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<p>Paper 3183/01 Composition</p>
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General comments

Candidates generally performed well on this paper this year. Most of the questions proved accessible for the majority of candidates.

Candidates who performed well demonstrated good understanding of the question requirements and the question's theme was answered in detail.

Outstanding answers showed an ability to produce a piece of writing that has accurate language, wide and precise vocabulary, had accurate spelling, used varied sentence structures, showed evidence of planning by using paragraphs and well linked sentences and addressed the topic with consistent relevance; the interest of the reader was aroused and sustained.

Comments on specific questions

Section A – Letter, Report or Speech, Dialogue

Question 1

- (a) Some candidates succeeded in writing a letter about their work experience at a company, using appropriate and accurate vocabulary. Some answers used extensive greeting phrases, whereas better responses wrote more on the topic itself. Candidates who performed well demonstrated a good understanding of the question and wrote with accurate spelling and correct sentence structures, and less successful answers tended to have many spelling mistakes, repetition and did not seem able to conjugate verbs.
- (b) This was the least attempted question in this section. It was well reported by very few candidates using an appropriate structure and language for report writing. The answers could be improved by having more related ideas to the theme and accurate sentences and spelling.
- (c) A small number of candidates demonstrated high level of writing skills throughout their dialogue to express the ideas about the importance of school uniforms. Less successful answers tended to focus on long greetings and pre-learned expressions and paragraphs and they could improve their answers by having accurate sentence structures and spelling. There is also a need to add more relevant information.

Section B – Essay

Question 2

- (a) Some candidates explained in detail the well-known saying and linked it to their personal life and experience. Some responses could benefit from using more vocabulary effectively and link it to an example to add details. Less successful answers could also benefit from learning how to conjugate verbs.
- (b) A few excellent responses discussed in detail the importance of restricting children's time online. Other candidates needed to develop more information and detailed answers and avoid repetition. They also needed to apply accurate sentence structures and spelling.

- (c) Some answers showed an ability to describe events dynamically. A few stronger answers described the event with high level vocabulary, strong structure and answers also used relevant idioms and special phrases that helped to engage the reader. Less successful answers tended to repeat information and had many spelling mistakes.
- (d) Few strong responses narrated with an effective use of wide range of vocabulary to describe what happened. Some less successful answers used irrelevant pre-learned phrases and had many incorrect sentence structures and spelling mistakes.

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<p>Paper 3183/02 Reading Comprehension</p>
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Key messages

In order to do well in this paper, candidates should:

- Ensure that they plan their time for each question and allow time for thorough checking of their work.
- Ensure that their work is legible and logically presented.
- Read the passage carefully before beginning to translate.

General comments

In general, candidates answered all the questions and did not leave any answers out. Candidates who performed well demonstrated an ability to translate the past and present tenses correctly. They also remembered basic vocabulary and were aware of more complex vocabulary items.

Comments on specific questions

Section A

Reading Comprehension

Question 1

Most candidates demonstrated an excellent understanding of the question and got the answer correct.

Question 2

This was answered well by most candidates.

Question 3

Most candidates answered this question correctly.

Question 4

The majority of candidates answered this question well. A few were unable to elicit the correct answer.

Question 5

Many candidates answered this question with no difficulties; only a few did not answer the question fully.

Question 6

A small number of candidates answered this question incorrectly.

Question 7

This question was managed by candidates fairly well.

Question 8

Quite a few candidates seemed to have misunderstood this question and thus did not answer correctly.

Question 9

There were many incorrect answers and quite a lot of candidates left the question with no response.

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<p>Paper 3183/03 Translation</p>
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- Ensure that they plan their time for each question and allow time for thorough checking of their work
- Ensure that their work is legible and logically presented
- Read the passage carefully before beginning to translate.

General comments

In general, candidates answered all the questions and did not leave any answers out. Candidates who performed well demonstrated an ability to translate the past and present tenses correctly. They also remembered basic vocabulary and were aware of more complex vocabulary items.

Comments on specific questions

Section A

Reading Comprehension

Question 1

Most candidates demonstrated an excellent understanding of the question and answered correctly.

Question 2

This was answered well by the majority of candidates.

Question 3

Most candidates answered this question correctly.

Question 4

The majority of candidates answered this question well. A few were unable to indicate the correct answer.

Question 5

Many candidates answered this question with no difficulties; only a few did not answer the question fully.

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A small number of candidates answered this question incorrectly.

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<p>Paper 3183/04 Speaking</p>

Key messages

In order to do well in this component, candidates should:

- Be able to engage in a discussion with the teacher using their Arabic language skills to express past, present and future tenses and a range of vocabulary.
- Candidates should expand their range of vocabulary by reading a rich variety of materials.
- More practice is needed in the correct use of numbers and counted nouns.

General comments

The performance of candidates was generally good because they managed to perform the tasks required of them in an interesting manner, demonstrating an understanding of the subject matter.

The exam was conducted in a suitable environment, free from background noise and external distractions.

Comments on specific questions

The majority of candidates performed well when asked to describe social and cultural events with which they were familiar.