- 3 -Change of Pass-Mark 7. To matriculate a student must obtain an average of 60% in ten required papers and not less than 40% in any one paper. The High School Leaving standard of passing is 50% in each paper. This double standard increases the difficulty of examining a paper that is used for both examinations. I suggest that the pass-mark be 50% in every paper, and that to matriculate a student must obtain an average of 60% in the ten required papers and pass in at least nine of them.