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Introduction

This paper is an externally assessed written examination of 1 hour and 30 minutes. Candidates are required to choose two extended-response writing tasks, which are worth 25 marks each. They are advised to write between 300 and 350 words for each title and split the time available equally between the two tasks. The number of words is approximate and candidates will not be penalised for writing more or fewer words than recommended in the word count, provided that their responses are pertinent, purposeful and within the scope of the question. Lengthy responses may result in considerable digression, irrelevance and lack of focus.

The forms of writing could include: a discursive essay, a narrative or a descriptive account for a school assignment, a letter to a friend, a response to a newspaper article, an article for a school magazine, an email, a blog, a speech or an information leaflet. For a candidate to gain marks in this paper, evidence of accuracy of language must be accompanied by good organisation of the main thesis/ideas, relevance to the task and focus on the purpose and intended reader(s). Irrespective of language skills, a response will not be deemed satisfactory if it fails to show a clear focus on purpose and appropriacy with regard to the intended audience. Each question addresses one or more of the following writing purposes: to argue, to narrate, to describe, to persuade, to inform, to explain.

In general, candidates must demonstrate the following skills:

- Communicate meaning effectively in written language in a variety of forms, genres and styles.
- Focus writing on a particular purpose and audience.
- Write imaginatively, using a variety of techniques.
- Use a wide range of suitable vocabulary and accurate spelling.
- Employ a variety of sentence structures for effect and structure work effectively.
- Use complex structures.
- Use the rules of grammar and the conventions of writing to create effect, variety and interest.

Question 1

Q1 elicited an essay for the school newspaper on the topic of the 'ideal profession'. The readership of this essay would most likely consist of the school community of pupils, teachers and parents. The purpose of writing was to inform and explain and the scope of the essay was expected to address, among others, parameters that influence decision making in relation to today's work landscape and a discussion of the competing priorities between the demands and rewards of an ideal profession and the nature of an individual's values and life plans. Even though personal preferences and details about one's work experience were not off topic, the focus of the piece was not the realm of a personal account of the type 'what I want to be when I grow up', but rather an exploration of what factors weigh in when identifying what an ideal profession is in the current work climate and the considerations and decision making processes that may take place in order to pursue it.

In addition to expectations regarding an explanation of the concept of the ideal profession and how it affects today's youth, by nature of the medium in which it is published (the school newspaper), the piece was expected to possess certain textual and linguistic features specific to the fact that the essay was intended to be read by the public and therefore arouse public interest by advocating either a specific view or a number of views. A good number of candidates succeeded in defining, comparing and contrasting concepts and even posing questions that aimed to stimulate a thinking process and pique the interest of their audience. Many addressed their readers directly, highlighting the importance of further discussion and training regarding such decisions and how one might go about preparing and building a resume that would make them standout as good candidates in the field of any 'ideal' profession. These pieces were well linked, often employed sophisticated vocabulary and structures and revealed the writers' literacy skills and analytical thinking.

On the other end, a number of responses contained lengthy accounts of one's personal enthusiasm and experience of a certain job (for example, being a professional footballer), employing a register that was inappropriate for this medium, rather basic vocabulary and structures and omitting any conceptual references and discussion, or explanation, regarding the parameters that define professions as ideal for different people.

This response earned 22 marks, having scored from the top bands of the assessment criteria for communication and content and application and accuracy of language. Notwithstanding occasional spelling mistakes, slips in syntax and choice of words, the candidate organised their response well, maintaining appropriate use of register and mostly effective adaptation of language to inform, interest and give convincing personal opinions. The candidate expressed individual thoughts and ideas, without neglecting to give a more global view of the topic and presenting us with a wide range of relevant details.

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What is impressive about this candidate's performance is the comprehensive and holistic approach to the topic, that included an examination of all the different ways in which an 'ideal' profession might impact an individual's growth and happiness and the various paths to success. The candidate presented a range of fully justified individual thoughts in organised paragraphs that followed one another cohesively and coherently and did not lose sight of focus on the topic. The choice to discuss this issue at an abstract level consistently lent more legitimacy and credibility to the essay, as a good example of journalistic prose.



