.2	14.5	31.4	0.6	0.6
Polish	1.9	51.9	3.8	41.5	0.9	
Portuguese	7.6	68.5	4.3	18.1	1.4	
Punjabi	0.7	32.7	9.3	53.2	3.8	0.2
Romanian	1.1	45.9	8.9	41.1	2.4	0.5
Shona	0.8	47.8	9.7	40.1	1.6	
Sindhi	3	59.8	9.1	28		
Sinhalese	3.4	62.2	7.3	26.1	1.1	

Spanish	7.1	70.7	6.9	13.5	1.7	
Swahili	1.2	51.5	13.6	32	1.8	
Tagalog/Filipino	1.3	62.5	9.6	25.9	0.7	
Tamil	1.3	44.1	10.2	41.6	2.8	
Telugu	1.5	45.2	4.8	45.2	3.3	
Thai	1.7	44.2	6.7	44.2	3.3	
Urdu	3.9	68.1	7.3	19.5	1.3	
Vietnamese		49.3	6	44	0.7	
Yoruba	1.7	57.8	12.9	27.6		

Writing

First Language	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Arabic	0.9	47.5	13.5	35.4	2.7	
Bengali	1.1	54	12.9	31.4	0.6	
Bisaya		45.4	9.5	44.3	0.8	
Burmese	1.8	63.8	11.4	22.8	0.2	
Cantonese	1.7	42.9	12.7	42.7		
Cebuano/Bisayan	0.7	44.5	10.9	43.1	0.8	
Chinese	0.7	35.1	12.7	48.3	3.2	
English	1.2	33.8	13.1	49	2.9	
Farsi/Persian	0.2	42	13.3	39	5.5	
Filipino	1	44.5	13.9	39	1.4	0.1
French	3	43.2	12.1	37.1	4.5	
Greek	1.3	52	7.2	36.2	3.3	
Gujarati	0.8	31.8	14.5	48.9	3.9	
Hindi	1	34.2	11.5	50.8	2.4	
Ibo/Igbo	1.8	37.9	12.4	43.2	4.7	
Italian	0.4	40.4	14.1	41	4	
Japanese	2.9	30.4	12.1	49.3	5.3	
Kannada	0.3	31.8	15.7	47.5	4.3	0.3
Korean	1.5	34.6	13.1	48.9	1.7	0.2
Malay	1.8	35.2	8.5	53.3	1.2	
Malayalam	0.2	29.2	14.1	54.3	2.1	
Mandarin	0.5	32.6	12.6	52	2.3	
Marathi	1	29.7	23.1	43.6	2.6	
Nepali	0.8	37.6	13.1	46.8	1.6	
Pashto	0.6	54.1	12.8	31.4	1.2	
Polish		28.8	17.3	49	4.8	
Portuguese	2.5	39.5	11.6	44.6	1.8	
Punjabi	0.3	28.1	13.1	56.3	2.2	
Romanian	0.8	27.5	10.7	52	8.8	0.3
Shona	0.8	38.5	13.4	44.5	2.8	
Sindhi	1.5	50.8	11.4	34.1	2.3	
Sinhalese	1.1	46.6	12.5	36.7	3.2	
Spanish	0.2	42.8	12.5	41.8	2.7	

Swahili	1.2	40.7	11.4	43.1	3	0.6
Tagalog/Filipino	0.6	43.3	14.2	40.5	1.3	
Tamil	0.8	38	12.7	46	2.5	
Telugu	1.2	30.8	14	48.3	5.8	
Thai		30.8	13.3	50	5.8	
Urdu	1.9	58	13.9	24.6	1.6	
Vietnamese	0.7	32.7	15.6	48.3	2.7	
Yoruba	0.9	40.5	14.7	37.9	6	

