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Paper 3206/01

Composition

Question 1, 1a was the most popular question. 1b and 1c were attempted by fewer candidates. Answers to 1a appeared more fluent than those given for the other two parts.

In **Question 2**, 2d was chosen by the majority of candidates and 2a was also popular. However, the range of marks awarded here did not suggest that they were easier than the other parts. **Question 2b** was also a popular choice, and **Question 2c** was attempted by fewer candidates.

Across **Question 1** and **Question 2**, the weakest candidates made frequent spelling errors.

The main confusions occurred with the use of the following letters in the incorrect form:

1. d – z – e 2. y – s – o 3. u – w 4. l – w 5. n – N

2.

A wide range of marks was achieved on paper 1.

It should be noted that the stronger candidates this year made significantly fewer spelling errors than was the case last year.

Weaker candidates struggled to construct sentences accurately and also made frequent spelling errors.

3.

Question 1

- (a) This was the most popular question. A wide range of marks was achieved. Stronger candidates overall did well; weaker candidates overall answered this part badly.
- (b) Candidates who answered this question performed at both ends of the ability range. Errors included spelling mistakes, insufficient length and repetition.
- (c) The weakest candidates struggled with both syntax and spelling errors. The strongest candidates wrote fluently.

Question 2

- (a) Scores on this question ranged from the very weak to the fairly good. Stronger answers were characterised by good syntax and spelling. More emphasis tended to be given to what careers candidates aspired to, with much less emphasis on why they made these choices.
- (b) There were weak to fairly good responses here. At the weak end, responses tended to be much too short, or to have numerous errors. At the other extreme, writing was generally accurate and precise.
- (c) Too few candidates attempted this question to comment.
- (d) This was the most popular question attempted by many candidates. There were a wide range of marks here with limited responses from weaker candidates, and fluent and well presented arguments made by stronger candidates.

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Paper 3206/02

Translation and Reading Comprehension

General comments

A better range of marks was attained on the translation this year. Overall a wider range of marks was achieved.

Comprehension

Questions 1, 3 and 5, many candidates gave correct answers.

Questions 2, 4, 8 and 9 many candidates gave only part of the answer required.

Some candidates seemed confused in their responses to **Questions 6 and 7**.

Only one candidate gave all the 4 points required for question number 9.