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These questions invite the candidates to consider the Cultural Option “Language and culture”.

1. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion about politically sensitive language. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

2. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the idea of one world language. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

These questions invite the candidate to consider the Cultural Option “Media and culture”.

3. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the idea that new technology is having a profound impact on the survival of some mass media. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

4. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of whether the media (with reference to advertising and/or journalism) has a responsibility to the public. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in its consideration of whether the media (with reference to advertising and/or journalism) has a responsibility to the public. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

This question invites the candidates to consider the Cultural Option “Future issues”.

5. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the relationship of technology to public safety in the future and consider the positive and/or negative side-effects. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

This question invites the candidates to consider the Cultural Option “Global issues”.

6. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of whether global concerns should take priority over local or national ones. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

This question invites the candidates to consider the Cultural Option “Social issues”.

7. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of whether education can help solve social problems. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

These questions invite the candidates to consider a Literary Option.

8. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the role of passion in at least two works studied. It will use at least one example from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate evidence to make an argument about the role of passion in at least two works studied. It will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on pertinent and varied examples to make a persuasive argument about the role of passion in at least two works studied. It will discuss theme in some detail and will be well organized.

9. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the way characters “come of age” in two works studied. It will use at least one supporting example of the psychological, moral, or social shaping of a character from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate evidence to offer a reasonable discussion of how characters “come of age” in at least two works studied. The essay will demonstrate a good understanding of the texts and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will use a range of precise and pertinent examples to discuss how characters come of age in at least two works studied. They will be well organized and persuasive.

10. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the role of religion in at least two works studied. It will use at least one example from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate evidence to make an argument about the role that religion plays in at least two works studied. It will address the importance of religion to the works’ central ideas and themes and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on pertinent and varied examples to make a persuasive argument about the role of religion and its importance in at least two works studied. It will discuss theme in some detail and will be well organized.