Speaking

First Language	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Arabic	2.8	79.5	9.3	7.9	0.5	
Bengali	2.2	79.8	8.4	9.5	0.1	
Bisaya	2.1	83.5	8.9	5.5		
Burmese	0.7	69	10.3	18.7	1.4	
Cantonese	4.2	63.9	14.7	16.5	0.7	
Cebuano/Bisayan	2.7	84.3	7.5	5.6		
Chinese	1.4	59.5	15.3	22.3	1.6	
English	6.1	66.1	13.3	13.6	0.8	
Farsi/Persian	3.4	76.7	8.4	10.6	0.9	
Filipino	2.2	85.8	6.9	5	0.1	
French	10.1	73.6	7	9.3		
Greek	3.9	76.3	10.5	8.6	0.7	
Gujarati	1.4	69.7	14.6	12.3	2	
Hindi	2.8	72.7	11.1	12.5	0.8	0.1
Ibo/Igbo	1.8	89.9	4.7	3	0.6	
Italian	2.4	79.6	9.6	7.4	1	
Japanese		44.9	21.3	29	4.8	
Kannada	2.4	68.9	14.5	13.2	1	
Korean	1.5	57.7	15.7	22.5	2.6	
Malay	3.8	67.7	12.7	15.8		
Malayalam	0.2	60.9	18.4	18.9	1.6	
Mandarin	1	61.7	15.6	20.3	1.3	
Marathi	3.1	72.3	9.2	15.4		
Nepali	1.5	73.4	12.8	11.2	1.1	
Pashto	7.6	78.5	6.4	7.6		
Polish	4.9	71.6	8.8	13.7	1	
Portuguese	7.6	76.7	8.7	6.2	0.7	
Punjabi	1	61.4	16.6	18.8	2.1	0.1
Romanian	1.1	73.3	11.2	13.1	1.4	
Shona	8.1	82.5	5.7	3.7		
Sindhi	4.5	85.6	7.6	2.3		
Sinhalese	2.9	73.8	9.6	12.9	0.9	
Spanish	5.9	75	9.4	8.4	1.2	
Swahili	9	83.7	3.6	3	0.6	

Tagalog/Filipino	2.1	85.4	6.9	5.2	0.3	
Tamil	2	70	12.8	14	1.2	
Telugu	2.1	74	10.9	11.5	0.9	0.6
Thai		50.8	15.1	31	3.2	
Urdu	5.1	85.1	5.6	3.9	0.3	
Vietnamese	2.7	55.5	15.1	21.9	4.8	
Yoruba	4.3	80.9	11.3	3.5		

Nationality³ (alphabetically)

The following tables show the distribution of grades (in percentages) per sub-test for the most common nationalities in 2018.

Listening

Nationality	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Australian	2.6	53.4	20.2	21.9	1.8	0.1
Bangladeshi	4.6	69.9	11.5	13.7	0.3	
Brazilian	3.1	62.8	19.4	11.6	2.3	0.8
British	5.2	63.5	16.4	14.2	0.8	
Canadian	14.6	69.9	6.8	5.8	2.9	
Chinese	1.6	39.5	23.6	31.4	3.6	0.2
Egyptian	6.7	72	11.5	9.2	0.5	
Filipino	4.8	72.6	12.6	9.6	0.5	
Greek	3.7	51.5	21.5	19	4.3	
Hong Kongese	6.9	58.8	16.9	16.7	0.7	
Indian	1	51.5	20.3	25	2.2	0.1
Iranian	4.5	51.6	17.8	23.7	2.4	
Iraqi	5.6	63.5	13.5	16.2	1.1	
Irish	12.1	75.9	7.8	4.3		
Italian	2.8	53.5	17.7	23.1	2.8	0.2
Japanese		33	24.6	38.8	3.6	
Jordanian	7.8	61.8	13.4	15	2	
Kenyan	2.9	62.3	21.7	13		
Libyan	3.1	62.6	20.1	14.2		
Malaysian	17.7	57.9	11.9	11.1	1.5	
Myanmar/Burmese	6.7	66.4	12.9	13.4	0.6	
Nepalese	3.3	71.7	13.6	10.8	0.6	0.1
Nigerian	5.8	56.1	15.2	20.6	2.2	
Pakistani	6.8	72.3	10.7	9.7	0.5	
Palestinian	5.2	56.9	16.4	18.1	2.6	0.9
Portuguese	10.2	62.5	10.9	15.6	0.8	

