

## ENGLISH FIRST LANGUAGE SG PAPER 2

It was pleasing to note the number of well-prepared candidates. They were particularly noticeable in the essay where many candidates were well taught in the reading of the question and the planning and Writing of the answer

This said, it is still imperative that as an ongoing exercise, candidates are shown how to read, interpret and answer questions. Candidates should also be reassured that they need not be afraid of essay questions as more than enough help, in the way of pointers, is included in the question

In the contextual questions, it is even more important that candidates are shown how to read the questions and to follow instructions. In questions like 5.1.3 “Apart from this except....” and in 5.2.2. “Apart from Lear himself and his daughters.....”, these instructions were often ignored. Candidates should be taught to notice the underlined sections in questions and to focus on them in their answers to questions such as 1.4, 2.3 and 7.8.

Furthermore, a concept like “similar” implies that two things be mentioned. A word like “changed” in Question 5.2.1 implies a “before and after” scenario. Candidates should be taught what to do when they encounter this sort of language.