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This booklet contains reports written by Examiners on the work of candidates in certain papers. **Its contents are primarily for the information of the subject teachers concerned.**

PORTUGUESE

GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Paper 8672/04

Texts

General comments

As last year, the majority of candidates were able to answer the questions in this Paper in a satisfactory way. They answered the passage questions well and wrote well-balanced and well-planned essays. They were well prepared and well taught and this was reflected in their answers. Most questions were attempted.

However, some candidates were not well prepared for this examination. They had not read their texts and they did not know how to analyse a passage or how to write an essay. If they had any knowledge about a book they struggled to convey it. They sometimes just told the story, and not always accurately, without any reference to the questions asked. As last year, a few candidates just copied passages from the books they were allowed to take into the examination room. Some of the candidates did not read the instructions and thus failed to answer the appropriate questions.

Nevertheless, as last year, most candidates managed to express themselves in accurate language and to manipulate the material necessary to answer the questions well.