

MARATHI LANGUAGE

Paper 8688/02
Reading and Writing

Key messages

In order to do well in this paper, candidates should demonstrate understanding of the passage given. Candidates are expected to answer the questions using their own vocabulary as far as possible. Candidates should therefore have enough resources to increase their vocabulary in order to achieve this. Experience of wider general reading is advisable.

General comments

In general, better teaching resources can help better achievement, especially improvement in vocabulary. Incorrect use of words and grammar has been often observed. Candidates should be trained to express their views in fine language with complex and varied structures.

In the comprehension question candidates should understand the full demands of the question before attempting to answer. 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, while others did not. Stronger candidates successfully showed their ability to suggest a range of ideas and their ability to express their views. However, the candidates of lower ability tend to be vague or express their ideas with limited vocabulary or tend to copy from the text. Particular areas of improvement include spellings, vocabulary and complex structures.

Comments on specific questions

Section 1

Question 1

A number of candidates were struggling to provide synonyms of the words given. महत्वाकांक्षा (ambition) and पातळी (level), were found most challenging.

Question 2

This question was successfully tackled by the majority of candidates. However, a few wrote a similar sentence to what was given in the passage for 'सिंहाचा वाटा असणे' (to have a major share)

Question 3

Response to **Question 3** has been attempted by all the candidates. Candidates found the topic accessible. The answers were mostly informative; however most of the candidates copied out of the relevant part of the text, and thus lost language marks. Candidates should use their own words as far as possible.

Question 4

This question has been successfully attempted by most candidates. Again, many candidates resorted to copying 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 a wide range of vocabulary in their own words. The meaning of 'गुरुकिल्ली' (the key to success) was not clear to some candidates.

Question 5

Many of the responses to **Question 5(a)** were unsatisfactory and a number of candidates appeared not to have understood the demands of the question. In this part of the question, candidates were expected to analyse the paragraphs and write about the possible obstacles in achieving success in education and career. Part of the problem was that the meaning of 'अडथळे' (obstacles) seemed to be unclear to many candidates.

In **Question 5(b)** candidates were asked to write about different 'योजना' facilities in their country to fulfil their dream. Many did not understand the full scope of the question and therefore did not give a satisfactory reply to this question.

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Essay

Key messages

In order to perform well on this paper, candidates should:

- select a title which they understand and focus on the terms in the question
- write a clear, concise and logical argument with appropriate exemplification
- use accurate and idiomatic Marathi with a range of grammatical structures and appropriate vocabulary
- plan their essay and ensure that the opening paragraph sets out the terms of argument
- write a conclusion based on the prior arguments

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 fair, but some of the candidates struggled to express their views. A few candidates lost marks because their quality of the language was so poor in places that it rendered parts of their answers unintelligible. Use of Hindi was evident and incorrect, e.g. 'कटाई'

However, there were also many good essays offered. Many of the successful responses were drawn from the candidates' own experience. Some candidates made interesting points but needed to substantiate their argument by convincing the reader with relevant examples. Others showed very limited understanding of the topic.

A lot of candidates opted for **Topic 5** – 'प्रदूषण दूर करण्यासाठी व्यक्तीशः जरूरीचे केलेले प्रयत्न' (individual attempts to reduce pollution) – the most popular question. Another popular topic was 'तंत्रज्ञानाचा रोजच्या जीवनावर पडलेला प्रभाव' (the impact of technology on day-to-day life). The rest of the topics were attempted by only a handful of candidates.

In order to do well in this paper, candidates need to understand the demands or the focus of the question before beginning to write their answers. Planning of the answer can avoid repetition of points already made. Candidates need to ensure that they expand their views with relevant examples to convince the reader.