

NEPALI

Paper 3202/01
Paper 1

Key messages

In order to do well in this paper, candidates should:

- ensure that they answer **two** essay questions from **Section A** and adhere to the word limits specified
- ensure that their work is legible, accurate and logically presented
- plan their use of time for each question and allow time for thorough checking of their work.

General comments

Most candidates were able to convey meaning and messages through their use of language despite spelling errors and language inaccuracies. There were some cases of mixed English – Nepali language usage which needs to be discouraged. Candidates should make sure to use Nepali words and expressions as much as possible.

Candidates should attempt all questions even if they are unsure of the answer. A number of candidates skipped some of the questions, perhaps because of poor time management. Candidates are advised to plan their time carefully and leave enough time at the end to check their work thoroughly.

Candidates are also advised to plan their essays carefully and avoid repeating the same information and expressions over and over.

Comments on specific questions

Section A – Composition

In this section, candidates attempt two questions from a choice of five. The letter (scholarship application) was the slightly more popular choice, but all the other questions received about the same number of answers. The content of the responses to the questions was generally satisfactory, despite spelling errors and some untidy handwriting. Candidates need to practice / improve their paragraphing and the linking of the paragraphs.

Section B – Translation

On an average, candidates found this task more challenging than the previous one.

In some cases, candidates provided the general sense of the text rather than translating it closely. Also, in a number of cases when candidates had some difficulty in translating an English word / expression in Nepali, they just transliterated it with Roman characters – which could not gain the mark. Luckily, such practice was quite rare.

Section C – Comprehension

In this section, candidates need to show their understanding by using their own words to answer the questions as far as possible – which most of them did. There were some cases where candidates copied chunks from the text. This does not show comprehension and therefore cannot score marks – candidates are advised against such practice.