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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will take a position and use at least one example to develop the response.

A better answer will analyse in more depth the methods and the limits of protecting a minority language and will demonstrate some understanding of the reasons for and against a policy of language protection.

The best answers will be a reasoned response taking some account of the linguistic and cultural complexities of the issue.

Detailed discussions of specific literary works are unlikely to be appropriate; however reference may be made to national literature and literary culture.

- (b) A barely satisfactory will offer a position, and will refer to at least one example.

A better answer will be based on an implicit or explicit definition of the terms of the question and will support a position through the use of examples.

The best answers will offer a clear and convincing response to the question, based on well-chosen examples and a clear definition of terms.

References to literary works relevant to issues of cultural and linguistic identity may be appropriate.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the most important of the mass media and give some reasons for the position.

A better answer will develop the reasons given with specific illustrations and examples. Some critical thinking will be evident in the choices made.

The best answers will offer a thoughtful analysis of the question and arrive at a cogent conclusion, based on a range of examples.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the question, with reference to one or more examples.

A better answer may look at both sides of the question and will explore a range of examples from one or two different media.

Using convincing arguments and offering a clear sense of what bias means, the best answers will arrive at a reasoned conclusion using well-chosen examples.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will focus on one area of exploration and defend the choice with examples.

A better answer will develop its argument further, including a clear statement of implications for the future.

The best answers will clearly and directly link aspects of exploration to future issues, demonstrating a perceptive and logical view of these issues. Examples will be appropriate. Some cogent reasons for the perspective will be provided.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

4. This question invites the candidate to consider the Cultural Option “Global Issues.”

A barely satisfactory answer will choose a pertinent example and take a position on the question of a local or global approach, with some support for the position.

A better answer will provide a more detailed analysis of at least one specific issue, demonstrating an understanding of the advantages and challenges of a global approach.

Using one or more well-chosen examples of natural protection issues, the best answers will indicate why these are important issues and explore in some detail a global strategy for addressing them.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the question, based on specific examples.

A better answer will take a logical position on the question, choosing examples carefully to support his or her position. More than one social problem may be discussed.

The best answers will take a thoughtful approach, perhaps categorising a range of social problems. Examples will be well-chosen and provide a balanced perspective on the question. The paper will move toward a general conclusion.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate

6. These questions invite the candidate to consider a Literary Option.

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the question and support it with examples.

A better answer may compare two literary works and/or different kinds of heroes. An attempt will be made to define the notion of heroism.

The best answers may use comparison or contrast to explore the range of heroism or lack of heroism in at least two carefully-chosen literary works. Terms will be clearly defined. An attempt will be made to arrive at a general conclusion.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will explain how love is destructive in two literary works.

A better answer will explore to what extent and in what sense the statement is true in the chosen literary works.

The best answers may take issue with the statement and/or look at the reasons and the context for love's destructiveness in particular texts. Comparison may be used. An attempt will be made to arrive at a general conclusion.

- (c) A barely satisfactory answer will explain the meaning of the statement and agree or disagree with it, making reference to more than one literary text.

A better answer will explore the statement, making reference to specific aspects of the literary texts being discussed. Historical and/or biographical references may also be made.

In addition, the best answers may explore different ways in which the writer is the people's conscience. Comparison may be used. An attempt will be made to arrive at a general conclusion.
