

MARITIME STUDIES A SG

Overall, the examination was approached satisfactorily, although candidates continue to lose marks because they do not read the question or follow instructions. In some cases a significant number of marks were lost in this way.

The following areas also need attention:

1. Calculation, as in Questions 8 and 9
2. The difference between a Combined Bill of Lading and through Transport Bill of Lading, and the associated responsibilities of the ocean carrier
3. When asked for their own comments on a particular aspect of shipping, some candidates are inclined to regurgitate a few facts that have little to do with the question. There is a distinct lack of ability on the part of some candidates to interpret information, and educators should concentrate on skill when dealing with those modules that lend themselves to this form of question, especially Section D.
4. Some answers to the Strategic Consideration Section showed that some candidates had paid scant attention to this section. Consequently, they lost marks that were relatively easy to acquire.