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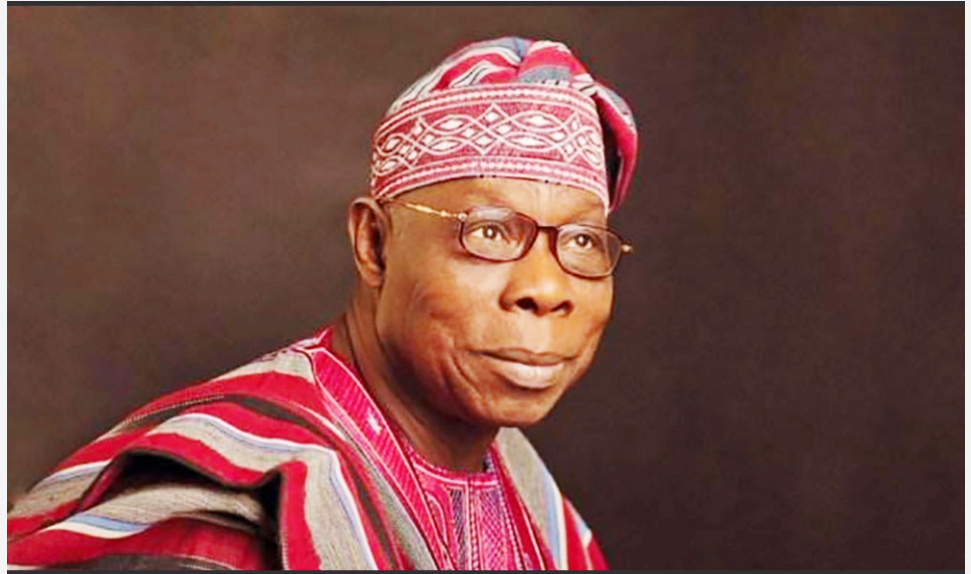
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- FORMER PRESIDENT OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

...Says Oloyede Is A Man Of Integrity, Honour And Courage



■ Former President Olusegun Obasanjo.

Chief Olusegun Matthew Okikiola Aremu Obasanjo, GCFR, is a household name. He needs little or no introduction. He is a Nigerian military and political leader who served as Military Head of State from 1976 to 1979 and later as President of Nigeria from 1999 to 2007. Chief Obasanjo has not only carved a niche for himself in Africa but also become highly revered across the world. He would go down in history as a generous, kind, vocal and courageous leader both at home and abroad.

A nationalist and detribalised Nigerian, Chief Obasanjo, popularly known and called 'OBJ' by Nigerians, in a chance virtual interview with *JAMB Bulletin* bared his mind on the pivotal role he played in the establishment of the 41-year-old JAMB, its leadership and assessment, Virtual Education, Post-UTME, COVID-19 Pandemic and why Ogun State indigenes stand tall, among others.

Chief Obasanjo said God had been very merciful, kind and generous to him. He added that God had showered him with abundant blessings and unquantifiable joys as he

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NO UNIFORM UTME MINIMUM SCORE FOR ADMISSION: AN ERRATUM

The Editorial of JAMBULLETIN apologises to Pan Atlantic University, Lagos and the general public for the error on the JAMBULLETIN of Monday, June 22, 2020 where the name of Pan-Atlantic University was mistakenly written as Pan African University. We regret the error.

The public is again reminded that there is a layer of misconceptions on what is generally described as "uniform minimum national UTME score" for

admission into tertiary institutions in Nigeria. For long, many candidates and some members of the general public have come under erroneous impression that there is a minimum national UTME score, which they also refer to as "cut-off point". The truth is that there is no one particular national minimum UTME score for all Universities, Polytechnics or Colleges of Education in Nigeria. It has never been. Similarly, in most cases, UTME score is not the sole determinant of placement of

candidates into tertiary institutions. The undue attention to the so-called national minimum UTME score (UTME cut-off point) is a major source of failure of many ill-informed candidates who assumed that they have finally attained the benchmark having achieved the so called minimum national score or "cut off point" for admission.

