

Section A

The questions in this section were generally well answered. The most common errors were as follows:

- Some aspects of the topic not fully addressed
- Ignoring of some instructions, e.g. writing down the title
- Some pieces either too short or too long

Question 1

Most candidates correctly interpreted this topic. However, some focussed largely on benefits and did not discuss preparations and challenges. The topic was a suitable choice for weaker candidates.

Question 2

The responses here were generally above average.

Question 3

Candidates tended to ramble on and did not focus on the argumentative/discursive nature of this topic.

Question 4

This topic was sometimes misinterpreted and there was often aimless writing.

Question 5

This was not a popular choice. Candidates often wrote about what learners should do to be perfect at school, instead of what makes a school perfect. Candidates struggled to come up with a description of a perfect school.

SECTION B

Question 6

This popular choice was generally well handled

Problems:

- Candidate did not re-establish contact
- Suggestions about remaining in contact were not mentioned.

Question 7

Candidates had difficulty keeping places, people and the learning experience in mind.

Question 8

There were few successful efforts here. Most candidates mentioned the problems, but solutions were not offered.

SECTION C

Question 9

This was the best-answered question.

Problems:

- Candidates had no idea of how to set out a fax.
- Some answers were too long.
- Relevant information was not given.

Question 10

Not a popular choice and most responses were unsuccessful.

Candidates were unable to interpret the graph.

The message sent to parents often did not relate to the information in the graph

Question 11

Candidates did not mention the following:

- Value of clean environment
- Details of the operation

They concentrated largely on thanking. There were few poster formats.

Candidates who chose this option were able to write fairly well.