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**ENGLISH A2 – STANDARD LEVEL – PAPER 2**  
**ANGLAIS A2 – NIVEAU MOYEN – ÉPREUVE 2**  
**INGLÉS A2 – NIVEL MEDIO – PRUEBA 2**

Wednesday 9 May 2012 (afternoon)  
Mercredi 9 mai 2012 (après-midi)  
Miércoles 9 de mayo de 2012 (tarde)

1 hour 30 minutes / 1 heure 30 minutes / 1 hora 30 minutos

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question. Each question is worth [30 marks].
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [30 marks].

**INSTRUCTIONS DESTINÉES AUX CANDIDATS**

- N'ouvrez pas cette épreuve avant d'y être autorisé(e).
- Traitez un sujet de composition. Chaque question vaut [30 points].
- Le nombre maximum de points pour cette épreuve d'examen est [30 points].

**INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS ALUMNOS**

- No abra esta prueba hasta que se lo autoricen.
- Conteste a una pregunta. Cada pregunta vale [30 puntos].
- La puntuación máxima para esta prueba de examen es [30 puntos].

Write an essay on **one** of the following. You must base your answer on the cultural options **or** literary options you have studied in class. References to other subjects or literary works are permissible but should not form the main body of your answer.

### **Language and culture**

1. The survival of a culture is tied to the survival of its language. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement in light of your study of this option?
2. Even if you are fluent in two languages you can never truly be comfortable in both cultures. Do you agree or disagree? Discuss with reference to your study of this option.

### **Media and culture**

3. Modern media has the potential to keep us reliably informed about the world around us. Does it do this? Discuss with reference to your study of this option.
4. Advertising companies can now reach us anywhere, anytime. Discuss the possible consequences of this in reference to your study of this option.

### **Future issues**

5. Will future technology ensure more equality between people? Or might it lead to further inequality? Discuss with reference to your study of this option.

### **Global issues**

6. Which global problems demand more immediate attention: those directly affecting humans or those affecting animals and the natural world? Discuss with reference to your study of this option.

### **Social issues**

7. Many say there is a widening gap between the young and old. Do you agree? Discuss with reference to your study of this option.

**Literary questions**

8. Escape can take on many forms: for example alcohol, drugs, fantasy, material consumption. Discuss how characters try to escape their problems in two or more works you have studied.
  
  9. Explore the relationship between children and their parent(s) in at least two literary works you have studied.
  
  10. Discuss the significance of urban and/or rural settings in at least two works you have studied.
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