

NEPALI

Paper 3202/01

Paper 1

General Comments

The overall performance of candidates was satisfactory. There were a few candidates who produced excellent answers to most questions. The majority of candidates produced satisfactory work, while there were some candidates who wrote nothing more than a few words on the whole paper who were clearly not native speakers of the language.

Comments on Individual Questions

Section A – Composition

This section required candidates to write two compositions from a selection of five titles. Most candidates chose to write descriptive essays, for example, 'Describe one Nepali festival', and seemed to find it relatively easy to think and express themselves in this style. On the whole candidates tended to avoid topics about which they would need to present an argument or consider the pros and cons of a topic before writing their responses.

Section B – Translation (English and Nepali)

As in earlier examinations a number of candidates found the translation section difficult as there were a number of words and some grammatical structures that they obviously had not come across. This is likely to be the case if candidates have not had an opportunity to practice on a given topic.

Section C - Comprehension

Candidates were able to write answers most easily to questions that referred directly to the passage. Many candidates tended to copy words and sentences from the passage rather than using their own words as far as they could, which is stated in the instructions in the rubric. They found it much more difficult to respond to questions about their social context or to write from their imagination.