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The following points were noted by examiners:

Question 1

The majority of the candidates understood the concept of the questions and translated the sentences correctly even though it had spelling mistakes. Some of the candidate did not translate the word ‘weather’ in question 1-a. The majority of the candidates did not write the Tamil word for the ‘imports’ in question 1-b instead they translated as ‘export’ in Tamil.

Question 2

English to Tamil

The majority of candidates understood the passage and translated correctly. A reasonable number of candidates scored good marks. A few candidates translated ‘cities’ as ‘village’.

Question 3

Tamil to English

With a minority of candidates there were a few basic grammatical errors. However the majority of candidates produced accurate and well written sentences that were easy to read. Only a couple of candidates failed to make even minimum score. Only a handful of candidates scored over 80%. Overall accuracy was good with few basic grammatical errors.

Question 4

The grammatical and spelling mistakes were noted in most of the papers. On the whole most of the candidates did very well and focused in and around the topic headings selected. Majority of them selected Q-C and Q-D

(a) “Technical education should be compulsory for all students” what are your views?

On the whole candidates who selected this topic answered well and scored good marks.

(b) Describe your ideal library

Candidates who selected this topic described their vision very well, describing what they expect to find in the library. Clear and cogent arguments were presented scoring good marks.

(c) The festivals that I like to celebrate most.

The candidates who answered this question well and scored high marks. They described and wrote in detail about a number of different festivals.

However the majority of candidates only described a festival and this indicates a need for some work on getting the candidates to consider what the question is asking you to do is required.

(d) Those candidates who selected this topic described the holidays that they enjoyed. The language devices used produced a wide variation in the skill set of the candidates. Some candidates did not follow the letter writing format required but did use well selected descriptive language to communicate their holiday experience well and scored good marks.

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