

## SQA Higher Urdu External Assessment Report 2014

### General comments

- Overall candidates performed well - especially in the Reading and Directed Writing paper - with performance on a par with previous years.
- The vast majority of candidates were able to gain an award A-C.

### Reading and Directed Writing

- Candidates performed well in the reading component with Questions 2, 6 and 7 being answered fully by most candidates.
- Candidates produced good essays for the Directed Writing which in previous years was deemed demanding by some candidates.

### Listening and personal response essay

- The improvement in short essay writing by candidates identified last year was again evident this year.
- In the Listening component candidates were able to identify demanding details such as: 'Tourism and Hospitality Degrees' as additional qualification for the job of an Air Hostess.

### Advice to centres for the preparation of future candidates

#### Reading and Translation

- Candidates should be reminded to use the line numbers, which prompt where answers can be found.
- Candidates should be reminded to translate the full passage, not just the opening and closing sentences.
- Remind candidates that questions should be answered in English.
- Transliteration is not acceptable at Higher level.

#### Listening

- Remind candidates that questions should be answered in English.