

HINDI LANGUAGE

Paper 8687/02
Reading and Writing

Key messages

The candidates were generally well prepared for the examination.

To do well, candidates need to ensure they:

- answer all parts of questions and exclude any irrelevant details in the text
- use the mark allocation written in brackets at the end of each question as a guide. The mark allocation indicates the number of relevant points needed in an answer. Some questions state the number of responses required
- use correct vocabulary, punctuation, and sentence structures. Language marks are awarded separately in Questions 3-5
- write in their own language as far as possible
- adhere to the word limit in **Questions 5a** and **5b**.

Comments on specific questions

Part 1

Question 1a – 1e

Candidates are required to choose words from Text 1 which are synonyms of the given words. Most candidates performed well. **Questions 1d** and **1e** were challenging for some.

Question 2a – 2e

This is a sentence writing exercise. Candidates must show understanding of the given words/phrases by constructing meaningful sentences with them. Candidates who did well were mostly able to make sentences with the given words to convey meaning. Weaker candidates confused प्रतीक with प्रतीत (**2a**), रचनात्मकता (**2d**) with रुचि. They were not able to make meaningful sentences with the विविधता (**2c**) and रचनात्मकता (**2d**).

Question 3a (3 Marks)

Candidates who did well included three valid points, but weaker candidates only managed one point.

Question 3b (3 Marks)

A small number of candidates attempted the question and gave a correct answer.

Questions 3c (3 Marks)

Most candidates answered correctly.

Question 3d (i) and (ii) (4 Marks)

(d) (i) The question was about the challenges faced by the fashion industry. The strongest candidates understood the question, giving all three points. Some weaker candidates misunderstood the question and related it to the users of fashion articles.

(ii) Most candidates correctly identified the first point. The strongest were able to find the second.

Question 3e (2 Marks)

Most answered correctly.

Part 2

Question 4a (2 marks)

Most candidates performed well and included both points.

Question 4b (4 Marks)

Most candidates were able to write at least three points. The point about water consumption by fashion industry, फैशन उद्योग जल आपूर्ति का बहुत बड़ा हिस्सा उपयोग करता है, was either misinterpreted or missed out by weaker candidates.

Question 4c (3 Marks)

Many candidates answered well. Candidates who did not do as well missed the last point, फैशन उत्पादों से होने वाले नुकसान पर ध्यान नहीं देते।

Question 4d (4 Marks)

Some candidates struggled to find the fourth point for this question, फैशन के अंधाधुंध अनुकरण से उनकी योग्यताएँ प्रभावित होती हैं।

Question 4e (2 Marks)

The 2nd point for this question जीवन शैली और पेशे को अलग रख कर was not understood by many candidates.

Question 5a (10 Marks)

Candidates engaged well in summarising the contribution made by the fashion industry, as well as the misgivings. The answers were mostly balanced to put forward both aspects. Candidates who exceeded the word limit were given credit to the answer within the word limit only and **5b** was not given any credit. This impacted the Language marks as well. A summary should be succinct and should include the main points without going into detailed examples to support the argument.

Question 5b (5 marks)

Some very interesting, well thought out ideas were presented.

Quality of Language

Questions 3, 4 and 5

Overall, candidates attempted to answer in their own language to access Language marks. A range of performance was seen. The language used by the strongest candidates was mostly accurate, including some complex sentences to express ideas, and correct formation of common tenses and regular verbs. Weaker candidates made persistent errors in tenses, verbs and spellings.

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Paper 8687/03
Essay

Key messages

Candidates should ensure that they:

- answer the question that has been asked, rather than writing an essay on the general topic area
- take a short time to plan the structure of their response before beginning to write, to improve the overall quality of the essay
- take care over the accuracy of the language they use. A firm grasp of grammar is needed, for example in singular and plural forms of words.

General comments

Many candidates performed well, writing interesting essays. They showed a good understanding of the question, developing a response with a high standard of language, including a good grasp of grammar, extensive vocabulary and idiom.

The structure of the response is important. A tightly focused piece reads very well and will be rewarded accordingly. An answer with few links between sub-points can be meandering and gain fewer marks.

Comments on specific questions

Question 1

The question was: 'In a modern busy and stressful life, family is the greatest provider of emotional support and security'. Many candidates answered this question. They showed that they understood the topic and were able to give some interesting opinions. Most candidates developed their points with good examples. A few candidates focused only the topic area and wrote a general essay about different types of families in olden times and modern times. This showed that they did not understand the question being asked.

Question 2

The question was: 'Law and order come into crisis when politics and social values come into conflict.' There were too few responses to make general comments.

Question 3

The question was: 'Travel and tourism are an important source of foreign exchange and employment opportunities for any country.' This question was attempted by many candidates and generally answered successfully. Some tried to include knowledge which was not relevant to question.

Question 4

This question was: 'Innovation in the twenty-first century has revolutionized our lifestyle.' Good responses answered the question with good to very good understanding of the specific question. They included complex sentences pattern and good use of idiom. Some candidates limited their response to the benefit of mobile phones and the effects on the younger generation, which did not fully answer the question.

Question 5

The question was: 'Due to pollution, many types of unexpected terrible disasters are affecting the planet.' This was a popular question. The strongest candidates focused on terrible disasters and gave details using very good vocabulary with complex sentences. Weaker candidates focused on the general topic area and wrote about different types of pollution, instead of their effects.