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FOREWORD

This booklet contains reports written by Examiners on the work of candidates in certain papers. **Its contents are primarily for the information of the subject teachers concerned.**

CHINESE LANGUAGE

GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

Paper 8681/01
Speaking

General comments

All the candidates who took part in this examination demonstrated an extremely high level of competence in spoken Mandarin. They spoke fluently and with confidence.

Centres are reminded that candidates are expected to ask questions of the Examiner at the end of both the Topic and General Conversation sections. Marks are allocated for this activity in the Mark Scheme and are forfeited by candidates who fail to ask questions.

Paper 8681/02
Reading and Writing

General comments

Candidates did extremely well on this Paper and experienced no real problems with any aspect of the examination. Occasionally, when answering the reading comprehension questions, candidates did not make the effort to use their own words, copying answers straight from the texts, and/or answered questions according to their own opinion rather than basing their reply on information contained in the text. In the final question, candidates showed good summary skills and nearly all candidates made excellent use of both texts. All candidates responded very well to the second part of the question and the personal opinions they expressed showed good engagement with the texts. The quality of the language was also, generally, good.

Paper 8681/03
Essay

General comments

Only a small number of candidates took this examination and they all performed very well. They demonstrated their ability to write fluently in Chinese and were able to organise their ideas logically.