

1. On the whole, the paper was well received by candidates who had a thorough knowledge of the relevant information in the textbook, *General Introduction to Ethnology*. There was an exceptional performance by a candidate who scored 91%, the highest mark ever achieved in this paper.
2. With the exception of Question 4.1, concerning the “ways in which the supernatural reveals itself to people”, candidates did not experience problems with either the syllabus, the examination questions or even the length of the paper. Regarding Question 4.1, many candidates wrote lengthy essays on religion in general or how one should approach the supernatural through prayer or the performance of rituals. From their answers it appeared as if these candidates either did not analyse the question carefully or did not prepare themselves thoroughly in his section of the work. Where private candidates are orientated by teachers in their preparation for the examination, teachers should emphasise to candidates that careful analysis of a question is essential before attempting an answer.
3. The major shortcoming in the answers of candidates who obtained unsatisfactory marks was again insufficient preparation for the examination. Most of the questions required ready knowledge of the work and an application of this knowledge in certain situations (see Question 5 on the “Development problems in Africa”). Without a sound knowledge of the relevant information in the textbook, *General Information to Ethnology*, which is based on the syllabus, a candidate cannot obtain a pass-mark in the examination. Note that preparation for the examination should not commence immediately before the examination. This is a recipe for disaster which many candidates, to their disillusionment, have experienced through the years. Preparation for the examination should start immediately after registration and should be done on the basis of a well-planned timetable. Without such planning, one’s chances of success in the examination are rather remote. A well-known philosopher once said that one plans one’s failures in life.