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## General comments

Most candidates wrote good compositions. Some of these candidates displayed good style and creativity and made very few grammatical mistakes. However, the translation exercises appear to be the most challenging part of the examination for most.

## Comments on specific questions

### **Section A**

#### *Composition*

Candidates are advised to keep the stipulated length of about 150 words per composition. A number of candidates wrote compositions that were too short, which meant they were restricted in showing their ability to use good language. Also, spelling is still problematic for a fairly large number of candidates.

### **Section B**

#### *Translation*

Most candidates found this section the most challenging. The main problem for some was not accuracy, but rather the production of English or Thai translations which were comprehensible. Candidates are, therefore, reminded that they should not write-by-word translations.

### **Section C**

#### *Comprehension*

Candidates are advised to read and then follow the instructions carefully. Some candidates failed to do so and answered the questions in English, when they had been asked to answer in Thai. Candidates are also advised to answer in their own words, i.e. they should avoid copying from text, as this does not sufficiently reflect their comprehension of the texts.