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There was a comparatively small number of entries this series and, no doubt, a number of centres with candidates re-sitting the exam carried forward their grades from the Summer 2018 series.

Monitors reported some occasions when sample DVDs or USBs had not been packaged securely or were faulty. Centres are to be reminded of their responsibilities in these matters.

There were also occasions when centres failed to provide signed Head of Centre Declaration Sheets with the samples although these were often provided later when requested.

### **Candidate performance and the awarding of grades**

The grades awarded to the majority of candidates sampled were accurate, and teacher-monitors deserve credit for encouraging candidates to choose interesting and stimulating topics. It was gratifying to see that so many candidates had been encouraged to engage with their audience rather than rely on reading from a script. Nevertheless, there were instances of candidates being over-rewarded when they failed to acknowledge the needs of those listening to and watching the presentations.

In general, centres awarded accurately at Pass and Merit grade levels but there was a tendency to wrongly award Distinction grades to candidates who spoke fluently but who did not deal with sophisticated subject matter. It is essential that candidates considered capable of achieving a Distinction are encouraged to explore topics that are intellectually demanding.

Centres are reminded that candidates must answer questions following their presentations and that the quality of these questions may be instrumental in helping them to achieve Merit or Distinction grades.