

MARATHI LANGUAGE

Paper 8688/02
Reading and Writing

General comments

The overall performance of candidates was satisfactory. It was noted that the general level of comprehension was quite good but candidates lacked the ability to express themselves effectively in Marathi. Answers were not always detailed enough, and language was sometimes poor, which hindered understanding.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

Candidates' responses to this question were generally very poor. They were unable to give alternative words that had the same meaning as those in the passage.

Question 2

Responses to this question were good. Candidates made a good attempt to compose correct, relevant sentences as instructed.

Questions 3 and 4

Candidates performed much better in these two questions. However, some candidates failed to write their answers in their own words, simply copying out large chunks of the passage for inclusion in their answers. Candidates should be encouraged to answer in their own words where possible and appropriate.

Question 5

- (i) Performance here was adequate, although many answers did not cover all of the expected points. Many answers lacked detail, and language was not good.
- (ii) On the whole, candidates' answers were unsatisfactory. There was little ability to develop an adequate response to the question, and the language used by candidates was, unfortunately, very poor indeed.

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Essay

General comments

On the whole, candidates performed to a satisfactory level on this paper. The essays are marked out of 40 with 24 marks for language and 16 marks for content. Whilst some candidates had good language skills and scored quite well, others struggled to express themselves adequately and so did not gain high marks. Candidates observed the word limit of 250–400 words.

Comments on specific questions

Questions 3 and 5 were the most popular. The candidates who tackled **Question 3** tended to do well, and had many ideas with which to answer the question. In general, they scored good marks for both language and content. Those who attempted **Question 5** had varying degrees of success, some scoring well but others losing marks, particularly for language.