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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**.

TAMIL

GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Paper 8689/02 Reading and Writing

General comments

In general, the performance of the candidates was good. To illustrate the clear simple style an answer for **Question 3 (a)** follows.



The candidates' performance in understanding the meanings of words and concepts was also good.

However, the use of language could be improved as candidates struggled with the use of case markers, tenses and transitive and intransitive verbs. Examples:



There were also some difficulties with phonetics, certain problems causing spelling mistakes such as:

Special attention in this area is required.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

(e) Candidates found it difficult to identify the following word:

Question 2

Candidates were expected to use the words in their own sentences and most of them performed well.

Questions 3 and 4

Many of the candidates identified the required content They were expected to respond in their own words. They should be trained in that way.