³ Note: Nationality, in this document, may refer to a candidate's country of birth, current country of residence or previous country of residence. This is self-reported information from candidates. Nationality may not correlate to proficiency of the official or common languages spoken in that country

Romanian	2.8	44.5	20.6	26	5.7	0.5
Saudi	13.3	51.3	16.5	16.5	1.9	0.6
Singaporean	18	60.4	12.9	8.6		
South Korean	2	49.5	20.3	26.6	1.6	
Spanish	2.7	52	21.8	19.6	4	
Sri Lankan	4.8	58.4	16.3	19.9	0.7	
Sudanese	3.9	62.5	15.7	16	1.7	0.1
Syrian	2.8	57.5	15.9	20.6	2.8	0.3
Taiwanese	1.6	37.5	25	29.2	6.8	
Vietnamese	1.5	39.4	24.8	32.1	2.2	
Zimbabwean	1.7	61.2	15.2	20.8	1	

Reading

Nationality	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Australian	1.1	38	8.8	47.6	4.3	0.1
Bangladeshi	2.2	65.2	9.2	23.2	0.3	
Brazilian	8.5	71.3	3.9	16.3		
British	2.3	44.1	10	41.4	2.1	0.1
Canadian	6.8	62.1	5.8	25.2		
Chinese	3	63.8	9.7	22.8	0.6	0.1
Egyptian	5.8	78.9	5.1	10	0.2	
Filipino	1.6	64.5	9.5	23.9	0.5	
Greek	1.8	70.6	6.1	20.9	0.6	
Hong Kongese	9.5	77.9	5	7.7		
Indian	0.4	40.3	9.8	46.4	2.9	
Iranian	1.6	61	6.9	29.5	0.8	0.2
Iraqi	2.1	62.3	9	25.8	0.6	0.1
Irish	2.6	55.6	11.1	30.8		
Italian	7.1	74.8	4.6	12.7	0.8	
Japanese		53.4	10	35.7	0.9	
Jordanian	5.9	71.2	5.9	16	1	
Kenyan	1.9	51.4	12.4	34.3		
Libyan		60.5	12.3	26.9	0.4	
Malaysian	15.3	62	5.1	17	0.5	
Myanmar/Burmese	5.4	77.4	5.6	11.2	0.4	
Nepalese	1.1	49.2	9.9	37.8	2	
Nigerian	1.1	52.2	12.7	33.3	0.4	0.2
Pakistani	3.5	66.4	8.9	20.7	0.5	
Palestinian	0.9	71.6	7.8	18.1	1.7	
Portuguese	7	72.7	3.1	16.4	0.8	
Romanian	0.8	46.8	8.8	39.3	3.9	0.5
Saudi	1.9	62	10.8	24.1	1.3	
Singaporean	11.9	66.7	8.1	13.3		
South Korean	2.2	59.8	11.6	26.2	0.2	

Spanish	8.4	76	3.1	11.6	0.9	
Sri Lankan	3.6	65.2	8.3	22.5	0.4	
Sudanese	2.2	62.7	9.9	23.8	1.4	
Syrian	1.6	64.7	7.2	25.9	0.3	0.3
Taiwanese	1.6	57.4	10.6	28.7	1.6	
Vietnamese		51.8	7.2	40.3	0.7	
Zimbabwean	1.4	50.7	13.1	33.4	1.4	

