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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 the connection between language and power. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in its discussion of the strong connection between language and power. 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 idea that language is an important means of presenting oneself to the world, and will offer a general discussion about what a person’s language reveals about him or her. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument about what a person’s language reveals about him or her. It 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 how young people are well informed about advertising strategies and whether or not this has made them more critical consumers. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument about whether well-informed young people are more critical consumers. It 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 make a general argument about whether the mass media can function either as tools of revolution or of propaganda. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in order to argue that the mass media can function either as tools of revolution or of propaganda. 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 candidates to consider the Cultural Option “Future issues”.

5. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion about the ways in which the future may or may not improve upon the past. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in discussing ways in which the future may or may not improve upon the past. It will consider the reasons for this in more detail, 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 candidates to consider the Cultural Option “Global issues”.

6. A barely satisfactory answer will identify two examples of recent global cooperation (*e.g.* political, environmental, cultural, or others) and will explain why they were or were not effective. Some focused evidence will be given.

A better answer will identify two examples of recent global cooperation and will explain why they were or were not effective in more detail. It will draw on relevant and factual evidence. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will identify two examples of recent global cooperation and will draw on pertinent, specific and varied evidence to make a persuasive argument regarding whether they were or were not effective. The essay 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 how social isolation affects many people and how it can lead to other social problems. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in discussing the idea that social isolation affects many people and can lead to other social problems. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will present pertinent evidence to make a persuasive argument about how social isolation affects many groups of people and can lead to other social problems. Possible solutions may be offered. 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 idea that works of literature can often function as social commentary. It will use at least one supporting example from each text.

A better answer will consider in more detail the idea that works of literature can often function as social commentary, looking at two or more works studied. The essay will demonstrate a good understanding of the texts and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will offer a thoughtful, nuanced discussion of the idea of literature as social commentary. The essays will demonstrate a thorough understanding of the texts cited, and will be well organized and persuasive.

9. A barely satisfactory answer will explore at least one example of a character who is portrayed as “different” in at least two literary works studied.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples of characters who are portrayed as “different” in at least two literary works. The essay will include some detailed references to the texts and will demonstrate a good understanding of them. It will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will use a range of pertinent, precise examples to discuss the portrayal of “difference” in two or more literary works studied. Analysis will be thoughtful and will take into account differences between and within texts. Essays will be well organized and persuasive.

- 10.** A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the role of fear in at least two literary works studied. It will provide some evidence from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to offer a fuller discussion of the role of fear in at least two literary works. It will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will use a range of pertinent, precise examples to discuss the role of fear in two or more works studied. Analysis will be thoughtful and the essays will be well organized and persuasive.
