

**An Assessment of Post University Matriculation Examination:
A Case Study of University of Benin**

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ABSTRACT This study is a case study which looked at the effectiveness of Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and Post-University Matriculation Examination (PUME) on the admitted students of year 2004-2005 Session who were admitted by the last JAMB and 2005-2006 session students who were admitted by the first PUME following the protest from JAMB, parents and students on the introduction of PUME.. The population of the study was the eleven faculties in the University of Benin. Seven faculties were randomly selected to form the sample. A Likert-type questionnaire augmented with interview and a format to retrieve the first year results of the students were used to gather the data. The major finding showed the supremacy of PUME over JAMB in selecting the best candidate for university education. Only 11.66% of candidates who passed JAMB and presented themselves for PUME scored 50% and above. Among the first year students of 2004-2005, 14.23% passed all their first year courses, 66.94% students had carryover while 18.80% were on probation. For 2005-2006 first year students, 39.65% passed all their courses, 53.80% had carryovers while 6.54% were on probation. Based on the above, it was recommended that PUME should continue to carry out the final selection exercise in order to restore the lost glory to the universities.