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Paper 9688/02
Reading and Writing

General comments

Overall, performance on this paper was good.

A number of candidates copied out long portions from the reading passages in their answers; candidates should be encouraged to be selective in their answers and to use their own words as far as possible.

Candidates would benefit from more practice in using Marathi verbs.

Comments on specific questions

Section 1

Question 1

Generally, responses to this question were not satisfactory, with many candidates struggling to provide equivalent meanings of the words and phrases given in the question paper.

Candidates would benefit from further practice in finding and using synonyms/antonyms in Marathi.

Question 2

There were many good answers to this question. Some candidates did not adhere to the rubric and did not rewrite/rearrange the sentences as required. Candidates should be reminded to read the rubrics in the question paper carefully.

Question 3

There were some good answers to this question, with candidates answering in their own words. A number of candidates copied out long portions from the reading passage in their answers, and this copying of long portions was often not selective enough to indicate sufficient comprehension, resulting in marks being lost. Candidates should be encouraged to be selective in their answers and to use their own words as far as possible.

Candidates can improve by receiving more practice in expressing themselves in their own words.

Section 2

Question 4

Here, a similar trend to that shown in response to **Question 3** was noted. There were some good answers to this question, in which candidates responded in their own words. A number of candidates copied out long portions from the reading passage in their answers, which was often not selective enough to indicate sufficient comprehension, resulting in marks being lost. Candidates should be encouraged to be selective in their answers and to use their own words as far as possible.

Question 5

There were some good answers to this question, with candidates answering in their own words. In some cases, candidates did not include adequate content in their answers to part (ii), and knowledge of contemporary aspects of their country was sometimes not shown in their answers.

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Essay

General comments

This is an Essay paper in which candidates are required to compose one essay from a choice of five topics. The essay is marked out of 40, with 16 marks available for Content and 24 marks available for Language.

In general, candidates performed well on this paper. Many candidates scored good or excellent marks for Language. Candidates could improve by receiving more practice in using Marathi verbs.

Many candidates selected relevant and carefully-chosen examples to support their arguments and views.

Comments on specific questions

Question 4 was the most popular question, with many candidates providing good examples to support their points. **Questions 2** and **3** were also popular. In general, candidates dealt with the topics thoroughly and demonstrated adequate control of the Marathi language.

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Paper 9688/04
Texts

General comments

In general, candidates performed well on this paper, with the majority of candidates including ample content in their answers.

Many candidates wrote good or excellent responses to the questions on poetry. Candidates did not seem to have received such thorough preparation for the prose section, and responses to the questions on prose were often less strong than those to the questions on poetry.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

Many candidates provided an excellent response to this question and included appropriate reference to Geeta and Mahabharat in their answers. **Question 1(a)** proved more popular than **Question 1(b)**.

Question 2

There were some very good answers to this question, with candidates using appropriate examples to support their answers.

Question 3

Answers to **Question 3(a)** tended to be adequate. Those who attempted **Question 3(b)** needed to discuss in more detail the central idea of the poem in order to gain higher marks.

Question 4

There were a number of good answers to this question. Most candidates covered all of the relevant points regarding the plot.

Question 5

Responses to this question tended to be adequate.

Question 6

Answers to this question tended to be satisfactory. Candidates often showed good narration in their answers.

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Prose

General comments

In this paper, candidates are required to translate a short passage from English into Marathi.

Candidates tended to perform well on this paper. The most common error was the misuse of the Marathi verb, particularly in terms of tense. Weaker answers were characterised by faulty grammatical structures and incorrect placement of the subject, object and verb. Candidates would benefit from more practice in these areas.