

1. **General remarks**

- The question paper appeared to be reasonable, but closer examination revealed that it was of a very high standard which would have been suitable for the former higher grade candidates.
- There were many higher order questions which affected the weaker candidates.
- Some of the questions were more suited to AMP candidates.
- Questions on sections of the work not indicated in the Examination Guidelines were answered poorly.
- In general, the question on Basic Genetics was answered poorly.

2. **Time allocated to the paper**

- The 2½ hours allowed was sufficient time for candidates to answer all questions.
- The time allocated for the marking of the paper was not sufficient. The markers were under pressure that can result in mistakes.

3. **Language usage in the paper**

- Candidates for whom the language of examining was a second language, found it difficult to express themselves in their answers.
- Candidates could not understand the terminology used in the papers.
- Some of the questions were confusing. Candidates were not sure what was expected of them, e.g. 1.1.7.

4. **Answering of questions**

Candidates still found it difficult to interpret case studies and data, to make calculations, to interpret and draw graphs, and to make deductions. Candidates must be taught to cope with these types of questions.

5. **Memorandum**

The memorandum of marking was too long and there were too many possible answers. This slowed down the pace of the marking.