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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 give at least one example suggesting the position taken.

A better answer will explain in more detail the reasons for the position taken, demonstrating some understanding of the problem.

The best answers will take a well thought-out stance and discuss in detail the reasons for that stance with illustrations and a more in-depth analysis of the complexities of the problem.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will name an issue and provide some support for that choice.

A better answer will show some understanding of the importance of the issue, using pertinent and fairly detailed support.

The best answers will clearly define an issue and make a well thought-out and detailed argument for its importance.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will state at least one impact of the easy accessibility of at least one form of mass media.

A better answer will discuss the role of one or more kinds of media in people’s lives, may propose one or more reasons why people want to be “tuned in”, and may mention both positive and negative impacts of easy accessibility to mass media.

The best answers will analyse the question in some depth, showing a good understanding of the role of mass media and looking critically at the appeal of easy accessibility. Pertinent illustration will be provided.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will state at least one method disapproved of and one method approved of and give at least one reason for each of these choices.

A better answer will discuss the methods of attracting an audience in more detail, explaining clearly the grounds for approval or disapproval.

The best answers will discuss methods of attracting an audience critically and in some depth, showing a convincing understanding of the mass media.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will give one or more examples of today’s actions and choices which will affect future generations.

A better answer will provide pertinent examples of today’s actions and choices, and develop in some detail the potential impact on future generations.

The best answers will analyse critically and in some depth some examples of choices that are being made and actions undertaken today, and make a well-reasoned and detailed argument about their future effects.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will provide an explanation of the quotation and relate it to one or more global issues studied.

A better answer will provide a more complete and thoughtful interpretation of the quotation and make relevant links with global issues studied.

The best answers will discuss the quotation in the context of some global issues studied, providing a more nuanced definition of the concept and a detailed, well-supported argument for what it could mean.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a social problem and suggest a reason for its existence.

A better answer will show a more detailed understanding of one or more social issues and will make reference to the statement that introduces the question.

The best answers will provide a convincing and well-supported argument as to why specific problems exist despite our natural sociability. The answer may also dispute the introductory statement.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the question, making reference to one or more works studied.

A better answer will provide evidence to support its position.

The best answers will clearly define the notion of realism in the context of a convincing, well-supported argument. Various definitions of realism may be discussed.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will identify works in which the natural world plays an important role.

A better answer will define the role of the natural world and suggest why it is important in two works, using pertinent supporting evidence from the texts.

The best answers will show a detailed understanding of the importance of the natural world in two texts and will discuss its importance in terms of various elements such as plot, theme, setting and character development.

- (c) A barely satisfactory answer will identify characters who seemed trapped by their surroundings.

A better answer will analyse in more detail the situation of the characters and their attempts to deal with their situation, providing evidence from the text.

The best answers will offer a well-supported discussion, making reference to a variety of situations and analysing in some details the characters' attempts to escape or accept their surroundings.
