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TOPIC

**STAKEHOLDERS' PERCEPTIONS OF THE CAUSES OF LOW
CANDIDATURE IN TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS IN
THE MAY/JUNE 2003-2007 WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL
CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (WASSCE) IN NIGERIA**

ABSTRACT

The study investigated the perceived causes of low candidature in Technical & Vocational subjects in the May/June 2003-2007 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) in Nigeria. The cross-sectional design was used, with six sets of questionnaires meant for different categories of respondents to elicit responses from 5,040 respondents. Descriptive statistics was used to analyse the data. Among the perceived causes for low candidature for the Technical and Vocational subjects were lack of instructional facilities, job prospects and cultural/social perception. The findings were discussed and it was recommended, among others, that there should be adequate provision of instructional materials and the mounting of public enlightenment campaigns to correct the negative societal perception attached to the studying of technical and vocational subjects.