Make sure that you organise your thoughts in paragraphs that focus on a sub aspect of the topic and follow logically from one another. When you make claims about an issue, ensure that these are developed and substantiated with explanations that contain appropriate detail and, when appropriate, examples. This piece is linked in such a way, using structural techniques skilfully, to lead us towards a persuasive and succinct conclusion that flows naturally from the candidate's exploration of the subject.

Question 1

This response was awarded 15 marks. It has the makings of a good answer but fails to develop and finish its main argument in a persuasive and interesting way.

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Performance in this response is characterised by a tentative, onedimensional argument that does not lead to a comprehensive and detailed development of the candidate's ideas. The candidate makes a number of relevant points but the focus is restricted to what they enjoy in their chosen profession and does not address the characteristics of an ideal profession clearly. Even though it is considered acceptable to focus on personal preferences regarding one's chosen career, discussion at a more global level would have been beneficial. What is missing in this response is an acknowledgement of some general characteristics of the ideal profession and how this issue is received and discussed in different ways by different people. This would have lent more legitimacy and interest to a public-facing essay on this topic. It is also a piece that is short and stays limited in its scope and its potential to interest and convince as comprehensive and relevant.



Effective and clear communication is often a result of succinctness but one must ensure that economy and precision in discourse do not result in omissions and tentative explanations which ultimately affect the development of the argument and mark the piece as inconclusive. This example is worth 8 marks. The piece is poorly linked and its register and content are not fully relevant and appropriate for the task. The language structures are basic or constructed in an unsatisfactory way.

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The content of this piece could have been an acceptable response to a different question of the kind 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' The candidate expresses an enthusiastic (albeit unconvincing and unfounded) certainty about the ideal profession ($\tau o \epsilon i \delta \alpha v i \kappa o o \mu o \varsigma \epsilon \pi \alpha \kappa \gamma \epsilon \lambda \mu \alpha \epsilon i v \alpha i \pi u \rho o \sigma \beta \epsilon \sigma \tau \eta \varsigma$) but the level of discourse betrays an immaturity and lack of thoughtfulness in relation to appropriacy of content and register. The quality of writing and reflection in this piece fall short of the qualities and the preparation expected at this level of demand.



It is advisable to keep in mind the importance of clear Greek and careful presentation in your answers. Indicating the position of the stress is not optional, it is a given and a requirement for a piece to be considered mostly accurate.

Question 2

Q2 elicited a discursive piece in response to a journalist's statement regarding the negative impact of fake news on today's societies. This was also a public-facing piece addressed to the journalist in question, to be read by the newspaper's readers. Many candidates wrote coherent and pertinent responses, with ideas that followed a logical sequence and did not digress from the topic. Occasional misunderstanding of the question led to some irrelevance. This was in connection to the impact of the media on public opinion in general, rather than the impact of misinformation. At times, candidates misidentified $\pi\alpha\rho\alpha\pi\lambda\eta\rhoo\phi\phi\eta\sigma\eta$ as 'a lot of information', as opposed to the transmission of false or modified information with the purpose of misleading the public for certain reasons that may have to do with profit or political and corporate expediency. Other examples of various degrees of digression from the topic included a one-dimensional focus on advertising or the role of television in people's lives.

In addition to expressing unambiguously one's thesis on the journalist's statement, a good performance was expected to identify the forms of misinformation tactics, the various manifestations of its content, how it impacts society and the ways in which it may be dealt with at the personal or institutional level. Responses that scored marks from the top bands of the communication and content grid wrote subtle, sophisticated and thoughtful arguments that showed good levels of mature thinking, ability to explain and justify and appropriate application of register consistently. These pieces were well linked, often employed sophisticated vocabulary and structures and revealed the writers' literacy skills and analytical thinking.

Those responses that scored marks from the lower bands, contained gaps in their arguments or expressed ideas rather informally about the particulars of a single piece of misinformation that they knew about, for example the false news of the death of a football coach or the false claims of a certain brand in an advertisement. Because of this single focus, the overall purpose and relevance of the piece were either ineffective or obscured.