It is therefore a double jeopardy for many candidates who swallow the popular myth that there is a uniform UTME score

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JAMB SMA(R)T NUMBERS

SNo	JAMB Office	SMA(R)T Number	Interpretation of the SMA(R)T Number
1	ABIA	0700-JAMB-ABI	0700-5262-224
2	ADAMAWA	0700-JAMB-ADA	0700-5262-232
3	AKWA-IBOM	0700-JAMB-AKW	0700-5262-259
4	ANAMBRA	0700-JAMB-ANA	0700-5262-262
5	BAUCHI	0700-JAMB-BAU	0700-5262-228
6	BAYELSA	0700-JAMB-BAY	0700-5262-229
7	BAYELSA (Otuoke)	0700-JAMB-BAO	0700-5262-226
8	BENUE	0700-JAMB-BEN	0700-5262-236
9	BORNO	0700-JAMB-BOR	0700-5262-267
10	CROSS-RIVER	0700-JAMB-CRS	0700-5262-277
11	DELTA	0700-JAMB-DEL	0700-5262-335
12	EBONYI	0700-JAMB-EBO	0700-5262-326
13	EDO	0700-JAMB-EDO	0700-5262-336
14	EKITI	0700-JAMB-EKI	0700-5262-354
15	ENUGU	0700-JAMB-ENU	0700-5262-368
16	FCT (Garki)	0700-JAMB-FCG	0700-5262-324
17	FCT (Fed Secretariat)	0700-JAMB-FSC	0700-5262-372
18	FCT (Kogo)	0700-JAMB-FCK	0700-5262-325
19	GOMBE	0700-JAMB-GMB	0700-5262-462
20	IMO	0700-JAMB-IMO	0700-5262-466
21	JIGAWA	0700-JAMB-JIG	0700-5262-544
22	KADUNA	0700-JAMB-KAD	0700-5262-523
23	KANO	0700-JAMB-KAN	0700-5262-526
24	KANO (Farawa)	0700-JAMB-FARA	0700-5262-3272
25	KATSINA	0700-JAMB-KAT	0700-5262-528
26	KEBBI	0700-JAMB-KEB	0700-5262-532
27	KOGI	0700-JAMB-KOG	0700-5262-564
28	KWARA	0700-JAMB-KWA	0700-5262-592
29	LAGOS	0700-JAMB-LAG	0700-5262-524
30	NASARAWA	0700-JAMB-NAS	0700-5262-627
31	NIGER	0700-JAMB-NIG	0700-5262-644
32	NIGER (JAMB/NCC)	0700-JAMB-NIM	0700-5262-646
33	OGUN	0700-JAMB-OGU	0700-5262-648
34	ONDO	0700-JAMB-OND	0700-5262-663
35	OSUN	0700-JAMB-OSU	0700-5262-678
36	OSUN (ILOBU ROAD)	0700-JAMB-OSO	0700-5262-676
37	OYO	0700-JAMB-OYO	0700-5262-696
38	OYO (IGBOHO)	0700-JAMB-OYGH	0700-5262-6944
39	PLATEAU	0700-JAMB-PLA	0700-5262-752
40	RIVERS	0700-JAMB-RIV	0700-5262-748
41	SOKOTO	0700-JAMB-SOK	0700-5262-765
42	TARABA	0700-JAMB-TAR	0700-5262-827
43	YOBE	0700-JAMB-YOB	0700-5262-962
44	ZAMFARA	0700-JAMB-ZAM	0700-5262-926

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joined the league of octogenarians.

He said, "Well, they say life begins at forty. I will say that life is sweet at eighty and as I have said on a number of occasions, God has been very generous, very gracious and very kind to me throughout my life. I have even said that God has been passionate in giving me all that he has given me, so I will be eternally grateful to Him for all that He has done for me, all that He continues to do for me and all that I know He will continue to do for me in the future."

"I have said it that anybody that was born where I was born, by the parents I was born to and at the time I was born, you may not really hear his or her name beyond the next village. I was born in a village, brought up as a village boy and I grew up a village boy and I only went to school by the inspiration of my father who himself did not go to school and who insisted on my going to school and if I had not had that opportunity, my life would have taken a different course. So, I am grateful to God, I am grateful to my parents, I am grateful to all those who contributed in making my life what it is. I have dedicated my life and what remains of it to serving God and serving humanity, I believe that is all that I can do to try and pay back in my modest way, what God has done for me and what those who had influenced my life from my parents, to the teachers, to the community, my training in the army, to the opportunity I have had to serve in the government. The least I can do is to make the place and situation I have found myself better than I have met them."

