

# LATIN

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Paper 8282/01

Language

## General comments

With the exception of a few candidates, who struggled with the literature paper, the overall quality of candidates' responses was similar to that of last year. There was an increase overall in the size of candidature and the candidates were more widely spread.

Both papers making up the syllabus were demanding but fair and provided an appropriately broad coverage of both language and literature.

## Paper 1 Language

The marking of the translation passages in Paper 1 was aided this year by the new rubric requiring candidates to write on alternate lines; most, but not all, candidates observed this rubric. As a result it was easier for the Moderator to follow the marking of the Examiner.

This paper offered candidates a choice of two sections out of three: a prose unseen, a verse unseen and a grammar section. All candidates offered **Section A** (the prose unseen), while this year six offered **Section B** (the verse unseen).

The standard of the best candidates was quite remarkable, displaying an enviable mastery of the skills of translation and a superb grasp of grammar and syntax. Candidates should be discouraged from offering alternative versions of the translation. Equally, they should be dissuaded from omitting sections of the translation to ensure that they maximize the marks available to them.