

Chief Examiner's Report

Candidates sat for the June 2008 offering of the ACS Diploma examinations in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka. As can be seen from fig.1 below, enrolment numbers continue to fluctuate but a pattern seems to be developing with lower numbers in the February and October offerings and higher numbers in the June offering.

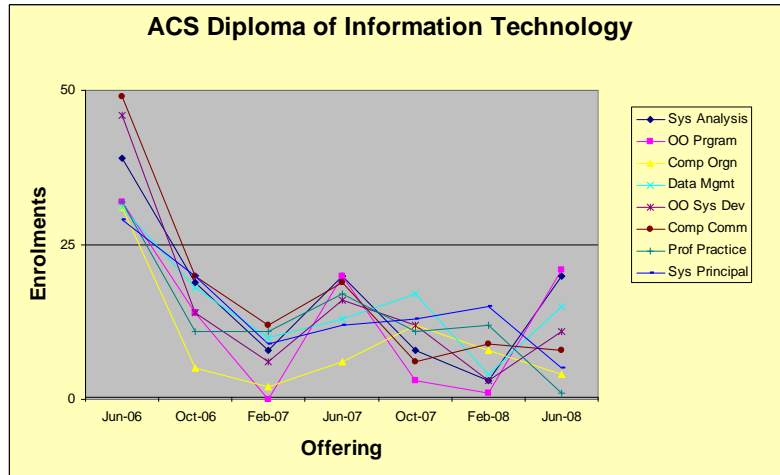


Fig 1. Enrolments by Subject for the November 05 to February 08 Offerings
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Pass rates, as illustrated in fig. 2 below, were very good, except in the Professional Practice subject where the one candidate was unsuccessful. The pass rate for Systems Principles, the subject designed to provide contextual relevance to the qualification overall, continues to rise, indicating again that candidates are recognising the need to broaden the range of their knowledge and skills. Even Data Management, a subject that has been producing relatively poor pass rates for over two years, bounced up above the 50% mark.

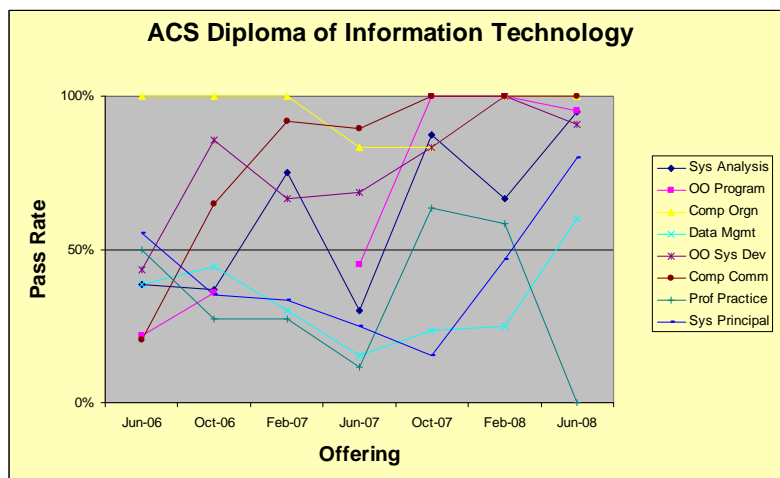


Fig 2. Pass Rates by Subject for the November 05 to February 08 Offerings
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Of concern is the following comment in the Examiners Report for Data Management ... “it is clear that candidates are still reproducing answers brought to the exam rather than attempting to address the issues raised in the current exam question”. This is a matter raised many times in previous reports and candidates and their tutors should realise by now that examinations are rarely the same. Important to realise is that open book exams, such as in the ACS Diploma, can sometimes make assessment more difficult and for some candidates it might be best not to bring any materials with them into the examination centre.

TOP STUDENT AWARDS

Note: Fewer than 5 candidates, only top student awarded, fewer than 10 candidates, only 1st and 2nd top students awarded, if fewer than 15 candidates 1st, 2nd and 3rd top students awarded. All top student awards must be over 75%.

					Exam and Award
Institution	IDNumber	FamilyName	Initials	Result	Systems Analysis
SL	17950	Dissanayake	TGG	82%	1 st
Aus	17931	Downing	S	81%	Equal 2 nd
SL	17948	Athurupana	GBRNAB	81%	Equal 2 nd
		No 3rd place			
Institution	IDNumber	FamilyName	Name	Result2	Programming
PNG	17947	Namaliu	A	82%	1 st
PNG	17945	Vakinap	T	75%	2 nd
		No 3rd place			
Institution	IDNumber	FamilyName	Name	Result3	Computer Organisation
SL	17956	Jaysundera	WNP	93%	1 st
SL	17957	Nadeeshani	MS	91%	2 nd
		No 3rd place			
Institution	IDNumber	FamilyName	Name	Result4	Data Management
Aus	17931	Downing	S	91%	1 st
SL	17948	Athurupana	GBRNAB	86%	2 nd
		No 3rd place			
Institution	IDNumber	FamilyName	Name	Result5	Object Oriented Systems Development
SL	17917	Kabilan	S	91%	1 st
SL	17747	Tissera	MJR	76%	2 nd
		No 3rd place			
Institution	IDNumber	FamilyName	Name	Result6	Computer Communications
PNG	17878	Avaisa	CK	83%	1 st
NI	17961	Oseni	EC	79%	2 nd
		No 3rd place			
Institution	IDNumber	FamilyName	Name	Result7	Professional Practice
		No awards			
Institution	IDNumber	FamilyName	Name	Result8	Systems Principles
		No awards			

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