On the pivotal role he played in the establishment of JAMB, the Egba High Chief and kingmaker said, "Well, I will not appropriate the power of a seer or the power of an oracle to myself. What I will say is that the first thing that is very important in whatever situation you find yourself is to learn to understand the situation, learn to find appropriate solution to whatever you have or discovered. Well, at that time that you are talking about, we had universities, and people had multiple applications to different universities, so it was becoming a problem for universities. As such, we needed to help both the universities and the candidates to streamline applications

and admissions. We wanted the admissions to be streamlined, so that candidates could make a choice of two or three universities that they want to go as well as make a choice as to the programmes they want to study and then have a central body that would lead, coordinate and make sure that the students get value for what they are doing. At the same time, the universities are relieved of the burden of considering candidates that may not take their offers of admissions. That was what really brought about the establishment of JAMB, and I believe other countries are following our example by doing more or less the same thing. May be, if we hadn't done it that time there would have been others who would have come later to do the same thing."

The former President assessed the examination body and submitted thus: "I am happy. From what I have seen and heard of JAMB, I would say that JAMB is on track. This is particularly true now that we have a person in the like of Prof. Oloyede, a man of virtue and caliber, running its affairs. He is a man of integrity, a man of honour, a man of courage and a man who never loses sight of the spiritual dimension to his work and I am proud of what he is doing in JAMB. Before he came, I think JAMB was about to derail a little bit but he came and put it back on track."

Responding to the secret of the many "firsts" and the high success rate credited to people of Ogun State extraction especially in terms of their superlative performances in both public and private life, Chief Obasanjo attributed these to the sense of commitment, selfless service and altruistic spirit associated with people of the State.

Speaking further on why the state was highly endowed and unique, he said, "Well, on a lighter note, I think the water of the Ogun River that we drink, could be responsible, but on a serious note, I think our serious religious inclination coupled with the no-nonsense way of life imparted to us by our ancestors is also a factor. So, I think all these had been bred into our DNA such that you would hardly find anyone who had risen to high levels from this part of the world, whether nationally or internationally, not doing

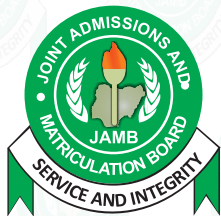
their best. I do not say they have not made any mistakes, there is no human being that is above mistake, but you will find that they are genuine mistakes not those that are deliberately made either for selfish interest or against the interest of other people. I think most people from our part of the world are considerate, consistent and have the fear of God in them, and when you have the fear of God in you, you will attempt to do what is right, when it is right all the time."

On the COVID-19 Pandemic ravaging the world, the former President commended the efforts of the government at mitigating the impact of the deadly virus and warned that all the necessary precautionary measures and protocols should be taken seriously, adding that the virus has no limitation with regard to borders, faith, religion, ethnicity, age, race or class.

He said, "We have a pandemic for which we were ill-prepared and also ill-equipped to handle but I will say the God of Nigeria has so far been helping us, it has not gone as far and bad as some of us had feared, but all the same it is bad. I believe that it this good fortune of ours that is fuelling the feeling, particularly among our people, that this is a disease reserved for the rich people while Lassa fever is reserved for the poor and, as such, they can go about their normal lives the way they want it. I think we must counter that idea as COVID-19 is no respecter of social or economic standing. I think it's important that we do what is necessary as advised by relevant agencies as we don't know when this will end."