This response earned 24 marks is an example of excellent performance. Language is used consistently, imaginatively and there is evidence of appropriate range of sophisticated vocabulary and complex structures. Occasional slips in the way present participles are employed and some wrong use of vocabulary are aberrations in an otherwise confident and analytical piece of writing.

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The candidate succeeds in addressing all the different parameters of the issue of misinformation and constructs a compelling and comprehensive argument, with ideas following a logical sequence. They examine the topic from various angles and put forward convincing reasons for its prevalence, whilst also suggesting ways that it might be addressed and resolved effectively, for the common good. The register is appropriate to the purpose and intended reader and a number of specialist terms are employed. This shows that the candidate is well-informed about the topic and has thought it through. The piece is well-linked as a whole, despite occasional lack of economy in the way ideas are expressed, which leads to some paragraphs being unnecessarily long.



When you are faced with a choice of questions, ensure that you select the one that reflects your interests and preparation, especially if the medium and purpose require an elevated register and more specialist vocabulary. The consistent employment of vocabulary and structures that are appropriate to this particular task were so sharply focused on the issue of misinformation, that they created the impression of an ambitious piece, where occasional slips in spelling and structures were considered marginal. This response earned 14 marks. Communication is clear and a number of relevant points are made. Language is appropriate to the task with occasionally suitable vocabulary at the correct register. Spelling is sometimes accurate with some noticeable breakdown in grammatical inflections.

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Performance in this essay shows understanding of the issue and conveys some relevant examples of misinformation, albeit without enough depth and analysis in the argument. The piece has the makings of good organisation but the main ideas in each paragraph remain undeveloped. The register is often inappropriate to the genre, there is inaccuracy in the use of vocabulary ($\alpha v \ u\pi o \sigma t \sigma v \tau \alpha \sigma \omega \sigma t \alpha'$ $\mu \epsilon \tau \rho \alpha$) and some essential aspects of the issue are left unsaid or are not properly justified, for example, why or who benefits from the creation of $\sigma u \chi \eta \sigma \epsilon u$.



The conclusion is an important part of a discursive essay. It ties together the main points of the essay succinctly (but not as succinctly as in this essay) and confirms the writer's thesis by summing up the main arguments without repetition. It also leaves the reader with the final impression about the writer's ability to analyse and explain. Avoid hasty and generalised one sentence conclusions that also make a radical claim (εύκολα να αντιμετωπιστεί) that has not been properly explored or clearly stated previously.

Question 2

This response earned 8 marks and made very few relevant points, with basic language and insufficient focus on the different aspects of the topic and the intended reader.

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This is a response that shows some confusion in the understanding of the question and the topic in general. It starts off with a statement of agreement with the journalist, but what follows, instead of being an exploration and justification of the position stated in the introduction, abruptly transitions to a positive description. This is at odds with the introductory statement and shows an apparent misunderstanding, of what fake news is. In the second paragraph the candidate equates 'fake news' with 'news' and describes it, unconvincingly, as a beneficial presence in people's lives. They then go on to argue that it is a negative force but the justification is incomplete and the analysis remains superficial. Even though spelling is generally accurate, the range of vocabulary is not appropriate to the task, there is abundant repetition and the register is marked by an informal orality that does not belong in the medium of a public response to a journalist.



Even though it is advisable to consider a topic, especially a contentious one, from various points of view, a discursive piece must have an emerging thesis that shows the writer's position on the topic. If the writer is ambivalent, a logical exploration of different sides with persuasive pros and cons is essential in order to substantiate this ambivalence. The absence of such a process here leads the candidate to contradict themselves and establishes ambiguity and inconclusiveness. This response earned 11 points. Few relevant points are made with some arguments along the wrong lines and occasional ambiguity.