Writing

Nationality	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Australian	0.7	29.7	13.4	52.7	3.4	0.1
Bangladeshi	1.4	53.4	13	31.4	0.8	
Brazilian	3.1	52.7	13.2	31		
British	1.2	36.5	14	45.6	2.7	
Canadian	1	62.5	10.6	25	1	
Chinese	0.5	32.8	14.3	50.1	2.4	
Egyptian	1.1	53.8	13.2	30.8	1.1	
Filipino	0.8	43.8	13.9	40.2	1.2	
Greek	1.2	49.7	9.2	36.2	3.7	
Hong Kongese	1.7	45.2	10.9	42.3		
Indian	0.3	30.1	13.7	53.6	2.3	
Iranian	0.4	41.6	14.4	38.9	4.7	
Iraqi	0.7	42	13	41.3	2.9	
Irish	5.1	39	11.9	40.7	3.4	
Italian	0.5	40.4	14.7	40.5	3.9	
Japanese	2.7	30.3	11.3	49.3	6.3	
Jordanian	1	42.2	14.1	39.2	3.6	
Kenyan	1	38.5	16.3	40.9	2.9	0.5
Libyan	0.4	33.2	14.2	45.5	6.7	
Malaysian	2.7	50.2	11.2	34.5	1.5	
Myanmar/Burmese	2.1	61.8	11.6	24.2	0.2	
Nepalese	0.9	37.6	13.2	46.7	1.7	
Nigerian	1.1	39.2	15	40.8	3.8	
Pakistani	1.4	56.3	13.8	27.2	1.3	
Palestinian	0.9	37.1	14.7	43.1	4.3	
Portuguese	1.6	28.1	10.2	56.3	3.9	
Romanian	0.8	29.6	9.9	50.8	8.4	0.5
Saudi		31.6	13.9	46.8	7	0.6
Singaporean	5.1	50.4	10.2	32.1	2.2	
South Korean	1.5	33.6	13	50.4	1.3	0.2
Spanish	0.4	43.6	10.2	42.2	3.1	0.4
Sri Lankan	1.1	48.7	13.9	34.1	2.2	
Sudanese	0.4	36.6	14.5	44.1	4.4	

Syrian		45.3	14.2	37.4	3.1	
Taiwanese	0.5	26.7	10.5	57.6	4.7	
Vietnamese		30.1	17.6	50	2.2	
Zimbabwean		39.4	18.3	39.4	2.4	0.3

Speaking

Nationality	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Australian	5.1	75.1	10	9.3	0.4	
Bangladeshi	2.3	78.9	8.1	10.7		
Brazilian	5.5	78.9	10.2	4.7	0.8	
British	8.8	74.4	8.7	7.6	0.5	
Canadian	21.4	68	4.9	5.8		
Chinese	0.8	55.6	16.4	25.6	1.6	
Egyptian	2.3	79	10.3	8	0.4	
Filipino	2.2	84.3	7.2	6	0.2	
Greek	3.7	77.3	10.4	8	0.6	
Hong Kongese	3.7	69.7	12.7	13.4	0.5	
Indian	0.5	61.6	17.3	18.9	1.6	0.1
Iranian	3	76.7	8.9	10.7	0.8	
Iraqi	3	81.1	9	6.6	0.3	
Irish	25	66.4	6	2.6		
Italian	2.5	78.9	10.3	7.7	0.7	
Japanese		46.4	21.8	26.8	5	
Jordanian	6.3	81.9	4.9	6.9		
Kenyan	7.2	84.1	4.3	3.9	0.5	
Libyan	3.2	78.3	10.3	7.1	1.2	
Malaysian	8.5	78.5	7.6	5.1	0.2	
Myanmar/Burmese	0.6	67.8	10.3	19.7	1.5	
Nepalese	1.6	71.9	13	12.2	1.3	
Nigerian	5.8	84.3	5.4	4.3	0.2	
Pakistani	5.5	83.7	6.3	4.5	0.1	
Palestinian	5.2	76.5	8.7	8.7	0.9	
Portuguese	11.7	76.6	6.3	5.5		
Romanian	1.8	70.8	12.5	12.8	2.1	
Saudi	7	80.4	5.1	7.6		
Singaporean	13.9	77.4	3.6	5.1		
South Korean	1.3	56.3	16.6	23.4	2.4	
Spanish	6.2	72	11.6	8.4	1.8	
Sri Lankan	2.5	74.4	9.6	12.3	1.1	
Sudanese	2	78.3	9.7	9.3	0.7	
Syrian	2.5	73	11.9	12.3	0.3	
Taiwanese	1	62.3	15.2	19.9	1.6	
Vietnamese	2.2	53.7	14.9	24.6	4.5	
Zimbabwean	8.3	82.4	5.2	4.2		

