

NEPALI

Paper 3202/01

Paper 1

General comments

This year, the majority of candidates performed very well in the Nepali examination. The reason for the increased level of performance this year appears to lie in the fact that most candidates had prepared well for the different types of task in the paper.

Comments on individual questions

Section A – Composition

There was wide range of topics to attempt for students. All topics were chosen and were well within the range of the candidates' ability. Interestingly, most candidates chose the topic of 'Vision for a new Nepal', a topic very much relevant to Nepali speakers worldwide. Nearly all essays were engaging to read and most candidates displayed a keen sense of audience.

Section B – Translation (English and Nepali)

Both Nepali and English translations were answered very well by most students. A few candidates struggled with some of the phrases or sentences in both the Nepali and the English translations, but there was no clear pattern of error.

Section C - Comprehension

Unfortunately, a large part of the candidature, even including some of the candidates who performed strongly in the two previous sections, struggled to answer the questions in their own language, with about half of the students copying large parts from the passage in their answers. This is against instructions which clearly state that answers should be written in a candidate's own words.