

**HISTORY HG P.1****NOVEMBER 2005**

The paper was perceived by many, learners and educators alike, as being of a very high standard. Some learners struggled to come to grips with the paper, hence the expectation is that the results will be poor. Few learners obtained A symbols and even fewer scored in excess of 90%.

**Many factors contributed to the comparatively weaker results:**

1. The degree of difficulty of the question paper.
2. The translations in this paper resulted in vagueness.
3. Questions 3 A + B was seldom attempted – the question on the trade unions was answered with a lot of aimless writing. This is because hardly any LSM specific to the National Guidelines has been developed and made available.
4. Candidates were not well prepared for the paper with many candidates misinterpreting the essay questions.

**Recommendations for paper setting:**

1. Set question papers strictly according to the National Guidelines.
2. Set the paper to accommodate English second and third language speakers.

**Recommendations to educators and learners:**

Question 1A: Events should be in chronological order. Avoid too much background information. Answers should be question driven.

Question 1B: Candidates should stick to the timeframes given and structure their presentations.

Question 2A: The question was well answered.

Question 2B: Some candidates wrote too much on certain sections, leaving the answer rather unbalanced in terms of presentation.

Question 3A: No candidate came to grips with this question. Candidates were meant to refer to the role of trade unions in the struggle for liberation. It would appear that candidates were not prepared for this question.

Question 3B: Candidates did well, but some produced aimless writing. Both presentation and content are important in any answer.

Question 4, 5  
and 6:

Very few candidates struggled with this question. What must be guarded against, though, is the tendency of some candidates to 'rush in' without reading

the question. Added to this is the notion that 'anything goes' when questions on the struggle for liberation are asked. Candidates should present substantiated answers.