

MARATHI LANGUAGE

Paper 8688/02
Reading and Writing

Key messages

In order to do well in this paper, candidates should take care to understand the full demands of the question before attempting to answer.

In **Question 5**, candidates should avoid repetition of ideas.

General comments

Overall performance on this paper was very good.

In the comprehension questions, many candidates copied out long portions of the text, which was not always selective enough to demonstrate adequate comprehension. Some candidates tried hard to use their own language and there was an improvement in this area compared to last year. Stronger candidates successfully showed their ability to express a range of ideas. Areas where candidates would benefit from further practice include spelling and complex structures with particular attention to gender agreements.

In some cases, interference from candidates' other languages was evident.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

Generally, responses to this question was good, with many candidates providing correct antonyms of the words given and using them in their own sentences. There were some occasions where candidates could produce the antonym but not their own sentence. Many candidates struggled with **Question 1(iv)**:

Question 2

In general, responses to this question were good; many candidates scored full marks here. A few candidates struggled and would benefit from more practice in finding and understanding synonyms in Marathi.

Questions 3 and 4

Performance on these questions was rather mixed. Many candidates copied out long portions of the text, which was not always selective enough to demonstrate adequate comprehension. Candidates should be encouraged to use their own words as far as possible.

Question 5

Overall, performance on **Question 5(i)** was satisfactory. Generally, responses to **Question 5(ii)** were very poor.

Candidates did not include enough information in their answers and the language used was often not the most appropriate, or was so poor that it rendered parts of the answer unintelligible. Candidates needed to be able to demonstrate knowledge of contemporary aspects of their country and express it in Marathi.

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Essay

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In order to do well in this paper, candidates need to ensure that they answer the specific question asked and that they understand the focus of the question before beginning to write their answers.

Candidates need to ensure that they expand their views.

General comments

This is an Essay paper in which candidates are required to compose one essay from a choice of five topics. The essay is marked out of 40, with 16 marks for Content and 24 marks for Quality of Language.

Overall, the performance of candidates was good.

The most popular questions were **Question 2** (on the topic of 'Urban and rural life') and **Question 5** (on the topic of 'Pollution').

Generally, candidates expressed themselves using good language. However, many candidates struggled to use the Marathi verb correctly. There was some indication of interference from candidates' other languages.