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GCE Communication and Culture
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1	Sub-cultural groups express their values in a variety of ways. Using examples demonstrate how sub-cultural groups use one of the following communicative codes in this way.
	EITHER
	1 (a) Clothing
	OR
	1 (b) Hairstyle, make-up, tattooing or other forms of bodily adornment.
	OR
	1 (c) Language.

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ļ	The Following is an extract from Bauman's <i>Legislators and Interpreters</i> . Read the passage and answer the question that follows it:
	Individual needs of personal autonomy, self-definition, authentic life or personal perfection are all translated into the need to possess, and consume, market-offered goods. The translation, however, pertains to the appearance of use value of such goods, rather than the use value itself. (our emboldening)
	Use your knowledge of communication and culture to explore the relationship between personal identity and "market-offered goods". Do consumer goods sustain our identities or ultimately frustrate them?

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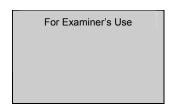
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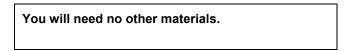
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2	Choose one of the following arguments about popular culture and use examples to either support or to challenge it.
	EITHER
	1 (a) Popular culture is a form of cultural pollution, which undermines traditional values and standards
	OR
	1 (b) Popular culture is a vibrant and relevant response to contemporary life.
	OR
	1 (c) Popular culture is a melting pot. In it we find the instant classic and the instantly forgettable; lasting value alongside throwaway rubbish.

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3	Personal communication is much influenced by the gender of both senders and receivers. Consider gender's specific influence on one of the following:
	Body LanguageParalanguageAppearance

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The Following is an extract from a briefing given by the former US Secretary of 4 State for Defense. Donald Rumsfeld The Unknown As we know, There are known knowns. There are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns. That is to say We know there are some things We do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns, The ones we don't know We don't know. Use your knowledge of communication and culture to explore the role played by self-knowledge in the creation and maintenance of personal identity.

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