



**ENGLISH A2 – HIGHER LEVEL – PAPER 2**  
**ANGLAIS A2 – NIVEAU SUPÉRIEUR – ÉPREUVE 2**  
**INGLÉS A2 – NIVEL SUPERIOR – PRUEBA 2**

Monday 12 November 2007 (morning)  
Lundi 12 novembre 2007 (matin)  
Lunes 12 de noviembre de 2007 (mañana)

2 hours / 2 heures / 2 horas

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.

**INSTRUCTIONS DESTINÉES AUX CANDIDATS**

- N'ouvrez pas cette épreuve avant d'y être autorisé(e).
- Traitez un sujet de composition.

**INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS ALUMNOS**

- No abra esta prueba hasta que se lo autoricen.
- Conteste a una pregunta.

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. *Either*

- (a) To what extent is the acquisition of a second language useful in building a better understanding between people of different cultures? Discuss with reference to your study of language and culture.

*or*

- (b) Does preserving a language mean providing safeguards against the influence of other languages? Discuss with reference to your study of language and culture.

### **Media and culture**

2. *Either*

- (a) Can government censorship or control of the mass media ever be justified? Discuss using specific examples from your study of this option.

*or*

- (b) “The media doesn’t just affect us on an individual level: the media has an impact on us socially, culturally and ideologically.” With reference to your study of media and culture, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

### **Future issues**

3. In your opinion, which of the future issues studied in the course is most important in maintaining the stability and well-being of life on our planet and why?

### **Global issues**

4. Which global issue alarms you the most and why? In your answer include examples from your study of this option.

### **Social issues**

5. With reference to your study of this option, discuss the possible solutions to a social issue linked to intolerance.

**Literary questions**

**6.** *Either*

- (a) Discuss the role played by outsiders or nonconformists in at least two literary works you have studied.

*or*

- (b) “Human beings are inevitably ambitious.” Discuss the validity of this statement with reference to at least two literary works you have studied.

*or*

- (c) Discuss the role of foreshadowing in at least two literary works you have studied.
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