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Written Paper

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Overall, the students who sat the Tamil International GCSE exam 2015 performed well.

Question 1

Most of the candidates understood the concept of the question and translated the sentences correctly. A number of candidates did not construct the sentences well and formed sentences without putting the words in the right order.

Question 2

The majority of the candidates understood the topic and translated well in Tamil. A considerable amount of students scored good marks. Very few translations were appropriate to the level. A good number of candidates scored good marks in this question.

Question 3

Most students performed exceptionally achieving high marks. The students performed well in transmission. They grasped the majority of the text, however they did struggle with some of the more complex grammatical structures. The quality of language was largely accurate when using short phrases.

Question 4

On the whole candidates had some spelling and grammatical mistakes in the essays but few candidates managed to write an essay without any errors.

- (a) The candidates, who chose this question, understood the topic and described very well with imagination. Wedding celebrations are very common in the Tamil community and very popular as well.
- (b) Candidates understood the meaning of the heading and explained very well. They put very good arguments and scored good marks.
- (c) A good number of candidates selected this question and argued well about the use of mobile phone. They demonstrated more creative thinking on their responses.
- (d) Only a small number of candidates selected this question and they achieved high marks.

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