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Question 1

All candidates attempted this section.

Almost all candidates answered part (a), (d) and (e) which is impressive. Most candidates made mistakes on question 1(b), and only a few candidates managed to get full marks on this part. On the other parts of this question, where some candidates did not always get the answer right was question 1 (c).

Question 2

In this section there were some very successful translations and those deservedly scored high marks. Candidates who paid attention to detail when reading the extract widely managed well in the translation. There were some key vocabulary needs and further study was needed of words such as Bosphorus, Blue Mosque. Also, some adjectives needed a better understanding.

Question 3

This section was the least successful part of the entire paper. A number of candidates found the text somewhat challenging and lost most of their marks in this part. The best way to approach these types of challenging questions is to read each paragraph in its entirety before starting the translation. The candidates who had done a wide range of reading scored highly in this part.

Question 4

Almost all candidates scored high scores in this part. The most popular choice was the part where most candidates developed their ideas to a greater extent. The candidates choose to write about one of their favourite books, overall scored top marks due to the skills they demonstrated in their short essay.

General Comments

The essays in this section require more than just listing points or outlining ideas - it is important that points do have originality and developed further with personal reasons behind the ideas. It is paramount that candidates should be encouraged to read to develop their English language skills.

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