

MARATHI LANGUAGE

Paper 8688/02
Reading and Writing

General comments

The overall performance of the candidates was good but it was noted that answers tended to lack detail. Language often let candidates down. The prose passage was generally well understood, but candidates were sometimes unable to express themselves effectively in their own words.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

This question was answered rather poorly. Candidates found it difficult to give equivalent meanings of the words. They performed better when it came to using these words in sentences.

Question 2

The candidates' response was good. They managed to rewrite the sentences as per instructions.

Question 3

(i) to (vi) Candidates tended to write their answers by copying from the passage. Answers should be in their own words, and expressions should be clear and not ambiguous. The candidates lacked the confidence to express their answers in their own words.

Question 4

(i) to (vi) Same as **Question 3(i) to (vi)**

Question 5

(i) Same as **Question 3(i) to (vi)**.

(ii) Candidates' answers were flimsy and lacked the information required.

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Essay

General comments

Candidates' performance was good and their responses were apt. The answers were within the word limit of 400 words. It was observed that candidates whose language was good scored better than those who provided good content but poor language, because language is worth 24 marks and content 16 marks.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

Candidates found this a very challenging topic and lacked the knowledge and ideas to gain high marks.

Question 2

Candidates performed very well.

Question 3

Responses were generally satisfactory.

Question 4

Candidates' performance was very good. They dealt with all the points in detail.

Question 5

Overall good with plenty of detail.

Question 6

Responses were satisfactory.