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The paper which when I had set it I thought it was going to be much easier than last year's paper but the candidates' marks did not really reflect this. Even though the candidates' average is I believed a bit higher than the past year's average mark.

Many of the questions asked need to be carefully scrutinized by those teaching this subject so that they are able to teach the following areas well.

1. Comprehension – Faitaugalaulu.

Teachers need to consider their questioning skills to include higher level questions such as:

1. Understanding
2. Application
3. Analysis
4. Synthesis
5. Evaluation questions in their teaching

2. Language-Gagana

Teachers need to teach structural elements in their teaching. Structures of the language need to be well established and the actual understanding of the grammar of the language should be ingrained in students' minds.

3. Essay Writing

Candidates must be taught how to sequence ideas in writing. Students have used the wrong language in their writing. This is what I call the K language. This language is used in informal Samoan and is used a lot in the spoken form. The written language uses the T language and this must be used in students' writing. In this examination many students used the K language.

4. Literature- Gagana Faamauina

We need to specify the

1. Fiction
2. Non-Fiction
3. Poems and Songs
4. Short stories for this examinations

Too many students are still using those stories for Year 12 in the PSCC examination and they are penalized for it so marks are lost. The Samoan Language Committee should decide on different stories for the different levels.

MARKERS AND MARKING.

The markers have worked really hard and well throughout and I am very pleased with the way they marked this examination. I recommend all of them to continue this work in future.

From the bottom of heart I would like to thank all the panel members and to acknowledge their great effort in completing this important task.