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General Comments

Overall most candidates attempted to answer all the sections in the paper. A large proportion of the candidates were able linguists and performed well. In general the questions were accessible to all candidates. Some candidates performed very well and scored highly due to their excellent understanding of Turkish and English language, grammar and their correct usage of a wide range of key terminology.

Question 1

The majority of candidates answered question 1, and response levels were generally good. There were subsections of the question in which candidates were unable to attain full marks. In order to improve candidate performance on this type of question, candidate should include translations which are in the correct tense and which translate all key text and terminology.

Question 2

Almost all candidates responded to this question. Many were very successful as they transferred the message in the correct tense and structure with all the key terminology; name of places and dates. Candidates must remember that in order to be able to score high marks in Quality of Language, they must transfer all the key terminology correctly throughout their translation. It is recommended that candidates stay updated on current affairs and read widely in order for them to gain a wider understanding of issues that may come up in the examination.

Question 3

There were some good response to this section, and it was attempted by almost all candidates. The candidates with a better command of both English and Turkish languages scored highly. In order to be able improve future performance in this section candidates should transfer the key concepts, terms, name of places accurately. Quality of Language can be improved by observing the correct use of times and grammar.

Question 4

All candidates attempted to answer a section in this part. Many scored highly in this question due their excellent command of grammar and large repertoire of vocabulary in Turkish. Overall Quality of Language was impressive in this section.

Section 1 was the second most popular answer in this section. The overall performance was very strong and most candidates attained top marks. The higher scoring answers were developed and contained many reasons and justifications about the importance of the environment with excellent communication skills.

Most candidates chose to answer the question about the importance of education. Overall responses were strong in section 2. In order to attain top marks candidates should provide a wide range of views and develop these views with reasons and justifications. Centres should encourage candidates to reflect on their points of view.

In section 3, candidates explained the plot in detail however, the evaluation of the piece was somewhat neglected. Candidates can score even higher marks if answers are developed further with reasons and justification along side with the film's plot.

The number of candidates whom responded to section 4 was similar to section 3. Candidates clearly enjoyed writing a letter. Candidates should bear in mind that Quality of Language and usage of variety of vocabulary is crucial in this type of question.

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