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General Introduction

The International GCSE Sinhala paper tested the candidate's ability and competence in use of Sinhala language in a range of contexts. The paper was well within the reach of the candidates. The questions set in the paper required the level of understanding of the candidate acquiring knowledge of the Sinhala language which they need to apply in a range of given situations, whether it be formal or informal. This involved the use of formal grammar, style and vocabulary of the Sinhala language writing on the particular topics given.

There were four questions (compulsory) but with a choice of one from four topics in the essay question (question 4). All candidates were expected to write a piece of composition at question 4.

Question 1

Q1a: This question was based on a simple sentence which the majority of learners understood successfully.

Q1b: Most of the learners translated well in this question, with only a few showing mistakes in misunderstanding.

Q1c

Majority of candidates did very well at this question.

Q1d

Some candidates of middle and lower end didn't translate it correctly.

Q1e

The sentence was short, simple and again easy to translate.

Question 2

The content to this question was easy for the candidates to translate as they were familiar with it. As the students are participated in politics. As wells as that the sentences on the passage were simple, easy to understand and translate. This is a reasonable passage for the students.

Question 3

Topic was about elephant's orphanage, as this topic is part of a common lifestyle candidates were familiar with the terms and were able to translate well.

Question 4

In this question, candidates were required to write a composition in Sinhala using between 200-250 words, and they had a choice of four topics.

Q4a

This question was based on a personal question, therefore the candidate was able to explain more on their personal thoughts and feelings. As well as that reading is part of student's everyday lifestyle, this means that there is a lot that they can write about Technology. Furthermore, many candidates who chose this topic had mentioned how their writing and ideas have improved.

Q4d

Only a few had chosen this topic, this could be because they would have preferred they could answer more in the other three question. Or this could mean there were a few that were interested in music.

Overall, the 1806 paper was reasonable as candidates were able to relate to the topics on question 2, 3 and 4 and where able to translate, explains and develop their points properly.

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