

MARATHI LANGUAGE

Paper 8688/02
Reading and Writing

Key messages

In order to do well in this paper, candidates should take care to understand the full demands of the question before attempting to answer.

In **Question 5**, candidates should avoid repetition of ideas.

General comments

Overall performance on this paper was poor.

In the comprehension questions, many candidates copied out long portions of the text, which was not always selective enough to demonstrate adequate comprehension. Some candidates tried hard to use their own language and there was an improvement in this area compared to last year. Spelling mistakes and grammatical errors, such as gender errors, were common.

Comments on specific questions

Section 1

Question 1

Generally, responses to this question were poor, with many candidates struggling to provide equivalent meanings of the words/phrases given in the question paper. Most candidates did not attempt **Question 1(iii)** or **Question 1(v)**.

Question 2

In general, responses to this question were poor. Candidates would benefit from more practice in finding and using synonyms in Marathi.

Certain choices of inappropriate words were common, and included the following:

सांस्कृतिक for शिष्टाचार

समाजजीवन for पर्यावरण

Question 3

Performance on this question was rather mixed. Many candidates copied out long portions of the text, which was not always selective enough to demonstrate adequate comprehension. Candidates should be encouraged to be selective in their answers and to use their own words as far as possible.

Question 4

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Question 5

Most of the candidates could only manage one of **Question 5(i)** and **Question 5(ii)**.

Overall, performance on **Question 5(i)** was satisfactory. Generally, responses to **Question 5(ii)** were very poor.

Candidates did not include enough information in their answers and the language used was often not the most appropriate, or was so poor that it rendered parts of the answer unintelligible. Candidates needed to be able to demonstrate knowledge of contemporary aspects of their country.

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Essay

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In order to do well in this paper, candidates need to ensure that they answer the specific question asked and that they understand the focus of the question before beginning to write their answers.

Candidates need to ensure that they expand their answers.

General comments

This is an Essay paper in which candidates are required to compose one essay from a choice of five topics. The essay is marked out of 40, with 16 marks for Content and 24 marks for Quality of Language.

Overall, the performance of candidates was mediocre.

A few candidates expressed themselves successfully, using good language. Many candidates struggled to use the Marathi verb correctly.

Question 1

The focus of the answer was expected to be the bridging of the two types of eating habits, i.e. traditional cuisine and modern cuisine. Most of the candidates commented on both but could not write about the healthy combination of the two.

Question 2

This question was generally well attempted.

Question 3

This was a popular question.

Question 4

This was a very popular question. The focus of the answer was expected to be the communication gap between the two generations. Very few candidates demonstrated understanding of the question.

Question 5

There were too few responses to this question for any meaningful observations to be made.