



**MARKING NOTES  
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**Standard Level  
Niveau Moyen  
Nivel Medio**

**Paper / Épreuve / Prueba 2**

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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 survival of a culture is tied to the survival of its language. 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 offer a general discussion about whether you can ever be truly comfortable in two cultures even if you are bilingual. They will take an affirmative or negative position. 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 whether the modern media keeps us reliably informed about the world around us. 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 make a general argument about the fact that advertising companies can now reach us anywhere, anytime and the possible consequences of this. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in order to argue that advertising companies can now reach us anywhere, anytime and will offer a fuller discussion about the possible consequences of this. 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 “Future issues”.

5. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion about whether future technology will ensure more equality between people or whether it might lead to further inequality. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in discussing whether future technology will lead to further equality or inequality. 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 candidate to consider the Cultural Option “Global issues”.

6. A barely satisfactory answer will make a general argument about whether problems affecting humans or those affecting animals and the natural world demand more immediate attention. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in discussing whether problems affecting humans or those affecting animals and the natural world demand more immediate attention. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will provide a range of reasons for the arguments made and will support them with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. Instead of taking an either/or stance, these essays may show how the human and natural worlds are inter-related. They will be persuasive and well organized.

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

7. A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the question posed and provide some reasons for its argument.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to make an argument about whether or not there is a widening gap between the young and old. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will use a range of precise and pertinent examples to support their arguments, and they will be well organized and persuasive.

These questions invite the candidate to consider a Literary Option.

8. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion about the ways in which characters try to escape their problems 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 ways in which characters try to escape their problems 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 ways in which characters try to escape their problems and will make comparisons within and between works. They will draw on at least two texts, and will be well organized and persuasive.

9. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the relationship between children and their parent(s) in at least two works studied. It will use at least one supporting example from each work.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to offer a reasonable discussion of the relationship between children and their parent(s) 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 relationship between children and their parent(s) in at least two works studied. They will go beyond plot summary to convincingly address questions of characterization or theme. The essays will demonstrate a thorough understanding of the texts cited. They will be well organized and persuasive.

- 10.** A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion about the significance of urban and/or rural settings in literature in at least two works studied.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to make its argument about the significance of urban and/or rural settings in literature in at least two 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 and precise examples to discuss the significance of the urban and/or rural settings in two or more works. If the candidate looks at both the urban and rural in one text, the relationship between these settings may be discussed. Analysis will be thoughtful. The essays will be well organized and persuasive.

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