

Do They End at the Same Point?

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ABSTRACT The Senior School Certificate (SSC) obtained at the end of the third year of Senior Secondary Schooling (or its equivalents) in addition to performance result in the Universities Matriculation Examination (UME) qualifies one for admission into 100 level in any Nigerian University. Both the National Examinations Council (NECO) and the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) are conducting the Senior School Certificate Examination. This study sought to find out whether there existed any significant difference in the performance of students admitted through NECO SSC and those admitted through WAEC SSC. Results indicated that there was no significant difference in the performance of the two groups ($t [df = 38] = 0.1; p > 0.05$ for the first semester; $t [df = 38] = 0.1; p > 0.05$ for the second semester). It could not also be established that holders of one version are superior to the others in terms of first year undergraduate performance (Mean GPA[WAEC] = 2.66, Mean GPA[NECO] = 2.64, $t = 1.03$ for first semester and Mean GPA[WAEC] = 2.68, Mean GPA[NECO] = 2.70, $t = 0.97$ for second semester).