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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.**

GUJARATI

GCE Ordinary Level

Paper 3199/01
Composition

General comments

A large number of candidates performed to a very high standard, while the work of the remaining candidates was of a good to satisfactory standard.

Candidates who performed well wrote in a fluent manner using correct grammar and a wide range of vocabulary. The ideas were interesting, often exciting and well presented. The top candidates demonstrated excellent use of idioms and proverbs.

There were errors of spelling and grammar in the writing of some candidates, although sentence construction was generally accurate.

The rubric was followed correctly, with each candidate answering one question each from the two sections.

Comments on specific questions

Section A

Letter, Report, Dialogue or Speech

Question 1

Most of the candidates chose this question and scored good marks for writing the address, salutation and the subscription at the end of the letter. Some did not write the subscription at the end in full.

Many candidates gave a good description of the suitcase, i.e. its colour, size, make and any of its particular markings. Some candidates gave a detailed description of the contents, but some only listed the items. There were some interesting ideas about how the suitcase was lost and these were presented in detail. Others gave very brief or incomplete details.

Question 2

This question was answered by only a few candidates. A small number of candidates did not give enough details, such as the reason for inviting a particular person as the Chief Guest, or how they would choose the actors. Some wrote about where they would show the play without saying much about the seating arrangement.

Section B

Essay

Question 3

Only a very small number of candidates chose this essay. The compositions were limited mostly to the use of animals in the cosmetic industry. Perhaps more could have been written about medicine and the animal rights groups.

Question 4

The majority of the candidates attempted this essay. There were some very good essays. However, instead of directing their answer to what it would be like to be without a mobile phone, many candidates wrote about the general advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones; most wrote about easy accessibility, keeping in touch, business use, use for security and safety, chatting to friends etc. Some essays were very well balanced and described the disadvantages of the usage of mobile phones as well, including the fact that they are often perceived as being a nuisance and the possibility of cancer developing through prolonged use.

Question 5

A few candidates attempted this essay. There were some outstanding and exciting compositions. Most gave details of the event as they unfolded years ago and maintained interest throughout the story.

Paper 3199/02

Language Usage and Comprehension

General comments

Most candidates performed very well, with only a very few performing averagely. Candidates who performed well wrote answers in their own words.

The rubrics were followed correctly.

Comments on specific questions

Section A

Question A1

Most candidates scored good marks. Some lost marks because of incorrect spelling especially for **Questions 1** and **5**. A fairly large number failed to score any marks for **Question 1**.

Question A2

Again, most candidates scored well. However, a fairly large number of candidates did not score any marks for **Question 8** or **Question 9**.

Question A3

Answers were, in general, communicated correctly but some candidates lost marks due to incorrect sentence construction and/or grammatical errors.

Question A4

There was evidence that some answers were guessed maybe because of lack of time. Some candidates may have not understood the passage completely (perhaps having more solutions than blanks provided caused some difficulty). A number of candidates had problems with **Question 19**, **Question 21**, **Question 22** and **Question 24**.

Section B

Question B5

Although the passage was long, most candidates scored well. A large number of candidates were not able to answer **Question 27** correctly.

Section C

Question C6

Only some candidates answered in their own words. Most lifted answers from the text. Some of the answers covered more than what was asked in the question.

Question C7

Although the words were not difficult, most candidates had difficulty in giving the correct meaning. Most candidates lost between 4 and 8 marks. More than half the candidates could not answer **Questions 39, 41, 42 or 43** correctly.