



Description: Assessment Task 2

Advice for the reading assessment task
CAL Tamil program, 2020-S2
18 September 2020 (Week 9)

English version

Criteria

Achievement standards targeted for the BSSS Modern Languages courses from 2020 come under the two fields: understanding and communicating

For the reading task, the first of these domains is our focus, with comprehension as a criterion – demonstrating your understanding of what you read; and providing your commentary coherently. Grammar and spelling will not affect your assessment, provided your expression in the language would be understandable by a speaker of the target language who endeavours to follow the general meaning. However, you will receive some advice about your written expression that may be useful to you for the writing assessment tasks.

The structure of the assessment task

This assessment task will comprise three questions that will provide you the opportunity to show your reading comprehension. The target-language documents in the test will relate to a selection of topics taken from those listed below. In the teaching program leading to the assessment task, we will consider these topics, with the associated domains in mind (see the Q3 overview and the unit outline). For each question, there will be two options – one option with several short responses and the other with one open-ended response.

No notes will be allowed. However, if there are expressions outside of those you might reasonably be expected to know, these will be explained in the test paper.

This assignment will be completed on the scheduled day on-site if conditions permit, or at home if required in the context of COVID-1. In either case, the time allowed will be reading time + 60 minutes. Suggested length is 200 words (Continuing) / 300 words (Advanced).

Preparation

You should review the resources used during the lessons over the first five weeks of the semester. For each week, in the weekly modules, you have a summary of the information and activities that form part of the program. There are also copies online (www.languages.org.au/tamil/cal-tamil-2020-S2.htm and the CAL Tamil2020 page on Google Classroom). Let us know if you are unable to find a document that you are looking for.

Theme

*The theme for the program for Semester 1 is **Society and Community**. You will reply to your question about documents that treat the organising ideas coming from the program for the first weeks of the semester:*

- Tamil history (Domain 3)
- Tamil language (Domain 2)
- The Tamil-speaking world (Domains 2 & 3)
- Natural food as medicine in Tamil tradition (Domains 1 & 3)
- Current social issues of Tamil society (Domains 1 & 3).