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The essay starts with an acknowledgement that the journalist's statement is justified but does not transition well into exploring this position and the ideas that follow are not in a logical sequence. The focus is insecure and switches from the impact of exaggerated claims of commercials to unrealistic portrayals of superheroes in films to the factors that influence the choices that young people make when choosing a profession. Even though a sympathetic reader may suspect the underlying common threads of these ideas, the description is often muddled and the links between certain claims and the examples that are supposed to substantiate them are strained. There is some evidence of structural techniques in the form of paragraphs and conclusive remarks but the sequencing of ideas is only occasionally coherent and logical. The concluding statement, that the practice of misinformation may sometimes benefit society, is at odds with the position stated in the introduction and the general tone of the preceding arguments.



When examining the various aspects of a discursive topic ensure that there is consistency of opinion in the paragraphs that frame the main arguments, i.e. in the introductory and conclusive statements. The conclusion is not the right place to introduce a new aspect to the argument, in this case an unexplored and unsubstantiated benefit.

Question 3

Q3 elicited a narrative about an unforgettable childhood experience. This memory, narrated in retrospect by a young adult and filtered through the consciousness of the more mature self, was to include not just a description of the experience, but also convincing and interesting details that would explain why said memory was memorable. In this respect, the challenge for the writer of this piece was to write with appropriate pace that builds anticipation and to provide the necessary textual and linguistic details that characterise a story that relies on variety and interest. Such characteristics include, for example, vivid detail that serves the purpose of setting the scene without becoming irrelevant and repetitive; development of a mood and tone that would escalate the description towards the climactic moment of revealing the 'unforgettable'; a self-conscious commentary by the adult consciousness through which this memory is filtered that explains clearly why this experience or event deserve to be thought of as 'unforgettable'. The fact that this question was about a childhood memory did not mean that the narration should be filtered only through, for example, the point of view of a 6 year old, but also through the point of view of a young adult, for example, a 16 year old, who looks back and reflects on this memory and its importance. Many candidates wrote with an excellent sense of purpose, variety and interest, providing a climactic moment in the plot of their memory or a thoughtful and sensitive commentary on an otherwise mundane event, which however was of personal significance to them.

On the lower end of performance, there were many essays narrating, with often superfluous details, preparations for a holiday, an airplane trip where nothing note-worthy happens, or a scene at a football match that would invariably stop short of building anticipation for a persuasive climax, other than the fact that a favourite team won. In essays such as the one required by Q3, where the content is characterised by a 'unique' event, the purpose of writing extends beyond providing description and information. The narrative structure, the development of character or plot ought to have a pace and rhythm that build anticipation or lead confidently towards an exploration and understanding of the 'uniqueness' of this moment for the writer. Often enough, such writing evokes thoughts and feelings that, even though may not be shared by the reader, are compelling enough to make the piece a pleasure to read. In conclusion, the story telling that is involved in this type of essay, is expected to go beyond simple report writing.

This response fulfilled the criteria for a fully comprehensive, relevant and interesting response and earned 24 marks. There is an impressive, high level of depth in this response and language is used imaginatively and confidently.

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This response about a memorable family holiday ticks all the required boxes for an excellent performance at this level and for this genre. The candidate describes the consistent details of their experience in a purposeful manner that links well with the compelling reasons why this experience was unique and formative. This is more than an account of a trip abroad. It is a story about a rite of passage, a learning, formative and enjoyable experience that impacted the writer's outlook and development. Using the description of the trip as a point of departure, rather than as the unique experience per se, the writer explains how the landscape, the architecture and the personal interactions in Barcelona shaped a new understanding of world cultures and forged their identity as open-minded, intercultural individuals with an appreciation for art.



When composing a response whose purpose is to communicate the significance of an experience, instead of simply describing the experience itself, consider including those details that would emphasise the interesting aspects and would justify the reasons why you considered this content worth narrating. Reflect on what to include and try to exclude information that may be true but does not add interest to the essay. This response is a very good example of what to include and what to exclude.

This response earned 12 marks. Communication was clear and some relevant points were made.

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This is an example of performance that lingered more on relaying information about a trip, rather than reflecting on its significance. The narration included many details that did not contribute to the development of a coherent and interesting response. In fact, at times, the narrative appeared rather aimless and tentative.

