

10.3 PAPER 2 (311/2)

Just like in paper 1 the performance of this paper improved. However its mean is still lower than that of paper 1. There were a few questions that were a challenge to the candidates. These are questions 6, 8 and 16 in Section A and 20 from Section B. These questions are discussed as follows:-

Question 6

Give **two** contributions of the invention of the steam engine to industry in the 18th Century in Europe. (2 marks)

Requirements

The candidates were supposed to give two contributions made by the invention of steam engine to industry in Europe in the 18th Century.

Weaknesses

A good number of candidates had mixed up ideas for instance:-

- For loading heavy goods
- To provide energy for running the industry
- It was used to pump water from the underground

Expected Responses

- i) It led to less use of fuel
- ii) Machines were able to operate efficiently
- iii) It enabled industries to be located far from the source of energy
- iv) It led to establishment of more industries.

Question 8

State **two** results of the construction of the Suez Canal. (2 marks)

Requirements

The candidates were to give two results of the construction of the Suez Canal.

Weaknesses

Many candidates confused it for an irrigation canal. Candidates gave the general uses of the canal without being specific.