

- **SECTION A** This is the section where most candidates scored most of their marks, some almost full marks. The questions were fair, but the problem was the memo. For example, in Question 1.2, where the candidate were required to give the job of the person in question, the memo did not give the job, only the position, which was the second part of the question. In Question 1.11, candidates could give alternatives, like *uyayingqina*, to what was provided on the memo.
- **SECTION B** For the past few years summarising was the problem part of the paper, but this year most candidates did well. What could be done to improve this section is for the examiner to state on the question paper how the marks be allocated.
- **SECTION C** Question 3 was answered fairly well, although some candidates struggled to answer questions on visual. The instructions were clear, but some candidates fail to answer correctly. Possibly they were not taught *iziphawuli, izikhuzo okanye izibanjalo ngokubanzi*.

Question 4 was a straight-forward question, but some candidates failed to answer it, possibly because they were not taught this section.

Question 5 was answered rather poorly, possibly because the candidates are used to the English and so they are confused about which was the borrowed word.

Question 6 was the problem question of the paper. Some candidates did not attempt it, and those who tried did not do well. Possibly they were not taught this section, or possibly their lack of background knowledge.

Question 7 was difficult for candidates for whom Xhosa is not their mother tongue as it tested general knowledge of Xhosa and Xhosa idioms. In my opinion, this question was rather unfair to some candidates.

- In general the question paper was a fairly good one.
- The examiner must, in future, consider candidates for whom Xhosa is not their mother tongue.