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FOREWORD

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.**



RESEARCH PROJECTS

GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

<p>Papers 8660/01 and 8660/02 Research Projects 1 and 2</p>

General comments

The Research Projects were generally of a good standard, with projects focusing on literature and Spanish.

The 'Guide to Research Projects Booklet' had clearly been read through by the candidates and teachers and the advice given had been followed well. The projects based on Spanish scored particularly highly, with candidates clearly having researched their subjects thoroughly, and their work was organised in a well-structured manner. Even the lower scoring projects showed a great deal of effort from the candidates, although there were some weaker points in the structuring of the essays at these lower grades.

Centres wishing to submit Research Projects are directed to the 'Guidance on Research Projects Booklet' and the advice contained in it. The Research Projects are best when the focus is narrow and there is a clearly stated aim or question to be answered. Centres are also requested to follow the administrative procedures detailed in the booklet, as this makes life easier for both CIE and the Centres, allows problems to be corrected at an early stage, and avoids candidates submitting work that does not meet the criteria.

All the Research Projects were well presented and obviously showed a lot of work and effort had gone into them; the Examiners enjoyed reading through them and were pleased at the variety of stimulating subjects covered.