Language in this essay is adequate for the task but the range of vocabulary and structures do not add appropriate variety and interest to the response. At times, the account of a holiday defies realistic expectations and lacks depth, for example, when the candidate, after a long preamble, explains how he and his friends got to persuade their parents to take them on holiday to Italy.

This was a response that was representative of performance that conceived of this essay as a matter of fact report, rather than as a story that is individual, pleasant to read and persuades the reader about its uniqueness.



A tentative response that takes its time to get to the point is not an effective response. Consider those ideas that highlight the purpose of telling a story and try to describe them in a way that captures the reader's attention.

Question 3

This response gained 5 marks. Communication is at basic level and the points made are difficult to interpret and ultimately of limited relevance. Language is basic with frequent errors that obscure meaning.

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Performance in this essay is hampered by the candidate's language skills and, very likely, by their level of maturity, which do not seem to be up to the task. A sympathetic reader gleans some details regarding the focus of the response and empathises with the predicament that a child on their first day of school find themselves in, but structures are too insecure to convey meaning unambiguously and effectively and the range of vocabulary is inadequate for a narrative at this level of demand. Spelling of high frequency words such as $\varphi(\lambda o \zeta)$ is often inaccurate and the references to the past – which this essay is reliant on – are often conveyed in the present tense. The candidate's language awareness frequently prevents them from making appropriate use of tenses.



It needs to be stated that performance in this paper by a particular profile of candidate may only be improved by taking more time to prepare for this exam. This response is an example of insufficient learning and limited knowledge of the conventions of Greek language and it is advisable to consider one's level before entering for this qualification. This script earned 21 marks. It satisfies the criteria for an interesting, thoughtful and relevant response. There is good level of depth in the development of the narrative and a very honest, moving, confessional tone that wins over the reader.

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Ήρουν δώδεκα χρονών, και είχα πάει με την ομάδα μου της τυρυαιτικής τια έναν έυα μετάλο, κοθοριστικό ατώνα στηυλθήνα. Τη ρυθμική τυρυαστική την αταπούσα τότο πολύ, ήταυ έυα άθμημα και του ακόμη είναι, που άλλασε την ιδέαιμου τια την ςιμή. Αυτός Ο ατώνος θα ήταν ο πριώτος μου, έσω από τη χώρα μου. Τα υεύρα μου έτρεμραν με άτχος και λότω του ότι πώουν ένα τιωπηλό και κνειτό παιδί, κανεύας δεν πήρε χαρπάρι του ψυχολοτικό ατώνα που κυλούσε στο μυαλό μου.

Είκα ρια ρττάτη οραθ Η ομάδα με την οποία πραγματοποιήσα αυτό το ταιτίδι απότελούσε τις συναθλήτριες μου και πς Súo μου προπονήτριες. Ευιωθα μια έντονη αγάηη για αυτά τα άτο μα, που τότα χρόνια έμειυαν κοντά μα και με στήριξαν σε κάθε δύσκολη στικμή. Ευχνά χρειασόρταταν να ηρερήσω με τη συντροφικότητά τους και να σικουρευτώ ότι υπάρχει κάποιος δίηλα μου.

Η ρέρα πρην του αδώνα πταυ εφιαλητική. Το πρωί είχαρε μικρή προπόγηση, όπου μπορέσαρε να πάρουμε μία ίδεα ms αίθωσας στην από α θα πινόταν ο αχώνας. Τομετάιο μέρος μαι προκάλεσε αίσθημα Φύβου και η οποτελεσμοτικότητά μου έκεινον το πρωί έίχε ν χαθεί ευτελώς. Είχαμε επιστρέψει στο δωμάτιο τια ξεκούραση και τότε δε συχκρατήθηκα από τη μυχολοχική διακύμανση που μήρχε από μέσα μου. Απομωνόπκα απο τις Φίλες μου και κλείστηκα εστον αποσασαγιήμου στο δικό μου κόσμο.

