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General Comments

For the 2018 Tamil Language iGCSE examination paper, the candidates performed well; the majority finding the paper well within their level of ability and limitations, this as evidenced by their attempting all of the questions. Two candidates however did not attempt any of the questions and this will need to be investigated.

Question 1

This has 5 parts containing simple closed and open sentences. The translation from English to Tamil is designed to test the candidates grammatical knowledge with very few achieving the full marks for this element. Some of the translations made sense but were not grammatically correct. The majority of candidates did however do well. A few candidates operating at a much lower level did not score full marks.

Question 2

Candidates required to translate passages from English to Tamil managed well without making any grammatical errors. This particular question was attempted by all candidates, most doing very well. Some candidates operating at a lower level found it difficult to translate the more complex sentences. Some could not find the right Tamil word for "culture" or the word "leisure". The majority of the candidates for question 2 did well.

Question 3

This question is to translate Tamil to English. The candidates were good at translating the text into English without making any grammatical mistakes. Being a technical and current topic overall the candidates did well. The majority of the candidates did well in this exercise.

Question 4

Candidates were asked to write an essay of approximately 250 words on one of the topic.

Q4 (a) Transport system and directions when travelling. Candidates has given very good suggestions in order to improve the transport system. Quite a number of people attempted this question.

Q4 (b) Advantages and disadvantages of studying in a mixed school. Not many candidates' attempted this question.

Q4(c) Imagine a dream holiday. Quite a number of candidates attempted this question and scored good marks. The majority of candidates outlined their desired and personal experience when answering this question.

Q4 (d) Healthy life and food. Most of the candidates attempted this question and gave importance to the idea of consuming healthy food. Candidates expressed their own ideas when providing the answer to this particular question. In some examination papers there were spelling mistakes and some candidates completed shortened responses resulting in a low word count. For the examination, this was the most popular topic.

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