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

1. A barely satisfactory answer will identify two specific language groups and show that one is more dominant than the other.

A better answer will also explore the ways in which the speakers of one language have dominated another.

The best answers may also consider the question from a sociolinguistic perspective and consider for example, language and region or class. The best answers will provide examples and illustrations to support their assessment of the ways in which the speakers of one language/dialect can dominate another.

2. A barely satisfactory answer will identify some advantages of being either multilingual or monolingual.

A better answer will explore in more detail the advantages of being either multilingual or monolingual.

The best answers will respond to the terms “communication” and “cultural identity” whilst exploring in detail the advantages of being either multilingual or monolingual.

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

3. A barely satisfactory answer will identify the main role of the Internet within the mass media.

A better answer will provide examples of the ways in which the Internet has changed the nature of the mass media.

The best answers will define the changing and transformative role that the Internet now plays and back up ideas with details and relevant examples.

4. A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the question of whether censorship of the mass media is ever justified or whether the idea of free speech should always be protected. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to craft its argument regarding censorship versus free speech, and will show a more detailed awareness of the issue. 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.

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

5. A barely satisfactory answer will acknowledge an affirmative or negative position and will provide some reasons for its argument. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in order to argue that in the next 50 years most people’s standards of living will or will not improve. 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 identify and discuss an important global issue.

A better answer will also explain why the issue should be at the centre of global attention.

The best answers will provide detailed supporting evidence to show why this global issue should be at the centre of global attention.

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

- 7.** A barely satisfactory answer will identify a social issue and make some connection between the social issue and poverty.

A better answer will also discuss the notion that poverty is at the heart of many global issues and show the part that it plays in a particular social issue.

The best answers will provide detailed evidence to show whether poverty is or is not at the heart of the particular social issue identified.

These questions invite the candidate to consider a Literary Option.

- 8.** A barely satisfactory answer will identify the places where at least two characters live and discuss the influence of the places chosen on the characters’ lives.

A better answer will also provide some detail as to the home, setting or location, and show how the place may have influenced the characters’ lives.

The best answers may show an insightful understanding of the relationship between the events of the literary work and the places that they are set.

- 9.** A barely satisfactory answer will discuss the titles of at least two literary texts and make some comments about their significance.

A better answer will also provide some detail to explain the significance of the titles more fully.

The best answers may include detail and textual evidence to show the significance of the titles in a literal sense but perhaps metaphorically as well.

- 10.** A barely satisfactory answer will identify two characters who could be considered role models for young people and make some suggestion as to why.

A better answer will also provide a more detailed analysis as to why the characters chosen could be considered role models for young people.

The best answers may also discuss what it means to be a role model and what young people in particular might look for in a role model and explain with detailed examples why the chosen characters can be considered role models for young people.