"I fear we might not have got to the peak yet even when we do get to the peak, we must be mindful of the possibility of a second wave of infections. Consequently, we must be prepared for the worst in case anything worse than what we have now comes up. We must also appreciate what government has done and, I must say, they have done reasonably well within the limitation of the resources available. Therefore, we should not rest on our oars because the worst may yet come. Even if the worst doesn't come, I don't think COVID-19 would disappear from the surface of earth completely. Flu that came hundred years ago has not





JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 20 - JUNE 26, 2020

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (N)
1	E-facilities /Sales	3,855,681.00
2	CBT Centre Service Charge	1,081.00
3	Consultancy	31,000,000.00
	TOTAL	34,856,762.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT (N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	10,865,207.99
2	Consolidated Revenue Fund	2019 Final Remittance	680,543,738.00
3	Consolidated Revenue Fund	2020 2nd Interim Remittance	319,456,262.00
4	Remita	Financial Charges	31,132.00
5	Olaghere Sylverina	Staff Development	3,500,000.00
6	Stella Uchechi Nnodi	Staff Development	91,162.81
7	Precise Company Nig Ltd	Printing of Exam Manual	4,716,900.00
8	Bwari Kitchen Nigeria Ltd	Refreshment and Meals	1,395,000.00
9	Prefab World International Services Ltd.	Office Building	6,701,548.75
10	Trackheroes Nig. Ent.	Office Equipment	3,958,000.00
11	Sabkon Integrated Ltd.	Internet Data	2,945,000.00
12	CBT Centre	Third Party Examination	278,400.00
13	CBT Centre	2020 UTME	2,157,500.00
	TOTAL		1,036,639,851.55

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN JUNE 29TH 2020 – JULY 5TH 2020

Happy Birthday

29TH JUNE

Oladele Daramola
Godwin Bioli Aboi
Kelechi Olufemi Njoku
Shallom Eleojo Akwuh

30TH JUNE

Joseph Obotu Agada
Hafis Olayinka Jimoh
Basse Jeremiah Mbeke
Aminu Hausawa Bello

1ST JULY

Dominic Asukwo Eyo
Bello Wudil Ahmed
Doris Ojie Ajayi

2ND JULY

Ekenma Ijem Nnachi
Abubakar Koko Adamu

3RD JULY

Ismaila Adisa Popoola

Sarafa Abiodun Hammed
Bashir Muhammed Gummi
Thlama John Mshelbwala
Ali Yakubu
Bose Deborah Alonge

5TH JULY

Frederick Edeki Aigbodion
Binta Garba
Musa Oladejo
Ngozi Ijeoma Bethel
Abdulazeez Olatunji Saka



EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

LEADERSHIP, MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020–Yobe Rewards Best Performing Students in Radio, Social Media Extra Lessons: The Yobe State Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education has commended the best performing students of the Extra Lessons organised for Senior Secondary School final year students via radio station of Yobe Broadcasting Corporation and social media platforms. The Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Dr Mohammed Sani Idriss, said the programme was introduced to keep the students prepared for the forthcoming WAEC and NECO during lockdown necessitated by COVID-19 pandemic.

OPINION

PUNCH, TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020–Nigerian Varsities, Students Battle Educational Challenges Through E-learning: In this write-up, the writer takes a look at the prospect and challenges of e-learning in Nigeria amid the ongoing pandemic ravaging the country and submitted that all is not lost.

PUNCH, TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020–Varsities Fix Minimum UTME Scores- JAMB: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board on Monday said there is no uniform minimum UTME score for admissions as institutions have different and peculiar minimum UTME scores. This is contrary to the erroneous belief by candidates and other stakeholders who have had the impression that there is a minimum national UTME score and once one achieved it then one is qualified for admissions to every institution. It added that UTME score is just one of the two or three scores that are generally added together to obtain the eventual aggregate score and ranking of a candidate.

PUNCH, TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020–UNILORIN Emerges Most Picked By UTME Candidates: The University of Ilorin has again led the 2020 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination institutional first

choice statistics. This, according to the institution, is the seventh time running the institution had maintained its position as Nigeria's university of the first choice.

ONLINE

PREMIUM TIMES ONLINE, TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020–2020 UTME: 51 Schools That Won't Accept Candidates Who Scored Below 180: About 51 degree-awarding institutions in Nigeria will not admit candidates who scored below 180 in the 2020 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) for any programme. This is according to news information made available by the Board after the just concluded 2020 Policy meeting on Admissions where all heads of tertiary institutions were in attendance. This confirms the reality that there is no uniform minimum UTME score.

