

## ARABIC 2

### **1. GENERAL COMMENTS**

The standard of the paper compares favourably with that of the previous year. There was a decline in the performance of the candidate compared to that of the previous year.

### **2. SUMMARY OF THE CANDIDATE'S STRENGTHS**

- (1) Some candidates' performance in the composition aspect of the paper was very good.
- (2) Many candidates did well in answering questions related to Arabian literature.
- (3) Candidates were able to show good expression in their essay writing.

### **3. SUMMARY OF THE CANDIDATE'S WEAKNESSES**

- (1) Some candidates had challenges in spelling some Arabic words and also in making some expressions.
- (2) It was difficult for some candidates to effect the proper placement of Arabic vowels, therefore leading to the construction of incorrect sentences.
- (3) Some candidates did not know the differences between vowels and consonants.

### **4. SUGGESTED REMEDIES TO THE WEAKNESSES**

- (1) Teachers should teach candidates spelling of Arabic words so as to improve upon their writing skills.
- (2) Candidates should be taught the proper placement of Arabic vowels so as to construct meaningful sentences.
- (3) Students should be made to know and understand the difference between vowels and consonants in Arabic.

### **5. DETAILED COMMENTS**

#### **Question One**

This question was a popular one and the candidates' performance was very good. They showed understanding in answering the question. Candidates were familiar with the wording of the question and resulted in the good performance.

#### **Question Two**

The question was a common one. Candidates could not answer the question well. This may be due to the fact that they did not study well, therefore did not have enough information on the question. Some candidates started well but deviated along the line.

### **Question Three**

This question was popular. The question was common among candidates. This is due to the fact that the question was about a book that is being read in Ghanaian schools. The performance of candidates was very good as they showed understanding of the question in their various answers.

### **Question Four**

This question was very unpopular among the candidates. This is because it is about a sermon and its deliverer which appears to be quite familiar to candidates. Candidates did perform well in this question due to adequate information on the demand of the question.

### **Question Five**

This question was also common among candidates, because it fell within the list of poems they study in the recommended books of poetry. It was expected that candidates should have had enough information on the demand of the question but unfortunately, Candidates' performance on this question was poor.

As for the composition part, candidates were asked to write a composition of about 120 words from a chosen topic 1-4. The performance of candidates varied in this regard because they wrote on different topic. Some wrote very good essays, others were average, and some were poor.

