

FIRST LANGUAGE SETSWANA

6104
Paper 1

1. GENERAL COMMENTS

It seems the examiners have prepared the candidates thoroughly for the examination, although there are some issues that needs to be ironed out for the candidates to pass their examination with flying colors. The examiners should give candidates more reading passages during the year with questions that have the same standard and values as set out in the NSSCO Syllabus. There are some candidates who still shows that they don't know how to approach certain questions as set out from the passages which is worrisome. Some went to the extend of skipping most of the questions which lead to poor result at the end of the day. Invigilators should always assists candidates to write their correct centre number for example: NAGO8 not NG08; NAG06 not NG06, as it can cause confusing between full time and part time candidates. Centres should always send the checklist with consignments to make it easier for the markers to take note of the candidates who are present and those who are absent.

2. COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

KAROLO YA A

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- (a) Well answered by 50% of the candidates, although most of the candidates have mentioned only one point instead of **two** points. The candidates were supposed to mention that he will return him in time for Christmas dinner: The father wouldn't give up/ swore or promised hand on heart that he will take good care of the boy. They were supposed to mention any two of those points to get all the marks.
- (b) Poorly answered by most candidates it seems they didn't know what snow is instead of mentioning why the father of the boy wanted to go ski one last time, most of the candidates refers to the boy's father when he took him to the night club. They were expected to mention things like the fresh snow was inviting or there was something special about the snow.
- (c) Most candidates again failed to give the correct answer to this question. They were expected to answer that he wanted to put the chains on the tires of the car to make it easier to drive in the snow.
- (d) Here the candidates were expected to use their own opinion on how they understand the phrase mentioned by the boy. One of the given possible answer was the boy was thinking about being at home or he was far from the place he was going to.
- (e) This question was also poorly answered by most of the candidates. They misunderstood the question which also shows that the candidates didn't read the passage with understanding. They just wanted to lift the answers easily from the passage. Some candidates wrote that the doctor was there to heal them during the night, or the doctor brought medicine to them as they were in danger. The name doctor as it was used in the passage was just the nickname the father and son used to call each other.
- (f) Most the candidates wrote that the father was irresponsible instead of saying that he had removed one section of the barricades thus breaking the law.
- (g) Poorly answered by most of the candidates. They gave answer which was so peculiar far from the answer. Candidates mentioned that the snow was falling because they were bewitched.

Possible Answer

- gore ba tlogetse tlhabologo kwa morago;
- go ne go nna diphatsa;
- ba ne ba tshwengwa ke selo se le sengwe ka nako eo;
- go ne go tletse kapoko e ntsi.

- (h) All candidates didn't even try to give an answer to this question and they lost all two points. They were expected to give their opinion or reasons why the father reprimanded his son not to try to repeat what they have just done by ignoring the danger signs and warning from the police officer.

Possible answers

- o ne a ipona molato.
- go kopa maitshwarelo mo go morwae.
- o ne a itse gore go diphatsa/ a sa akanye le go tlhoka maikarabelo.
- o ne a tlhagisa mosimane gore a se ka a dira se ene a se dirang.

- (i) Again here most candidates failed to give their opinions to the question given. They were expected to give their opinion on what the boy's last words meant in the passage when he mentioned that: "If you haven't driven on fresh snow, you haven't driven at all.

Batlhatlhajwa ba kwalolotse karabo e e fa tlase mme e sa siama

Fa o se nke o tsamaye wa kgweetsa mo kapokong e ntsha, ga se o nne le maitemogelo a go kgweetsa mo kapokong gotlhelele.

Possible answer

- le fa go le kotsi (1) o ka se itse maitemogelo fa o sa leke (1).
- kgotsa kotsi e kgona go itlhalosa ka nako tse dingwe (1) ka boleng jwa maitemogelo.

- 2 (a) Only few candidates try to answer this question with few points which show that the man mentioned in the passage was an irresponsible father. Some candidates skipped the question totally which was worrisome as the question contains a lot of marks. Candidates didn't really understand the passage at all, they were just writing based on what was in their minds.

Incorrect answer of learners

- He was climbing the trees;
- There is snow in the sky;
- The wife was still angry;
- He was untrustworthy;
- He let the boy suffer(how);
- He took the boy to the doctor, because he was sick, he was a bad person, he clap my clothes etc.

- The only points most of them got correct were: The father sneaked the boy into the night club; although it was snowing, he still wanted to ski down the mountain one last time; he asked the boy to carry heavy chain; he ignore the police officer's warning.

Possible answer

- O ne a tshwanetse go lwela tshwanelo go tsamaya le nna.
- O ne a ikgantsha ka go nna setswerere sa mokgweetsi le fa ane a tsentse botshelo jwa gagwe le jwa morwae mo kotsing.
- Rraagwe o ne a itse gore mmaagwe mosimane a ka se moitshwarele fa a ka busa mosimane pele ga nako ya dijo tsa maitsiboa, mme o ne tswelela ka ditekelelo tsa gagwe.
- Loeto la bofelo le ne le le bonako mme ba ile go fitlha kwa tlase ka lesego.
- O tseile kotsi ya go kgweetsa le mosimane mo tseleng e e tswaletsweng.
- O kgweetsa mo kapokong e e sa angwang.
- O ne a bolelela morwae gore a se ka a ba a tsamaya a leka go dira jalo gone go diphatsa mme a tswelela a dira.
- o ne a itimetsa kgalemo ya molaodi.
- E rile kapoko e simolola go wa,o ne a batla go thedimoga ga ntsi ntsi.

- (b) Most candidates fell in band 4, because the vocabulary and language used was mostly copied verbatim from the passage. There were shortcomings in the structure of the response and some verbatim lifting of words and phrases from the passage. Some candidates even fell in band 6 because they were out of topic by writing about love between the man and his wife. Or that he does not have respect that's why he took the boy from the mother because he wanted to kill him. Some candidates wrote opposite points from the passage like, he wanted to have Christmas with his family, that's why he wanted to spoil the boy by taking him to the jazz. In South Africa people like jazz music and the mother was always supporting the father and so many answers not related to the question.

KAROLO YA B

POTSO 3

Candidates were supposed to highlight the issues and suggest ways how the problems can be overcome by comparing the issues mentioned in the passage to what is happening in their regions. Some candidates copied words from the passage as it is or they mentioned only social issues and not how it can be solved. This shows that some candidates read the passage and ideas from the passage were considered but not fully developed. At some centres, the candidates did not answer this question.

3. POSITIVE SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS

- Teachers should follow the syllabus and interpreted it correctly and make sure to prepare the candidates for examination all the time. Teachers should select passages that will test the candidates' insight not simple passages, which does not challenge the candidates' ideas at all.
- Teachers should always assist the candidates on how to use the points in **2(a)** to answer **2(b)**.
- Teacher should teach the candidates on how to read passage 2 with understanding to enable them to respond to question 3.
- Make the candidates aware on how this paper is marked especially question **2(a)** and **2(b)** and question **3** by giving the candidates the marking grid and explaining it to them.