

INTRODUCTION:

Generally speaking, candidates who write this paper are not serious about passing the subject. They do not study for the examination and they take this paper for granted. Their performance is appalling. They fail almost every question.

QUESTION 1: COMPREHENSION

Most of the candidates gained marks in this question because it involved everyday things they read about, see and hear in the media.

QUESTION 2: SUMMARY

Few candidates were able to summarize. Most of them just rewrote parts of the extract. Others wrote in point form, which was not what was required.

QUESTION 3: GRAMMAR

This question was a disaster. More than 50 % failed this question on grammar that is taught at school. One just does not know how one can help such candidates. They gave the impression of never having looked at a grammar book.

QUESTION 4: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Most candidates could have passed this question had they had a knowledge of everyday language, but many candidates from urban areas are not exposed to a variety of language.

QUESTION 5: USE OF LANGUAGE

Use of language, especially punctuation and capital letters, remains a problem for some candidates.