

Assessment Report

New Zealand Scholarship Sāmoan 2017

Standard 93010

Part A: Commentary

Successful candidates demonstrated the ability to think laterally and organise their thoughts in a clear, concise manner.

In the speaking section, despite the longer preparation time in 2017, many candidates were unable to speak on the topic for the required length of time. There was a lack of linking, explanation and expansion of concepts. Candidates must be able to select information from the two questions and build on this in their speech.

Part B: Report on performance standard

Candidates who were awarded Scholarship with **Outstanding Performance**, commonly:

- demonstrated aspects of high-level analysis and critical thinking
- interpreted the stimulus material intelligently, logically, and coherently
- developed and integrated sophisticated personal opinions, beliefs, viewpoints, or ideas that were perceptive, observant, intuitive, and insightful
- interpreted and evaluated the stimulus material, creating constructive links with his/her own thoughts that went beyond the given material and demonstrated independent, unbiased reflection and hypothesis
- expressed ideas with precision and clarity in a convincing way
- spoke clearly and concisely with correct intonation; accent had no effect on communication; self-corrected as required.

Candidates who were awarded **Scholarship**, commonly:

- demonstrated aspects of high-level analysis and critical thinking
- elaborated and incorporated subjective views, standpoints, perspectives, or concepts
- interpreted the stimulus material, creating constructive links with his/her own thoughts that progressed beyond the given material
- constructed ideas precisely and clearly, within a synthesised response to the question/statement
- supported arguments with examples that were evaluated
- utilised language suitably, such as idiomatic expressions, fillers, pauses, and nuances built-in, relevant to the social context

- expressed ideas with precision and clarity.

Other candidates

Candidates who were **not** awarded Scholarship, commonly:

- expressed some personal opinions, viewpoints or ideas, demonstrated some independent thinking
- presented a descriptive rather than an analytical response
- offered arguments that were unclear and/or were not supported by effective examples
- produced Sāmoan that was at times unclear, ambiguous, or misleading
- communicated with limited confidence in a manner that was hesitant and failed to self-correct mistakes
- spoke with incorrect intonation; accent affected communication.

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