# MARATHI

> **Paper 9688/02**
>
> **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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| **Paper 9688/03** |
| **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.

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## General comments

Candidates wrote answers that were aptly focussed, but failed to elaborate them with enough detail. Candidates understood the questions, and content was good. Language was sometimes a weakness. Overall, however, the performance was good.

## Comments on specific questions

**Question 1**

**(a)** Candidates faired well. Comprehension was good but there was a lack of detail in some responses.

**(b)** Content was elaborated but certain points and examples were missing in some answers.

**Question 2**

**(a)** Answers were not concise and to the point. The opinion of the poet was often not investigated (instead candidates preferred to give their own opinion).

**Question 3**

**(a)** Candidates' answers were good. The poet's outlook was well established.

**(b)** Answers tended to cover all the major points and draw perceptive conclusions.

**Question 4**

**(a)** Candidates' answers were detailed but tended to simply narrate themes and incidents without explaining how these structure and develop the drama.

**(b)** Good answers.

**Question 5**

**(a)** Satisfactory answers.

**(b)** A good response. Content was detailed and offered appropriate illustrations.

**Question 6**

**(a)** Good answers but a little over-concise.

**(b)** Same as **Question 6(a)**.

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**Paper 9688/05**

**Prose**

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## General comments

The overall performance was good.  Candidates would benefit from a richer vocabulary.

## Comments on specific questions

To improve on the performance, candidates should focus on the following areas:

- Appropriate use of words
- Sentence structure
- Placement of subject, object, verbs, adjectives etc.
- Tense of the sentence
- Getting as close to the meaning of the original as possible.