

NEPALI

Paper 3202/01

Paper 1

Key messages

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

- ensure that they answer **two** essay questions from **Section A** and adhere to the word limits specified
- ensure that their work is legible, accurate and logically presented
- plan their use of time for each question and allow time for thorough checking of their work.

General comments

A number of candidates did not answer all of the questions. Candidates should be encouraged to attempt all of the questions even if they are unsure of the answer.

This year, handwriting was a particular problem and in some cases rendered answers illegible. If the Examiner cannot read what the candidate has written, then no marks can be awarded.

Comments on specific questions

Section A – Composition

Candidates were asked to respond to two of the five essay titles provided in the question paper. Each response needed to be approximately 150 words long.

On the whole, the five questions in this section seemed equally popular. Some students did well in both responses, whereas others scored good marks for one of their responses but did not do so well in their other response. Many candidates produced imaginative and creative compositions.

There were a number of errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Candidates would benefit from further practice in these areas.

Section B – Translation

Candidates were asked to translate one passage from Nepali into English (worth 10 marks) and to translate one passage from English into Nepali (worth 20 marks).

In some cases, candidates provided the sense of the texts rather than translating closely. In addition, some candidates had some difficulty in finding the correct vocabulary or grammatical structures.

A significant number of candidates did not complete both of the translations.

Section C – Comprehension

Candidates needed to show their understanding of a reading passage by using their own words to answer a series of open-ended comprehension questions. Candidates generally coped much better with this section of the paper. Some candidates copied whole lines or sentences from the passage in answer to the questions; this practice should be discouraged as it is not usually selective enough to demonstrate comprehension.