

HINDI LITERATURE

Paper 8675/04
Texts

Key messages

Candidates should consider the question carefully and develop a response which ensures that all parts of the question are fully answered, without including any unnecessary additional pre-learnt material.

Sentences should be grammatically correct (subject-adjective-verb agreement) and appropriate vocabulary should be used to express ideas and opinions.

Candidates should allocate equal time to the questions they answer, so they do not run out of time to answer the last question.

General comments

The candidates were generally well prepared for the examination. A wide range of performance was seen. In general, candidates performed better in **Part 2**, Prose, than in **Part 1**, Poetry.

Comments on specific questions

Part 1

Question 1

- (a) This question was in two parts. In the first part, candidates were asked to explain the meaning of the verse. In the second part, they needed to review how the excerpt conveyed the poet's devotion to Krishna through गोपियों के संवाद. This was attempted by many candidates. The strongest candidates explained the verse well and answered both parts of the question.
- (b) The best responses were based on the set text. Answers that narrated the whole story of Ramcharit Manas did not satisfy the demand of the question.

Question 2

- (a) This was one of the most popular questions. Some very analytical, well thought out answers were seen. Weaker candidates confused मानवतावाद with मानवीकरण and the poet पंत with महादेवी, प्रसाद and निराला.
- (b) Fewer candidates attempted **Question 2b**, and some candidates found giving a critical appraisal of जयशंकर प्रसाद और छायावाद very challenging. Some of the answers attributed निराला की कविता to प्रसाद.

Question 3

- (a) This was a popular question, and answers varied from excellent to average.
- (b) The better responses demonstrated an understanding of the question, which specifically asked if the poet's observations in वर्तमान खण्ड are also relevant in modern times. Some weaker candidates wrote at length everything learnt about भारत-भारती, perhaps because they did not understand the meaning of the word सटीक in the question.

Part 2

Question 4

(a) and (b) Nearly all candidates answered one of these questions. Some excellent answers were written.

(b) Due to an issue with this question, a discussion took place at the examiners' meeting before marking began, and examiners considered the impact on candidates in the light of answers seen. Changes to the marking approach for this question were agreed to ensure that no candidates were disadvantaged by the error.

Question 5

(a) and (b) These were popular questions. Some good answers showed a deep insight into the authors' intentions and articulated them clearly and concisely.

Question 6

(a) and (b) Very few candidates attempted these questions. The answers provided were mostly focused and satisfactory.