Ποτέ δευ καταί αθα χιατί ήρουν ένα κότο νευρικό παιδί. Το μόνο μου που ήξερα ήταν ότι δευ είχα τις ίδιες ικανάτητες με της πυναθλήτριες μου. Δεν είχα το καταιλο κατάλημο πώρα, την κατάλημη ευλυχυσία ευλυχητία χια μα ποιτερο προτρέρω την επιθύρητη αισθητική εικόνα σε ότοι με έβλεη αν. Αυτο όμως, κάνευας δευ το λοπτιρότοσε χρητημοποιήστε ευαυτίον μου. Οι προποι ήτριες μου έλεσαν πώς είραι είνα πιάσμα μου αδικό, μια χυρυσιστορ συμιάστρια με τη δικιά της ξεγωριστή ομοσριά. Δευ το πίστευα όμως αυτό. Οι λέστο θολωναν πριν κατες καταινοήτω.

Η ρέρα του του άσώνα κούτεψε. Η κανανική διαδικασία προετοιρατίων ραλλιών και ρακιδιάς άρχισε από τις πέντε το πρωί. Το άχχος μου επέστρεψε με 44 δύναρη ιπερευλική όμως προσπαθούσα να το κρύψω κάπου μακριά αυτό το 9 ασφικτικό συναίσθημα.

Κατεβαίνοντας από το λεωφορείο που μας είχε οδηγήσει ως την αιθουσα, ηήρα μια βαθιά αυάσα και σχημάτισα ένα ψεύτικο χαμόδελο στο πρόσωπό μου. Η προπονήτρια μου με κοτταςε με βλέμμα ο χειράτο αυτοπεποίθηση, και εληίσα La SIERSKNEW NICO and The aldodosia Ths.

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Είχα τη κερδίτει μια θέση πανοπαιητική, αξιοθαίμαστη τια μένα. Ήταν ένα χεχονός χεχάλης αξίας χιατί χια πρώτη Φορά ένιμυσα ότι κάποιος προύτε τον πρόπο που παρονισίαςα το θόρι άθλημα. Ακόμη κι αυδεν ήταν σου όπως π υπόλαπες αθλήτριες. Για πρώτη φορά καταυδησα την αξία το μου.

Απο αυτην την στισμή, κέρδισα όχι μόω μια καλή θέση, αλλα και την αυτοχυωσία. Καταλαβα ότι, οι ιδιαιτερότητες και οι ελλέφης μου είναι αυτά που με καλλιερχούν σαυ αυθρωπο. Πρέπει να αποδεχτώ ότι ναι δεν είραι σαν τες άλλες και έχω μια διασυρετική του σα σύρθασα ευτύπωση πους άλλους, όμως τα ταλέντα μου τα έχω. Το μάο διαφορετικό είναι ότι τα έχω σε άλλη μοροή. Αυτος είναι ο λόχος δια τον οποίο θαυράςω και αυτήν τητέ συχκεκριμένη ανάμνηση της παιδικής μου πλικίας.



The candidate focused on a pivotal moment in the development of their personality and the building of their self-confidence by narrating their experience of a sports event in which they competed. The candidate manages to create a sense of the atmosphere and conveys in a vivid way their underlying anxieties and insecurities. In this respect, they establish successfully the significance of the memory as a formative experience that restored in them a sense of self-worth and belief in their potential. A little more economy in the description of the process that led up to the competition would have contributed to a better organised and developed response. Occasional clumsiness in expression and syntactical errors aside, language is varied and used imaginatively and fluently throughout.



In essays that require an autobiographical and confessional element, the conclusion confirms the depth of your response. It allows you to synthesise the feelings and ideas you have raised in your essay in a succinct way, in order to demonstrate their importance and facilitate the readers' engagement with your position or predicament. A good conclusion, such as the one in this essay, gives one the opportunity to end in the right, individual note and win over the readers. It is advisable to steer away from rehearsed, stock conclusive phrases, to give your readers a unique view of your subject that they can empathise with you and understand your process.

Paper Summary

The candidates who sat this examination performed well. They were able to communicate a range of relevant points and those at a higher level of competence demonstrated clear focus on the task and the intended reader. Many were able to score highly from the top bands of the response criteria for Communication and Content (15 marks total) and Accuracy and Application of Language (10 marks total). The summer 2022 series focused on the following themes, which were also communicated to centres through the Advance Notice Guidance:

- Youth Matters (Q3)
- Media (Q2)
- Business, Work and employment (Q1).

