

MARATHI AND MARATHI LANGUAGE

Paper 8688/02
Reading and Writing

General Comments

The overall performance of candidates was good. It was noted that the general level of comprehension was quite good but candidates' lacked the ability to express themselves effectively. Answers were not detailed enough and ideas and thoughts were not developed sufficiently because of limited vocabulary.

Comments on Specific Questions

Section A

Question 1

Candidates' responses were generally quite weak. They were unable to give alternative words that have the same meaning as those in the passage. They were also unable to make their own sentences with the words to show that they understood the meaning of them.

Question 2

Responses to this question were very good. Candidates composed correct, relevant sentences as instructed.

Question 3

(i) to (vi) In spite of seeming to understand the passage fairly well, candidates usually copied out large chunks of the passage for inclusion in their answers. There was little evidence of independent thought on the topic or of attempts to answer the questions in their own words.

Section B

Question 4

(i) to (v) Same as **Question 3 (i) to (vi)**

Question 5

- (i) Candidates are expected to give a detailed response based on the two passages. It is not merely a summary that is required, candidates should have a good understanding of the two passages and then answer in their own words which was not generally done.
- (ii) Candidates' answers were on the whole unsatisfactory. There was little ability to develop a response to the question based on information from their own countries.

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Essay

General comments

On the whole candidates performed well. In general the essays written were appropriate to the titles given. Topic 4 was not chosen by any candidate. The essays are marked out of 40 with 24 marks for language and 16 marks for content. This means that candidates with very good language skills achieved the highest marks because of the balance of language marks to content marks. Conversely those candidates that had relevant ideas but who were limited in expression by their weak language ability could not achieve the same high marks.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

In general candidates' responses were good. However some candidates were limited in their ability to discuss in detail the social, economical and ethical problems required for this essay.

Question 2

On the whole this title was answered well. The topic was discussed in detail and with confidence.

Question 3

Candidates' performance on this topic was only satisfactory. Candidates were not able to discuss the merits and demerits of the current education system in sufficient detail.

Question 5

The performance by candidates on this topic was barely satisfactory. Responses were limited and many candidates could not approach the topic from different angles.

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Prose

General comments

In general candidates' translation of the prose passage into Marathi was satisfactory. Some candidates found the passage more accessible than in previous years and therefore performed well.

Although the overall translation was good there are a number of weak areas that could be improved. Attention needs to be given the correct structure of sentences in Marathi. In particular the placement of subject, object and verb, adjectives and propositions and their use within Marathi structures. It was noted that the tenses of sentences were often changed in translation which is incorrect. In general candidates would benefit from more practice in the above and in enriching their vocabulary.