Profession

The following tables show the distribution of grades (in percentages) per sub-test for the 12 OET professions in 2018.

Listening

Profession	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Dentistry	7.4	61.5	12.8	15.7	2.6	
Dietetics	9.1	30.3	24.2	33.3	3	
Medicine	7.6	67.4	12.6	11.5	0.8	0.1
Nursing	1.7	55.8	18.8	21.7	1.9	0.1
Occupational Therapy	5.4	54.5	20.5	16.1	3.6	
Optometry	46.7	20	13.3	20		
Pharmacy	9.3	60.8	12.7	16	1.1	
Physiotherapy	7	60.7	16.4	14.5	1.4	
Podiatry	8.3	66.7	16.7		8.3	
Radiography	6.5	47.8	18.4	25.9	1.5	
Speech Pathology	42.9	46.4	3.6	7.1		
Veterinary Science	16.9	56.3	11.3	14.1	1.4	

Reading

Profession	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Dentistry	3.8	58.3	9.2	27.1	1.6	
Dietetics	3	45.5	6.1	42.4	3	
Medicine	5.1	71	7.1	16.4	0.4	
Nursing	0.7	46.2	9.8	40.8	2.4	0.1
Occupational Therapy	3.4	65.8	10.3	19.7	0.9	
Optometry	35.3	41.2	5.9	17.6		
Pharmacy	6.7	63.9	7	21.4	1	
Physiotherapy	5.1	65.2	7.4	21.5	0.8	
Podiatry		71.4		28.6		
Radiography	5.4	55.4	10.4	28.2	0.5	
Speech Pathology	21.4	75		3.6		
Veterinary Science	14.7	58.8	10.3	14.7	1.5	

Writing

Profession	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Dentistry	4.8	55.4	10.2	27.7	1.9	
Dietetics		33.3	26.7	36.7	3.3	
Medicine	1.4	51.9	13.4	31.5	1.8	
Nursing	0.4	32.1	13.7	51.4	2.4	
Occupational Therapy	2.5	54.2	11	32.2		
Optometry	18.8	50	6.3	18.8	6.3	

Pharmacy	1.7	43.4	13.1	38.9	3	
Physiotherapy	1.9	46.7	12.8	37.7	0.8	
Podiatry	8.3	58.3	8.3	25		
Radiography	2	43.8	10.4	39.3	4.5	
Speech Pathology	20.7	58.6	13.8	6.9		
Veterinary Science	11	63	11	13.7	1.4	

Speaking

Profession	A (%)	B (%)	C+ (%)	C (%)	D (%)	E (%)
Dentistry	14.8	73.2	3.5	7.1	1.3	
Dietetics	16	80		4		
Medicine	4.3	79	8.6	7.7	0.5	
Nursing	1.4	67.4	14.4	15.6	1.3	
Occupational Therapy	9	74.8	10.8	5.4		
Optometry	20	66.7	6.7	6.7		
Pharmacy	4.6	76.3	9.9	8.8	0.4	
Physiotherapy	8.8	75.9	7.6	7.5	0.2	
Podiatry	7.7	84.6	7.7			
Radiography	4.5	71.6	14.4	9.5		
Speech Pathology	55.2	44.8				
Veterinary Science	14.7	82.4		2.9		