Although Q1 proved to be the most popular it was Q2 that yielded the best performance from the candidates who chose it. It was evident that candidates had prepared well in anticipation of the themes that had been communicated to them in advance. At the same time, this preparation included familiarisation with rehearsed answers and stock phrases that were sometimes injected into the main narrative/analysis without adequate regard for how well they contributed to the overall cohesion of the piece or the development of the main thesis. Expressions such as $avavt(\rho p\eta \tau a \text{ or } \theta a \dot{\eta} \tau av \pi a \rho \dot{a} \lambda \epsilon \iota \psi \eta v a \mu \eta v ava \phi \dot{\epsilon} \rho \omega$ are appropriate only when they introduce an indisputable fact/a given or a significant detail that complements a previously stated detail, respectively. When inserted randomly, such cohesive devices or transition phrases disrupt the linking of the piece.

Candidates should also take care to read the advice listed on the front of the paper. There were instances of discrepancy between the question chosen and the answer provided and responses to two different questions being written in the same answer space. Candidates must also take care with their presentation. Illegible writing that mixes Greek and English characters and contains an inordinate amount of crossing out of words and sentences goes contrary to expectations for a legible and clear response.

The following are areas of strength identified in responses to all three questions:

- Absence of ambiguity and good communicative competence.
- Consistent evidence of relevance with content that was mostly on topic.
- Appropriate application of grammar, including a mixture of basic and complex structures.
- Employment of vocabulary that was impressive in range, although not always appropriate to the task or the purpose of writing.

The following are areas that need improvement:

- Lengthy responses that provided detail that was detrimental to the narration/argument and often veered into irrelevance (Q2 and Q3).
- Insufficient engagement of the purpose of writing and the profile of the intended reader, often resulting in inappropriate use of register and loss of focus (Q1).
- Undeveloped discussion of concepts, in favour of empirical narration that avoided a more neutral position and exposition of an issue; explanations/analysis that focused mostly on the 'self' rather than the relevance of an issue to the community or its impact on society (Q1 and Q2).
- Insufficient subtlety and creativity with regard to rendering convincingly an aspect of the question that was essential for a full explanation (e.g. the concept of the 'ideal' in Q1 and the concept of the 'unforgettable' in Q3).

To conclude please consider the following:

- Ensure that there are plenty of opportunities to practice writing for specific purposes and audience under timed conditions. Familiarisation with the conventions of writing, for example, composing a letter to the editor of a media outlet or speech to inform and persuade one's fellow students about a certain issue, ensures that the writing task stands more chances of being securely focused on the purpose and intended reader.
- Cultivate familiarisation with the assessment criteria, so that requirements are clear.
- Choose questions carefully so that writing takes place from an informed position (when writing discursively) or from a position of experience and creative imagination that the candidate is at ease with.
- When writing with the purpose of analysis and persuasion, it is advisable to consider different positions in an argument whilst always making it clear where one stands in relation to an issue. A clear introduction and conclusive remarks that link clearly to and are justified by preceding arguments are essential components of this genre.
- When writing with the purpose of narration in order to interest/entertain, it is important to consider that there is enough variety, subtlety and creativity in the piece to fulfill the expectations that a reader has of such pieces.
- Write succinctly but comprehensively and use the recommended wordage and bullet points as yardsticks of successful performance; avoid lengthy essays that spill over to an extra booklet as these contain digression and often a breakdown of cohesion and accuracy.
- Use language imaginatively, persuasively, to interest or to inform and describe, without neglecting to also use a range of complex structures accurately.
- Allow time to proof-read writing responses in order to achieve the highest possible degree of accuracy.
- Indicate the position of the stress, where needed; this is not optional. Take care to spell inflections correctly, as inaccurate spelling in high frequency vocabulary and grammatical endings often hinder clarity and detract from the effectiveness of the piece as a whole.
- Apply the conventions of register consistently and appropriately.
- Be reminded of the importance of clear Greek and careful presentation.

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