

**MARKING NOTES  
REMARQUES POUR LA NOTATION  
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**ENGLISH / ANGLAIS / INGLÉS A2**

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## Higher Level, Paper 2

These notes to examiners are intended only as guidelines to assist marking. They are not offered as an exhaustive and fixed set of responses or approaches to which all answers must rigidly adhere. Good ideas or angles not offered here should be acknowledged and rewarded as appropriate. Similarly, answers that do not include all the ideas or approaches suggested here should not be so heavily penalized as to distort appreciation of individuality.

1. This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Future/Change”.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify an aspect of Future/Change and show whether it is perceived in a positive or negative way.

A better answer will use appropriate illustrations and examples to show how it is perceived.

The best answers will discuss the nature of the status quo and provide a convincing argument to expose whether people welcome or fear change by making detailed reference to the option studied.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

2. This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Global Issues”.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a global issue and comment on the organizational processes that deal with the issue.

A better answer will provide more detailed examples and engage in some discussion as to whether the system is necessarily beneficial in dealing with a global issue.

The best answers will observe that the quotation implies that the system can be an obstacle and then either support or attack the statement, providing a logical argument based on examples from the global issue studied.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

3. This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Language and Culture”.

A barely satisfactory answer will discuss the relationship between language and identity.

A better answer will discuss the relationship in more detail and relate it to particular cultures and contexts.

The best answers will draw on both personal experience and wider knowledge to show how languages can bring people together or how languages can be divisive, or otherwise, and may observe that language is not the only factor that creates a common identity.

References to literary works may be appropriate.

4. This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Media”.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify an aspect or aspects of the media and discuss the significance of entertainment and truth in a fairly general way.

A better answer will provide examples to show where the greater emphasis is in the modern media and express an opinion on the situation presented.

The best answers will discuss the importance of both entertainment and the truth as media roles and provide a balanced opinion based on concrete examples to explain which of these roles should be the most important.

References to literary works may be appropriate.

5. This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Society”.

A satisfactory answer will identify a minority group and explain how it is treated in a particular society.

A better answer will comment on the treatment of minority groups as a changing or developing aspect of a particular society.

The best answers will reflect a detailed knowledge of a particular minority group in a particular society and refer, if appropriate, to how and why the treatment and/or status of a particular minority group has changed.

References to literary works may be appropriate.

6. This question invites the candidate to consider a Literary Text Option.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify at least two incidents of bad behaviour and show whether it can be justified or not.

A better answer will provide more detailed examples of bad behaviour and offer informed opinion as to its justification.

The best answers will offer an informed opinion based on detailed examples from two literary works.

7. This question invites the candidate to consider a Literary Text Option.

A barely satisfactory will identify two pairs of siblings and make some comparative comment.

A better answer will show how the sibling relationships are presented and provide more detailed comparisons.

The best answers will provide more detailed evidence to expose the comparisons and reach a balanced and measured conclusion.

8. This question invites the candidate to consider a Literary Text Option.

A barely satisfactory answer will explain the concept of literary form and relate this to the textual material studied.

A better answer will show how the literary form has actually influenced the effect that that the literary material has upon the reader.

The best answers will provide a detailed understanding of the concept of literary form and provide examples which clearly demonstrate that the form has made the text more effective/dramatic.

9. This question invites the candidate to consider a Literary Text Option and/or a Topic Option.

A barely satisfactory answer will explain the phrase “breakdown in communication” and apply it to the literary works and/or topic options studied.

A better answer will show the consequences that a breakdown in communication can have by making relevant references to the literary works and/or topic options studied.

The best answers will provide detailed, relevant examples in order to engage in a discussion of the consequences and reach a balanced, measured conclusion.

10. This question invites the candidate to consider a Literary Text Option and/or a Topic Option.

A barely satisfactory answer will show how something has been achieved in either the literary works and/or topic option studied.

A better answer will analyze the process of trying to achieve a particular goal by making relevant references to the literary works and/or topic options studied.

The best answers will provide a meaningful discussion as to how something has been achieved, and the importance of determination and effort, by making detailed and relevant references to the literary works and/or topic options studied.

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