

ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE SG PAPER 2

Many educators can be commended on their excellent preparation of the candidates for the examination. There has been a tremendous improvement in the quality, neatness and presentation of the candidates' work. However, there are areas of concern in some of the centres. The following are some of the areas of concern that came up in 2003 and it is hoped that we will be able to see an improvement in the next examination:

- ❖ Poor choice of genres – especially Poetry and Shakespeare.
- ❖ Candidates did not answer the questions on all the extracts. This year's questions had THREE extracts but candidates did not answer the questions on all THREE.
- ❖ 'Lifting' of answers was a problem. Some answers required a paraphrase and candidates could not do this.
- ❖ Candidates failed to use quotation marks when asked to quote.
- ❖ Candidates failed to follow the instructions, e.g.

When asked to quote FIVE words candidates gave the whole sentence.

Candidates did not follow the instruction to "write only the letter of your choice next to the number".

- ❖ Candidates did not number the work as per question paper. e.g. Extract 3 starts with 1.9.1 but the candidates wrote 1.1.1.