THISDAY, TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020–It's Insensitive to Reopen Schools, FG Insists: The Minister of State for Education, Dr Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba has said it would be insensitive for states to reopen schools now. As such, the decision by some state governors to reopen schools in their states ran contrary to the federal government's position on the resumption of schools.

DAILY TRUST, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020–Unity Bank, Dynamics Partner to Enhance E-learning: Unity Bank Plc has entered into a collaborative partnership with Dynamics, a digital learning solutions provider, to provide low-interest credits to schools to boost access to digital learning resources in the country. According to Unity Bank's Head, Personal and SME Banking, Opeyemi Ojesina, Unity Bank would support the initiative in order to empower and prepare the next generation for a competitive future defined by cutting edge technology.

PROMPT NEWS ONLINE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020–FG Presents Proposal to NASS on Schools Reopening: The Minister of State for Education, Dr Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba has presented to the National Assembly a proposed date for the reopening of schools across the country as a post-COVID-19 measure. He made the presentation during a meeting with the Senate Committee on Basic and Secondary Education on the ministry's plans for pupils who have been forced to stay at home following the outbreak of the COVID – 19 pandemics. **Also in Punch, Thursday, June 25, 2020**

OPINION

THE NATION, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020–JAMB Since 2016: In this opinion page, the writer states that in a country where underachievement is pervasive and the government treasury continues to leak, there seem to be few heads of agencies that are trailblazers. One of whom he says is the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede. The write-up takes a look at the achievements of the Registrar of the Board since his assumption as the Chief Executive of the Board.

DAILY INDEPENDENT, THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020–TETFund: Buhari Increases Research Grants to N7.5bn Over COVID-19: The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has received approval to increase the National Research Fund (NRF) to N7.5 billion for the year 2020 from its initial N3 billion. The approval, which was granted by President Muhammadu Buhari, provides TETFund with the opportunity to provide 12 COVID-19 and related infectious disease molecular laboratories, two in each geopolitical zone, making the fund the highest single provider of COVID-19 test centres in Nigeria. **Also in DailyTrust, Thursday, June 25, 2020, ThisDay, Thursday, June 24, 2020**



EXAMINOTRICKS

■ **DAILY SUN, TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 – WAEC Exam Cheats Axed:** The long arm of the law has caught up with 608 candidates who engaged in WAEC malpractices in the past, just as it has impounded and cancelled their certificates issued several years ago.

Though it took some years to discover and sanction the candidates, the action will send the right signal to candidates that no matter how long it takes, the fraud committed during examinations will be exposed and necessary sanctions imposed.

■ **DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 – How JAMB Foils Exam, Admission Fraud:** The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has employed several methods of fraud detection and prevention in exams and admission processes including automation of admissions and other processes.

■ **DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 – FUD Wins Scimago Ranking:** Scimago Journal and Country Ranking Group, a University of Granada, Spain-based research team, has ranked the Federal University Dutse, Jigawa State, as the best in Nigeria and 21st in Africa. The university was adjudged the best out of 28 institutions surveyed in Nigeria while it emerged the 21st out of 115 institutions surveyed in Africa. The ranking was based on research performance, innovation output and societal impacts measured by their visibility.

■ **DAILY TRUST, FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020 – ABU, EFCC to Introduce Anti-Corruption Certificate, Diploma Programmes:** The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria are set to commence programmes that will lead to the award of an advanced certificate and a postgraduate diploma in anti-corruption studies. According to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabir Bala, the university and the anti-graft agency have signed a memorandum of understanding to start five different programmes in anti-corruption studies. He identified the courses to include Economic and Financial Crimes Studies, Cybercrime Investigation, Cyber-Security, Forensic Accounting and Digital Forensics.

CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES NOW HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has carried out minor reorganisation of its administrative structure with the aim of providing effective services to the nation. The reorganisation, which was approved by the Governing Board, affected only the former Corporate Support Services Department which is now to be known as Human Resources Department. This change is with immediate effect and all members of staff of the Board and other stakeholders are to note.

