



ENGLISH A2 – STANDARD LEVEL – PAPER 2
ANGLAIS A2 – NIVEAU MOYEN – ÉPREUVE 2
INGLÉS A2 – NIVEL MEDIO – PRUEBA 2

Monday 14 November 2005 (morning)
Lundi 14 novembre 2005 (matin)
Lunes 14 de noviembre de 2005 (mañana)

1 hour 30 minutes / 1 heure 30 minutes / 1 hora 30 minutos

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 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) Is an English speaking world a realistic prospect?

Or

- (b) Do bilingual individuals belong to or fall between two cultures? Refer to your study of bilingualism as well as your own experience in your answer.

Media and culture

2. *Either*

- (a) The modern mass media are too powerful. Discuss with reference to your study of this cultural option.

Or

- (b) What aspects of modern journalism impress you and why?

Future issues

3. What accomplishments will human beings be most proud of by the year 2050?

Global issues

4. “A problem shared is a problem halved.” How far do you agree with this statement in relation to international efforts to deal with global problems? Identify one particular global issue in your answer.

Social issues

5. Identify a social issue you have studied and explain why it is of particular importance in today’s society.

Literary questions

6. *Either*

- (a) Discuss whether isolated characters are interesting to us and, if they are, explain why. Refer to at least two literary works in your answer.

Or

- (b) Identify a moment of choice or decision in at least two literary works and explain whether the right choice was made, in terms of the outcome of events.

Or

- (c) Referring to at least two literary works you have studied, explain what you think is meant by the phrase “a strong character”.
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