

Subject: Korean

Level: 3

Standards: 91558, 91561

Part A: Commentary

Candidates need to be aware that the overall grade for a question is based on how much of a passage or text has been understood, and **in** what depth, rather than knowledge of individual lexical items. Candidates should avoid direct translation, as the translation alone is not sufficient evidence that they understand the meaning of a passage or text clearly or thoroughly. Candidates who selected evidence from the spoken passage or text and integrated it to justify their answer in a convincing manner achieved higher grades than those who correctly translated relevant chunks of the passage or text.

Part B: Report on standards

91558: Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended spoken Korean texts

Examination

Each standard included three questions and candidates were required to respond to all three. Questions 1 to 3 required candidates to demonstrate their understanding of a variety of extended spoken Korean texts. The questions required candidates to read and respond to three spoken texts representative of different situations.

Observations

Most responses are in the M6 – E8 range, which indicates that the cohort has a high level of Korean language knowledge.

Grade awarding

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement** commonly:

- showed understanding of the gist but lacked details
- provided unclear or contradicting conclusions due to misunderstanding of certain parts of the passage.

Candidates who were awarded **Not Achieved**:

- There were no NA responses.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Merit** commonly:

- demonstrated a clear understanding of the texts by giving answers supported with relevant details
- provided accurate translation of the relevant chunks of the passage, but lacked details compared to the Excellence candidates.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Excellence** commonly:

- gave full answers supported with relevant details
 - provided insightful conclusions by integrating a range of evidence from the spoken text.
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91561: Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended written and / or visual Korean texts

Examination

Each standard included three questions and candidates were required to respond to all three. Questions 1 to 3 required candidates to demonstrate their understanding of a variety of extended written and / or visual Korean texts. The questions required candidates to read and respond to three written texts representative of different text types.

Observations

Most responses are in the M6 – E8 range, which indicates the cohort has a high level of Korean language knowledge.

Grade awarding

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement** commonly:

- showed understanding of the gist but lacked details
- provided unclear or contradicting conclusions due to misunderstanding of certain parts of the texts.

Candidates who were awarded **Not Achieved**:

- There were no NA responses.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Merit** commonly:

- demonstrated a clear understanding of the texts by giving answers supported with relevant details
- provided accurate knowledge of the relevant chunks of the texts but lacked details and understanding of deeper meanings compared to the Excellence candidates.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Excellence** commonly:

- showed thorough understanding of the texts by giving full answers supported with relevant details
 - provided insightful conclusions by integrating a range of evidence from the texts.
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