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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 stance on the issue and offer some evidence for the development of the English language.

A better answer will use appropriate illustrations and examples in order to develop an informed argument and reach a measured conclusion.

The best answers will demonstrate a detailed knowledge of the subject and sustain a convincing argument as to how the language will develop.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will address the phrases “belong to” and “fall between” and may only refer to their own experience.

A better answer will use some appropriate illustrations and examples from outside the candidate's own experience in order to develop an informed argument and reach a measured conclusion.

The best answers will demonstrate a detailed knowledge of the subject and may even conclude that “belonging to” and “falling between” are not mutually exclusive.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will say whether the modern mass media is too powerful or not and offer some supporting evidence.

A better answer will provide more detailed evidence to support their point of view.

The best answers will demonstrate a convincing understanding of the media and provide appropriate and relevant examples to support their argument.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will identify and discuss a positive aspect of modern journalism.

A better answer will show an understanding of how journalism has developed and how this has led to improvements in news coverage.

The best answers may consider those elements of modern journalism which are impressive whilst identifying other elements which may be a cause for concern.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will identify an aspect of the future which will have positive consequences.

A better answer will show an understanding of an area of development and have a realistic view as to how this area may be developed and why it will be positive.

The best answers will show a detailed knowledge of an area of development and provide evidence as to why man may be proud by 2050.

4. This question invites the candidate to consider the Cultural Options Global Issues.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a global issue and show that more than one country has tried to address it.

A better answer will show knowledge of international agreements and summits and show whether such measures have been effective in tackling a particular global issue.

The best answers will have a detailed knowledge of international agreements and assess their involvement in a particular global problem.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a particular social issue and say why it is important.

A better answer will show a more detailed understanding of the social issue.

The best answers will provide a convincing argument as to why the particular social issue is important in modern society.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will identify two isolated characters and say whether they are interesting or not.

A better answer will explain why the isolated characters are interesting or not.

The best answers will show a detailed understanding of the isolated characters and reach an informed conclusion as to whether they are interesting or not and why.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will identify a moment of decision in two literary works.

A better answer will consider the decisions and choices in relation to the outcome of events.

The best answers will be able to trace the outcome of events back to a moment of choice or decision and provide an informed judgment as to whether the right decisions were made.

- (c) A barely satisfactory answer will identify two strong characters.

A better answer will provide evidence from the text to show why they can be considered strong characters.

The best answers will clearly define the phrase and then consider how and why certain characters may be considered strong. Candidates may even consider different kinds of strength, mental, physical, moral or emotional in developing their answers.
