

- iv) In the year 2003 KCSE examination, Paper 2 was the best performed when compared to the other years.

16.1 INDIVIDUAL QUESTION ANALYSIS

The discussion below is based on a sample of randomly selected candidates' scripts for the year 2004 KCSE examination. Analysis of performance for each question was carried out to determine the questions that were poorly done. We shall therefore, discuss those questions which the candidates performed poorly.

16.1.1 PAPER 1 (442/1)

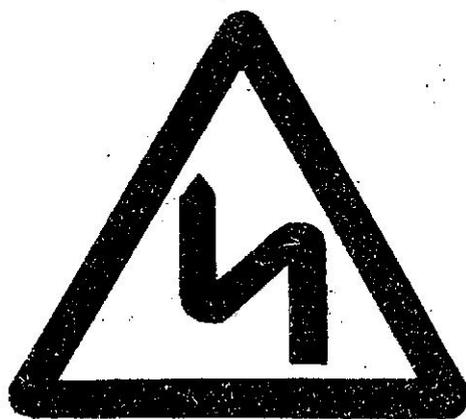
Question 1 (a)

- (a) State **two** properties that make clay a valuable material for modelling. (1 mark)

This question was testing candidates' knowledge basic concepts on pottery or ceramics. The question was based on clay, a valuable material for modeling which is readily available in the environment. Particularly, the candidates were required to state the properties of clay that make it a valuable material for modeling. According to the candidates' responses, many candidates seemed familiar with clay and performed extremely well. However, some candidates failed to comprehend the properties of clay and gave wrong answers. The three properties of clay that make it a suitable modeling material are plasticity, porosity and vitrification.

Question 1(c)

The illustration below represents a road sign.



State its name and function.

(1 mark)