

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the educators who taught IsiXhosa Third Language Paper 1 this year more especially Higher Grade candidates. Judging from the general performance of Higher Grade candidates one can confirm that candidates have been prepared particularly well for the exams. Most of the schools have obtained 80-89% and there are also some schools who have obtained 90-95%. Only two schools performed below standard with an average of 13% and 27%. In overall all the questions have been answered very well by Higher Grade candidates.

The Standard Grade candidates performance is a cause for very serious concern. There is a school with a batch of 27 candidates with an average of 14%. They didn't even tried to answer the questions from Section A to Section B, the only thing they did was to copy down the questions to fill the spaces. Judging from their performance one can confirm that they were not taught for the whole year they just went to the exam room and wrote the paper. They don't know the structure of the letter, dialogue and essay.

This is not the case for only one school almost all Standard Grade candidates are struggling a lot, some of them choose to answer in English to show that they understand the questions, but don't have Xhosa vocabulary to write in Xhosa. I understand that most of them don't even speak the language outside classrooms so they don't bother themselves to learn the language or prepare for the exams.

Thank you again for the good work. You are highly encouraged to maintain and even improve your excellent work.