

## ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE SG PAPER 3

### SECTION A

Question 1 – Generally well answered. Most candidates selected this question, read the instructions carefully and responded adequately to the question.

Question 2 – Some candidates had difficulty focusing on the difference between “Town” and “Village” and wrote about both. Candidates were guided as to the elements to be included in the essay.

Question 3 – Candidates could argue for or against the topic or take a balanced opinion, but they had to motivate their opinion.

Question 4 – Candidates tended to respond to the question emotionally, thus addressing the extent to which the law favours or fails the criminal in a paragraph or a line or two only.

Question 5 – Varied opinions were expressed. Candidates could motivate why they argued for or against the topic.

### SECTION B

– The majority of the candidates did not get the format of the letter correct.

Question 6 - Candidates had to include both issues, i.e. “congratulating a friend” and “offering an apology”. The ending tended to be a problem, since candidates did not know whether to write “Yours sincerely” or “yours faithfully”. Appropriate endings should be taught.

Question 7 – A few candidates wrote pre-learnt content as a response to the question. Some candidates only wrote a covering letter, instead of a “Letter of Application”. A distinction should be drawn between the two and taught as such.

Question 8 – Candidates had to respond to two requests from the question, i.e. thanking the host and mentioning a newfound relationship.

### SECTION C

– Most candidates had not been exposed to the various formats of writing in this section. All formats should be taught. Valuable marks were forfeited as candidates had the wrong formats or did not answer appropriately.