

FIRST LANGUAGE AFRIKAANS

Paper 9679/01
Speaking

The entry for this component was too small to validate the writing of a general report.

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Paper 9679/02
Reading and Writing

Key message

In order to do well in this examination, candidates should:

- focus only on the required information and communicate it precisely in their answers
- pay particular attention to conveying the required information to the examiner in unambiguous language
- carefully proofread their responses.

General comments

The majority of candidates were adequately prepared and performed very well as a result.

Many candidates achieved full marks or high marks in **Question 1** and **Question 2**. Most of the candidates also performed very well in the comprehension exercises **Question 3** and **Question 4**.

Question 5(a) and **Question 5(b)** posed very few problems for this year's entry, and many candidates remembered to refer their answer to **(b)** to the South African or Namibian context. In addition, nearly all the candidates used an effective summary register to tackle **(a)**.

As nearly all of the candidates were very confident in using their own words, there were few instances of copying from the text(s) in answer to **Questions 3, 4** and **5**.

Comments on specific questions

Section 1

Question 1

All the candidates followed the rubric instructions closely, and many gained high marks.

- (a) Nearly all of the candidates answered this question correctly.
- (b) Nearly all of the candidates answered this question correctly.
- (c) Nearly all of the candidates answered this question correctly.
- (d) Nearly all of the candidates answered this question correctly.
- (e) Nearly all of the candidates answered this question correctly.

Question 2

Most candidates were able to manipulate the syntax and the idiom of the original sentences correctly.

- (a) Most candidates answered this question correctly.
- (b) Nearly all of the candidates answered this question correctly.

- (c) Most candidates answered this question correctly.
- (d) Most candidates answered this question correctly.
- (e) Nearly all of the candidates answered this question correctly.

Question 3

Most candidates were able to answer the questions in their own words.

- (a) Most candidates observed the instruction to look for their answer in the first paragraph, and answered the question correctly.
- (b) Examiners accepted a wide range of answers that adequately interpreted any of the interesting or special aspects typifying a journey to the sea. Most candidates scored full or near-full marks.
- (c) Most candidates achieved both marks for this question.
- (d) Most candidates were fully conversant with figurative usage in Afrikaans, and scored both marks for this question as a result.
- (e) Most candidates scored either two or three marks for this question.
- (f) Nearly all of the candidates attempted this question successfully, scoring both marks.
- (g) Most candidates answered this question successfully.

Section 2

Question 4

This exercise was well-attempted by a large majority of the candidates.

- (a) Some candidates did not explain all three elements of the title (*salig, sonder fiemies* and [*grootste geheim*]), but most scored at least two of the three marks on offer.
- (b) Most candidates correctly identified the time referred to by the word *eertydse* in the context of the passage.
- (c) Most of the other candidates achieved three or four marks for this question.
- (d) Most candidates did very well in this question.
- (e) This question was also well-answered by nearly all the candidates.
- (f) Most candidates answered this question correctly.

Question 5

Most candidates observed the instructions and did very well. Some candidates would have benefited from proofreading their answer in order to eliminate spelling and/or other linguistic mistakes, which would very likely have resulted in a higher mark for Language.

- (a) A majority of candidates compared and contrasted the texts exceptionally well. Some candidates might have perhaps teased out more differences or similarities had they approached the task in a more focused manner. As it was, their responses contained some information that was repetitive or not relevant to the task
- (b) Most candidates had no trouble expressing a relevant personal view and consequently scored good marks for the content of their answer.

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Essay

Key message

In order to do well in this examination, candidates should:

- choose a title on which they have something to say and for which they have command of appropriate structures and lexis
- plan their essay to produce well-structured and persuasive arguments
- write complex sentences when appropriate, but without losing the thread of the argument.

General comments

In general, the candidates demonstrated very good writing skills. It was clear that most candidates had planned their work very effectively.

Most of the essays were fully relevant to the task set. Weaker responses usually lacked consistent focus and were rather repetitive as a result.

Some essays would also have benefited from proofreading. The errors they contained, some of them in simple words and structures, had a negative impact on the mark awarded for Language. Nevertheless, the effective use of idioms and cogent use of language in a large number of the essays was impressive.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

Familie.

Word die waarde van familie deesdae onderskat of oorskat? Motiveer jou antwoord.

The responses to this question were generally of a very high standard. Candidates demonstrated the ability to use arguments and counter-arguments, and then drew conclusions based on their own points of view. It was interesting that most candidates thought that the importance of family was undervalued.

Question 2

Wet en orde

Dink jy dis hoog tyd dat die genadedood wettig gemaak moet word in jou land? Motiveer jou antwoord.

There were a number of very interesting essays on this topic, with many suggesting that the decision to assist people to die is not to be taken lightly. A wide range of vocabulary and structures was used to compare and contrast the different opinions on this issue.

Question 3

Sport

Daar word te veel druk op sportmanne en -vroue geplaas om te presteer. Wat is jou mening?

Nearly all the candidates who chose this title did well, and produced essays that were interesting to read. Most candidates were of the opinion that the amount of pressure on sportsmen and sportswomen is fair because their large salaries offer adequate compensation.

Question 4

Werkverskaffing en werkloosheid

Hoe sou jy te werk gaan om werkloosheid in jou land te verminder?

The candidates who opted for this topic were able to bring a sufficient number of facts and opinions to the fore to ensure their essays were interesting and their arguments persuasive. There were very few problems with devising a suitable and logical structure for the essay, and most of the suggested solutions to the problem of unemployment were realistic and practical.

Question 5

Tegnologiese veranderings

“Jou selfoon is nou ’n afstandkontrole in jou alledaagse lewe”. Bespreek hierdie stelling.

The response to this question was in many cases excellent and most candidates gave relevant examples, often from personal experience, to illustrate their point of view. The language used in most of the essays was highly accurate and stylistically varied and effective.

