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1. This question invites the candidate to consider the Cultural Option “Language and Culture”.

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will provide a definition and give at least one advantage and disadvantage.

A better answer will provide a fuller, clearer definition and provide both advantages and disadvantages and reach an overall conclusion.

The best answers will present a clear definition and after discussing the advantages and disadvantages through relevant examples, reach a measured and thoughtful conclusion.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will take a stance on the statement and make some reference to the relationship between language and society.

A better answer will provide examples of language development and change, through need, through experience, through political decision and come to a conclusion based on the material presented.

The best answers may choose to focus on particular areas of language, slang, Standard English, politically correct language, humour or may draw on a knowledge of the history of the language. Candidates may choose to focus on the relationship between language and society and show where and how changes in language occur.

2. This question invites the candidate to consider the Cultural Option “Media and Culture”.

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will identify and discuss a positive contribution.

A better answer will indicate some of the areas of criticism implied by the question, but focus on a particular positive aspect, providing concrete examples.

The best answers will provide a convincing, detailed argument concerning a positive media contribution.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will consider the content of one aspect of the media and mention the word wise.

A better answer will discuss the implications of “wisely chosen” in relation to an aspect of the modern media.

The best answers will provide a convincing, detailed argument concerning an aspect of the media and make a measured assessment as to whether the content is wisely chosen.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will identify an aspect of the future and mention at least one optimistic feature and one pessimistic feature.

A better answer will consider the positive and negative aspects in order to reach a measured conclusion.

The best answer will explore an aspect of the future in detail, providing both positive and negative examples and thereby reaching a thoughtful and convincing conclusion.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a global issue which could divide nations.

A better answer will show how a global issue can both divide and unite nations.

The best answers will explore a global issue in depth and identify areas of common agreement and areas of divergence and perhaps suggest which, if either, is the stronger trend.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a minority group or subculture and make some assessment of their position.

A better answer will show a detailed understanding of a particular subculture and demonstrate whether they enjoy equal rights and fair representation within society.

The best answers will show a detailed knowledge and may indicate the background or history of the subgroup to show whether their representation has changed within their society.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will identify a comic technique in two different works.

A better answer will explore the comic techniques in more detail and explain their value and purpose.

The best answers will show a detailed knowledge of the writers' techniques through examples, and form a convincing argument as to their reason for doing so.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will discuss the endings of two literary works.

A better answer will evaluate the endings.

The best answers will demonstrate a detailed knowledge of the endings of the works chosen and evaluate their impact in relation to the rest of the work in order to ascertain whether they are good or satisfying or not.

- (c) A barely satisfactory answer will identify and discuss two family situations.

A better answer will explore the idea of always being a part of the family and/or escaping from the family.

The best answers will demonstrate a detailed understanding of the family relationships within the literary works and may choose to challenge or disagree with the statement. The best answers will focus on how the family is presented.
