

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

Overall, the results were similar to previous years. Centres were very conscious in following the code of examination practices and maintaining the standard.

Most candidates presented an even performance across the paper though some students did relatively better on some questions than on others or haven't answered some questions (possibly due to poor time management).

Comments on specific questions

Section A – Composition

Candidates answer on two out of the five essay titles in 150 words max (per essay). The five titles in this section seemed to be equally popular. Many candidates produced high quality written work in response to both questions but there were some who scored good marks for one of their responses but did not do so well in their other response. Many essays displayed spelling, grammar and punctuation errors. Candidates are advised to spend some time checking their work at the end.

Section B – Translation

Candidates translate one passage from Nepali into English (10 marks) and another passage from English into Nepali (20 marks). A number of candidates provided an approximate sense of the texts rather than an exact translation – a practice which should be discouraged.

Section C – Comprehension

Candidates show their understanding of a reading passage by answering a series comprehension questions in their own words. Candidates did well in this section of the paper, even though some copied whole sections from the passage as their answer. This practice should be discouraged as it does not demonstrate comprehension.