

## Maritime Studies A (Shore-Based) SG V1

While the examination was approached seriously in all centres, the results in some centres reflected inadequate preparation, especially in the use of examination question papers as the basis for revision.

Once again, some candidates lost marks because they do not read the question – or follow instructions – properly, while others are limited in their ability to express themselves coherently. In some cases, marks were lost because candidates (a minority) did not answer the questions in sequence and, as a result, they accidentally omitted questions.

The following areas also need attention:

1. Some answers to the section *Strategic Considerations* showed that scant attention had been paid to this section by some candidates, and consequently, they lost marks they could have earned relatively easily. This is particularly pertinent in the case of Question 16.2, relating to the role of merchant ships in time of war.
2. It is suggested that more time be allocated to revision centred on previous examination question papers as most of the content of this paper had appeared in various forms in previous papers.
3. While a number of candidates did satisfactorily in this examination, the answers presented by a significant group indicated that they had little understanding of the maritime terminology used. It is recommended that teachers pay close attention to this aspect.