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The performance of the candidates in 6UR01 paper was better than last year. The reason for this is obvious; more teacher examiners were prepared and trained and there were very few mistakes in the conduct of the tests. A few problems however arose from the centre in which only one or two candidates took the test. It may be due to inexperience and the lack of prior training of the teacher examiners who did not follow the instructions while conducting the test. Some of them did not stick to the timing and also did not move away from the stimulus.

However, most centres conducted the tests very well. The teacher examiners of these centres had made excellent preparation before the test and they strictly followed the instructions to conduct the test. The results were reflected in the performance of the candidates. The majority of them had scored very high marks in this paper.

I wish to discuss the performance of the candidates towards the various stimulus cards which were prepared to represent the various General topic areas. These are:

Lifestyle: Health & Fitness

Stimulus 1A and 1B: The first two questions of 1B which were parallel to 1A were found to be easy and straightforward. The candidates had easily picked up the answers from the passage. The other two questions 3 and 4 were different from those of 1A and 1B were general questions and candidates found no difficulty in answering those two questions.

Stimulus 2A and 2B: The stimulus cards 2A was well performed by most candidates. The first two questions from stimulus card 2B were similar to those of 2A. All four questions in stimulus cards 2A and 2B proved most popular because most centres had chosen these cards and candidates had scored high marks in these stimulus cards.

Youth Culture & Concerns

The cards 1A and 1B caused no problem except two different answers were received from question 2 of card 1A and 1B. Some candidates replied that Hadiqa Bashir guided the Asian girls to achieve their human rights whereas some other candidates said that she started a campaign to stop the marriage of under-aged girls. However, some candidates provided both of these facts in their answer. Regarding the performance of questions 3 and 4, candidates performed well, giving answers in great detail.

The stimulus cards 2A and 2B were performed well by most candidates because the candidates were aware of various designs and fashion which are common topics among Asian families.

The World around us

The first two questions of the stimulus cards 1A and 1B were the same and were well answered by the candidates. Questions 3 and 4 of both cards 1A and 1B were well done by most candidates. Stimulus cards 2A and 2B proved easy and interesting because the questions in the stimulus cards were about tourism and pollution of which candidates were familiar. Most candidates did well in these two cards.

Education and Employment

The first two questions from stimulus cards 1A and 1B were parallel to each other and these proved easy to answer by the candidates because they lifted the answers from the passage. As before the questions, 3 and 4 in both cards were well done by majority of the candidates.

The stimulus cards 2A and 2B were based on the homework and the first two questions of 2B were exactly the same as those 2A. The candidates found these questions easy to answer. The questions 3 and 4 in both cards of 2A and 2B were answered well and thus received high marks.

Overall, the performance of the candidates in this paper has been very good and most of the candidates had obtained high marks in this paper.

