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**Standard Level  
Niveau Moyen  
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## Standard level, paper 2

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

1. A barely satisfactory answer will provide some reasons for its argument. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in considering the idea that the things we say and the way we say them can change depending on our situation. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a range of reasons for the arguments maintained 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 consider the positive and negative consequences of second language immersion. It will provide some reasons for its argument. 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 range of reasons for the arguments maintained 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 journalism tends to focus on the negative and whether it is justified. 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 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 consider whether there should be a ban on advertising to children. It will provide some reasons for its argument.

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

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

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

5. A barely satisfactory answer will provide some reasons for its argument. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making an argument about whether we should prepare for the problems of tomorrow or concentrate on the problems of today. The essay will have a coherent structure.

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

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

6. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of how nations can best help one another in terms of global aid. 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 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 candidate to consider the Cultural Option “Social issues”.

7. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the social disadvantages to being “different” and possible solutions to this problem. 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 range of reasons for the arguments maintained 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 a Literary Option.

8. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the ways leitmotifs or symbols contribute to the themes of two or more works studied. It will use at least one supporting example from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to offer a reasonable discussion of the ways leitmotifs or symbols contribute to the themes of 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 the ways leitmotifs or symbols contribute to the themes of two or more works studied. They will be well organized and persuasive.

9. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the importance of apparently insignificant events. It will use at least one supporting example from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to offer a reasonable discussion of the importance of apparently insignificant events 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 the importance of apparently insignificant events 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 the outsider in at least two works studied. It will use at least one supporting example from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to offer a reasonable discussion of the role of the outsider 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 the role of the outsider in at least two works studied. Essays will discuss relevant themes, and will be well organized and persuasive.

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