

HINDI B

Overall grade boundaries

Grade:	E	D	C	B	A
Mark range:	0 - 7	8 - 15	16 - 22	23 - 28	29 - 36

General comments

Framing the essay research question, working with original texts and independent research enable candidates to develop and integrate language skills. The extended essay also provides candidates with an opportunity to investigate a topic of interest in the right context through analysis of evidence. This helps them to understand how to integrate the information coming from different sources and manipulate it in their analysis.

The range and suitability of the work submitted

Most of the essays submitted this session met the requirements as set out in the *Extended Essay Guide* in terms of the range and suitability of work. However, there was some evidence that candidates are not receiving enough guidance and support from their supervisors nor were they following advice as outlined in the Guide. There were spelling mistakes in the text which should have been discovered at an earlier stage and should not occur in the submission copy. The extended essay criteria should be used in preparing the essay and the guidance on format outlined in the Guide for formal presentation should be strictly followed.

Candidate performance against each criterion

Most of the candidates performed well against each criterion; however there were instances in which candidates did not meet the criteria particularly in the following areas:

- spelling mistakes and text or words used out of the context
- literature should have been given more emphasis in many essays. Literature may consist of prose or poetry and quotations from literary works can improve the level of explanation.
- there should have been more emphasis on analysis of evidence.

Recommendations for the supervision of future candidates

The supervisor has a vital role guiding candidates in the following areas:

- improving the quality of their work and minimizing spelling mistakes
- developing language skills, usage of grammar and text in the right context

- focussing on social and cultural aspects of language
- developing awareness of the different cultures and using their personal experience while organizing the ideas
- being aware of language structures, appropriate use of vocabulary and text handling
- checking essays thoroughly before they are submitted for marking.