JAMB REGISTRAR COMMENDS NASENI AS IT COMMISSIONS DISINFECTANT SPRAYERS, HAND WASHING STATIONS



■ Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, Registrar, JAMB, receiving the installed Disinfectant process manual from Prof. Mohammad Haruna, EVC, NASENI.

The Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, has commended the National Agency for Science Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI) for the supply and installation of the two models of

Disinfectant Sprayer Tunnels, 'O' and 'N' and the Pedal Operated Hand washing Stations.

The commendation was made on Friday, 26th June, 2020, during the official commissioning of the Sprayers and the Pedal Operated Hand Washing Stations. The event took place at the location of the high-end capacity Disinfectant Sprayer Tunnel 'O' installed at the main entrance to the reception of the Board's National Headquarters, Bwari.

You will recall that in preparation for the partial resumption of activities at MDAs, as directed by relevant agencies, the Board had facilitated the installation of Disinfectant Sprayers at all its offices nationwide to curb the spread of COVID-19 contagion.

Beside the big high capacity Disinfectant Sprayer installed at the National Headquarters, another Disinfectant Sprayers supplied by NASENI was also installed at the Professional Testing

Centre, Kogo.

At the commissioning ceremony, the Registrar expressed satisfaction at the performance of these locally-manufactured disinfectant sprayers. He disclosed that at the initial stage of negotiation for the installation of the equipment, there were some disagreements between the NASENI technical team and that of the Board. He, however, declared that the disagreement had been for the best as the outcome was not only commendable but worthwhile. He commended NASENI for taking into cognizance all the observations raised by the Board at the various interactive meetings prior to the installation.

Prof. Oloyede also commended NASENI for providing vital technical support to the nation through relevant and timely innovations at this critical moment in time when every nation is looking inward to combat the pandemic.

He stated that the entire workforce, both

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disappeared completely but flu has been weakened such that you can even get vaccination for it. Our government must be ready to stock our hospitals with whatever drug or vaccine that is available as we may have to live with the virus for a long time to come."

The two-time President, while responding to a question on the proliferation of universities and the declining quality of education, said, "The question is not about the number of universities, the issue should be about whether they are doing what they should be doing, whether they meet the needs of industry where they are situated, or whether they are delivering quality education. We should be preoccupied with what product is coming out and not about the number or the size. America, for instance, has universities with multi-campus where the total student populations number in the thousands. They also have smaller universities. I used to be a member of Board of Trustees of Wilberforce University with a total a population of 1,500, a small university but one which is making meaningful and impactful contributions. So, our concern should be on quality of universities as what is important are the deliverables in terms of the benefits to the society and not their numbers or whether they are owned by government, private sector or civil society or individuals."

Continuing, he said, "I believe we should build on what we have now and improve on them. I believe a population of over 200 million people having 170 or more universities is not too many for me as what

matters are content and quality and the ability to turn out appropriate products for market and industry. If that is achieved, then universities could be said to be doing what they should be doing and we should hail them for doing such."

On his views on virtual education, the National Open University graduate believes virtual learning is doable in Nigeria. He said, "I read recently that the Cambridge University has said that the next academic year would not have face-to-face conventional lectures, meaning that they are going for e-learning. We already have that mode of learning in place which we refer to in Nigeria as distance education/learning. With the present technology, the process has been taken a step further as you can now see your teacher in real time through Zoom. So, I believe it is possible and we should explore this further and expand its scope. I believe one of the final positive outcomes of COVID-19 is that we would have more of virtual learning centres."

On Post-UTME, he said the need to rejuvenate the system had necessitated its introduction to prevent a decline in the fortunes of higher education in the country.

He said, "We found out at that time that examination takers were helping others to take examinations, even some parents encouraged that type of practice for their children. It got so bad that if an institution had a candidate with 6As in WAEC, NECO and a good score in JAMB, it might be because somebody helped the candidate to take the examinations. But when it came to interview or screening, such a

candidate would not be able to justify his grades. As such, we felt it was good for institutions to know the type of candidates they are admitting."

