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Paper 8690/02
Reading and Writing

General Comments

The syllabus and level of papers were the same as previous years. The mark scheme is designed to help and encourage even the weakest candidates in the language concerned.

Comments on individual questions

Part 1

Question 1

Vocabulary recognition.

Five bit questions are asked with one mark for each correct response.

Question 2

Testing grammar and syntax.

Five bit questions are asked with one mark for each correct response.

Question 3

Comprehension questions.

Five bit questions are asked on comprehension.

Marks are awarded for both the quality of language and the content expressed.

Question 4

There were some good responses but some candidates failed to give explanations and simply copied from the text.

Question 5

Comprehension questions on two passages.

Performance was somewhat varied, with a few candidates responding very well using information from both passages while others simply copied from the passages or based answers on only one passage.

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Essay

General Comments

All questions in the paper are set as per the syllabus with a maximum of 40 marks (24 for language and 16 for content). The mark scheme is provided on page 14 of the syllabus.

Comments on individual questions

Seven candidates chose Question 2 on the topic Youth; six chose Sports (Question 5) and five chose the village/urban life topic (Question 3). Question 1 and 4 were also attempted. There was one excellent performance and some very good essays.