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Paper 9688/02
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 poor.

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. Spelling mistakes and grammatical errors, such as gender errors, were common.

Comments on specific questions

Section 1

Question 1

Generally, responses to this question were poor, with many candidates struggling to provide equivalent meanings of the words/phrases given in the question paper. Most candidates did not attempt **Question 1(iii)** or **Question 1(v)**.

Question 2

In general, responses to this question were poor. Candidates would benefit from more practice in finding and using synonyms in Marathi.

Certain choices of inappropriate words were common, and included the following:

सांस्कृतिक for शिष्टाचार

समाजजीवन for पर्यावरण

Question 3

Performance on this question 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 be selective in their answers and to use their own words as far as possible.

Question 4

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Question 5

Most of the candidates could only manage one of **Question 5(i)** and **Question 5(ii)**.

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.

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| **Paper 9688/03** |
| **Essay** |

Key messages

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 answers.

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 mediocre.

A few candidates expressed themselves successfully, using good language. Many candidates struggled to use the Marathi verb correctly.

Question 1

The focus of the answer was expected to be the bridging of the two types of eating habits, i.e. traditional cuisine and modern cuisine. Most of the candidates commented on both but could not write about the healthy combination of the two.

Question 2

This question was generally well attempted.

Question 3

This was a popular question.

Question 4

This was a very popular question. The focus of the answer was expected to be the communication gap between the two generations. Very few candidates demonstrated understanding of the question.

Question 5

There were too few responses to this question for any meaningful observations to be made.

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Key messages

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 should be reminded that, in passage-based questions, the passage is a stimulus to be used as a springboard to give them a starting point for their answer.

Candidates need to ensure that they expand their answers.

General comments

Overall, performance on this paper was mediocre. The content of candidates' answers was generally satisfactory, but some candidates lost marks because their control of the Marathi language, particularly the verb, was so poor in places that it rendered parts of their answers unintelligible.

Comments on specific questions

Section 1

Question 1

This was the most popular question in **Section 1**. There was a preference for **Question 1(b)** over **1(a)**. Candidates seemed to be using pre-prepared, general answers which lacked relevance to the question.

Question 2

There were too few answers to **Questions 2(a)** and **2(b)** for any meaningful observations to be made.

Question 3

Candidates generally answered **Questions 3(a)** and **3(b)** satisfactorily.

Section 2

Question 4

This was a very popular question. Performance on **Questions 4(a)** and **4(b)** was generally good. The majority of candidates who chose one of these questions made many relevant points and clearly understood the set text. A few candidates seemed to be using pre-prepared, general answers which lacked relevance to the question.

Question 5

There were too few responses to **Questions 5(a)** and **5(b)** for any useful observations to be made.

Question 6

There were too few responses to **Questions 6(a)** and **6(b)** for any useful observations to be made.

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Paper 9688/05
Prose

Key messages

In order to do well in this paper, candidates should ensure that they read through the prose passage carefully before beginning to translate. When translating, candidates should bear in mind the context of the passage: it is not enough to translate individual words or short phrases from the text without regard for the context in which they are found in the question paper.

Candidates should try to allow themselves a little time at the end to read over what they have written to ensure that it makes sense and to check their spelling and grammar.

General comments

In this paper, candidates are required to translate a short passage from English into Marathi.

Performance on this paper was generally satisfactory.

This year, the passage given in English was in the past tense. In the majority of answers, candidates did not maintain a consistent use of tenses.

Stronger candidates demonstrated good translation skills. Weaker answers were characterised by serious grammatical errors, in particular in the use of tenses and in the placement of the subject, object and verb in a sentence. Candidates could benefit from more practice in these areas.

Most of the candidates found the following words difficult to translate.

अस्वस्थ, यादी, परिचित, ताजेतवाने, विचित्र

Candidates need to read widely in order to increase their vocabulary.