The former President advised key players and policy makers in the education sector to brace up for the challenges ahead as well as ensure that the quality of education in Nigeria meets the UNESCO Education for All (EFA) standard. He said the situation where over 14 million children who should be in school are not is hardly ideal adding that these young Nigerians in the next one decade or more would constitute nuisance to the society as they become perpetrators of heinous crimes like kidnapping, banditry and armed robbery, among others.

He said, "If we don't take care of these 14 million out-of-school children in the next 10 years or so, they will be the terrorists, armed robbers and kidnapers of the future."

He also advised that we focus on quality and relevance of education at all levels. He said, "We should be asking ourselves the type of education we want to impart to our children. Is it education as a meal ticket? That is not bad, but our education should also be for citizenship development to make the country great. Similarly, our educational sector should be geared towards providing education for the fostering of unity in the country so that biases or prejudices would be eliminated."

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...JAMB Registrar Commends NASENI As It Commissions Disinfectant Sprayers, Hand Washing Stations

at the National Headquarters and Outstations, as well as clients, would be thoroughly disinfected before they are allowed into the Board's premises. He added that the Board would not take chances with the safety of its staff and clients as it continues to adhere to extant protocols regarding the phased reopening of MDAs across the nation.

Similarly, the Registrar inaugurated the Pedal-Operated Hand Washing Stations installed at the National Headquarters. He disclosed that this machine also

developed by NASENI would complement the sprayers in curbing the spread of COVID 19. He enjoined staff to use the facilities judiciously so as to derive value for money spent.

In his remarks, the Executive Vice Chairman, NASENI, Prof. Mohammad Haruna, expressed his appreciation to the Registrar for his patriotism as exhibited by his patronage of the products developed by the Agency especially at a period when many Nigerians are fixated on foreign-made products.

He assured the Registrar that the pieces of equipment supplied to the Board by NASENI would meet all the specifications agreed upon with the Board in terms of aesthetics, added features and durability especially with respect to the Disinfectant Sprayer Tunnel 'O'. As such, subsequent production of the device would be configured to automatically gauge body temperature of users alongside disinfecting them.



BEST 10 2020 UTME CANDIDATES

SN	Name of Candidate	Gender	State of Exam	State of Origin	UTME Score	Institution (1 st Choice)	Programme
1	Madaufokwa Egoagwuagwu Agnes	F	Lagos	Anambra	365	UI	Industrial Production Engr.
2	Nwobi Okwuchukwu David	M	Kogi	Anambra	363	KWASU	Mech. Engr.
3	Ojuba Meziash Shalom	F	FCT	Edo	359	COVENANT	Elect. Engr.
3	Elikwu, Victor Chukwuemeka	M	Ogun	Delta	359	COVENANT	Comp Engr.
5	Adebola Oluwatobi Paul	M	Lagos	Ekiti	358	OAU	Elect. Engr.
6	Gboyega Oluwatobiloba Enoch	M	Oyo	Ekiti	356	UNILAG	Comp. Engr.
7	Ojo Samuel Oluwatobi	M	Ogun	Ondo	355	UNILAG	Elect. Engr.
7	Utulu, Jebose George	M	Rivers	Delta	355	UNILAG	Mech. Engr.
9	Osom Akan Awesome	M	Ogun	Akwa Ibom	353	UNILAG	Elect. Engr.
10	Akakabota Fejiro Simeon	M	Lagos	Delta	352	OAU	Mech. Engr.
10	Ogundele Favour Jesupemi	F	Kwara	Kwara	352	UNILORIN	Civil Engr.
10	Alatise Monsurah Bisola	F	Kwara	Oyo	352	UNILORIN	Mech. Engr.
10	Adelaja Oluwasemilore Daniel	M	Oyo	Ogun	352	UNILAG	Mech. Engr.

...No Uniform UTME Minimum Score For Admission: An Erratum

(cut-off) for all Universities, Polytechnics or Colleges of Education in Nigeria. The myth also incorporates the erroneous impression that it is only the UTME score that constitutes the benchmark for admission. These are far from the truth. Such candidates on attainment of particular grade in UTME celebrate in advance their imminent placements, which in reality may not be at the end of the day.

