

1. General

The general response to this paper was disappointing since the paper was very accessible to all candidates at this level. The contents were both relevant and topical. It was obvious from the candidates' responses that their reading ability was not of an adequate level to enable them to understand the texts presented to them.

2. Recommendations

Candidates must be taught the rudimentary skills associated with punctuation, sentence structures, direct and reported speech, active and passive voice, literal and figurative language, visual literacy, summarising, derivations and vocabulary extension.

Candidates must be specially alerted to and prepared for the changed form and demands of this examination in 2008. We suspect that it will be more demanding than the current SG paper.