

Assessment Report

New Zealand Scholarship Samoan 2024

Performance standard 93010

General commentary

Candidates who performed at Scholarship level in Samoan decoded the content of the stimulus material and integrated their own thinking and experiences into their response. They constructed their ideas with precision and clarity, and was supported by clear reasoning, relevant examples, and appraisal. Candidates must be mindful that Question Two follows on from Question One.

Candidates who wish to synthesise information from the listening to the reading must take notes accurately to refer to them. Candidates who unravelled the essentials of the questions and planned a quick draft before writing their responses tended to achieve more highly. Candidates who were able to allude to their own knowledge around the topic were able to connect ideas strongly. Successful candidates demonstrated the ability to verbalise their ideas using correct intonation and communicated their response with precision and clarity. They made relevant and thoughtful connections with the stimulus material and were also able to infuse their own ideas with independent, extrapolated thought.

Report on performance standard

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

- effectively communicated, with sophistication and style, in a natural way, and in a manner that was sustained, fluent, and well developed
- integrated personal opinions, beliefs, viewpoints, or ideas that acknowledged and explored different perspectives, and which went beyond the given material
- fully interpreted the stimulus material and made connections with their own ideas that went beyond the given material and which demonstrated independent reflection and extrapolation
- demonstrated thorough understanding of the texts and were able to competently articulate complex ideas and opinions in both English and Samoan.

Candidates who were awarded **Scholarship** commonly:

- utilised a wide range of Level 8 structures and vocabulary, that were well incorporated into a blended response
- communicated with complexity and style in a natural way, or in a self-assured and accommodating way answering the questions
- used Samoan appropriately, such as idiomatic expressions, fillers, and pauses that fit the context.

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

- offered vague ideas about the questions asked
- retold the texts provided without answering the question
- offered partial answers to questions
- may have achieved Scholarship if they made use of Samoan in a logical, clear, concise, and relevant way.