The Board has repeatedly stated that:

1) No uniform minimum UTME score (cut -off) for all Universities, Polytechnics or Colleges of Education in Nigeria; each Institution determines and submits to JAMB its minimum UTME score; after having analyzed the UTME performances of its applicants against its available quota. Decisions at the annual Policy Meeting on Admission does not adjust the minimum prescription of the institutions except the few institutions whose submitted minimum UTME- scores fall below what the Policy Meeting considers as the minimum score acceptable.

2) UTME score is just one of the two or three scores that are generally added together to obtain the eventual aggregate score and ranking of the candidates. Other parameters are Post-UTME /Post -A/L qualifications screening/test score; O/L grade score; and in some cases, physical test (such as applicable in the Nigerian Defence Academy/Police Academy). Therefore, It is the score from all the segments that are added together to have eventual ranking table or "cut off" score.

For the 2020 admission exercise, for example, no candidate with a UTME score of 209 can be considered for admission into any programme at the Pan-Atlantic University whose minimum UTME score is **210**. Also, no candidate with a UTME score of 199 can be admitted into any of the following universities whose minimum score is **200**.

i. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife;

- ii. University of Ibadan;
- iii. Covenant University, Ota;
- iv. University of Lagos; and
- v. University of Benin

No candidate with a score less than 180 can be admitted into many of the universities including, the Lagos State University (190); Afe Babalola University (180); Nigerian Army University, Biu (180); University of Jos (180); University of Abuja (180); Redeemers University (180) University of Ilorin (180); Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (180), Bayero University Kano (180); Alex Ekwueme University (180) and PAMO University of Medical sciences, Port Harcourt (180)

Similarly for Polytechnics; no candidate with a UTME score of 199 is admissible into the School of Orthopedic Cast Technology, Ilorin, which has set **200** as its minimum UTME score; just as the Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Imo State has set a minimum UTME score of 180; Airforce Institute of Technology, Kaduna (170) and Abdu Gusau Polytechnic, Talata Mafara, Zamfara State (160)

As for the Colleges of Education, the 100 minimum score being paraded is not generally correct because no candidate can be admitted into any of the following Colleges of Education with a UTME score less than 180:

- i. College of Education, Maru, Zamfara State;
- ii. Federal College of Education, Eha-Amufu, Enugu State
- iii. Akwa Ibom State College of Education, Afaha-Nsit, Akwa Ibom State.
- iv. Onit College of Education, Mbaukwu, Anambra State

In the category of Innovation Enterprise Institutions, the minimum UTME score for some of the institutions are as follows:

- i. Laurel School of Mines, Ogudu, Lagos - **180**;
- ii. NTA College, Jos - **170**; and
- iii. Oluaka Institute of Technology, Owerri, - **150**

Again, it is important to note that there are cases of candidates with UTME scores of above **300** that may eventually rank below

some other candidates with UTME score of 200 when all other scores are aggregated.

Even within each institution, there is a different minimum score (cut -off) for admission into different programmes (courses). They are usually significantly higher for courses such as MBBS, Engineering, Nursing, Law, etc, with overall available space of less than 10% of the applicants.

the Board has over the years reiterated the above points to sensitize the general public on the so the called national minimum scores for all tertiary institutions which has continued to generate confusion on the quality of candidates being admitted into tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

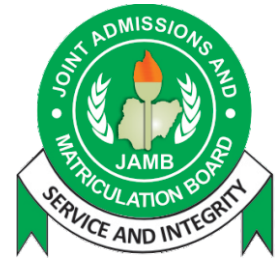
It is also noted that UTME is a ranking examination designed to place the best available registered candidates into Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education and other accredited tertiary institutions in Nigeria. As such, the minimum scores into each institution or programme varies; based on academic performances of candidates who applied to such institutions. Over the years, few programmes such as MBBS, Engineering, Law and Pharmacy are oversubscribed by candidates. Also, some of the institutions attract more candidates than many others, thereby making it imperative for each institution to set its own minimum score, based on its circumstances and as approved at the Policy Meeting.

The Board had always published on its website (www.jamb.gov.ng) full details of minimum UTME score for each institution. The body has also always reminded candidates to note that each programme (course) has a different minimum score which is usually very high for competitive programmes.





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