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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will propose a response, supporting its argument with more than one relevant example.

A better answer will explain its argument in more detail, demonstrating some understanding of issues surrounding bilingualism or multilingualism.

The best answers will present a well thought-out and detailed discussion of the reasons for learning languages, using relevant illustrations and giving a more in-depth and complex analysis of various aspects of bilingualism and multilingualism. The answers clearly include a strong focus on other ways bilingualism or multilingualism can be valuable.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will identify some relevant connections and give at least one example supporting the response.

A better answer will explain its response in more detail, providing some analysis and demonstrating an understanding of some relevant issues.

The best answers will be well thought-out and provide a more in-depth and detailed analysis of the complexities of issues of language and culture.

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 statement and give at least one example supporting the position taken.

A better answer will explain in more detail the reasons for the position taken, using some relevant examples and demonstrating an understanding of the statement.

The best answers will take a well thought-out position and discuss in detail the reasons for that position, using relevant examples and providing a more in-depth analysis of the issues raised by the statement.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the question and give more than one example supporting the position taken.

A better answer will explain in more detail the reasons for the position taken, using some relevant examples and demonstrating an understanding of some issues arising from the question.

The best answers will offer a well thought-out response, discussing in detail the reasons for that response, using relevant examples and providing a more in-depth analysis of the impact of the media today.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will name more than one technological development and state some reasons for these choices, using at least one illustration.

A better answer will explain in more detail the reasons for the position taken, demonstrating some understanding of issues pertinent to the question.

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

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

A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the statement, give at least one example supporting the position taken and propose at least one way for people to develop a more global perspective.

A better answer will clarify its interpretation of the statement, explaining in more detail the reasons for the position taken and for the solutions proposed.

The best answers will show a good understanding of the issues raised by the quotation, taking a well thought-out position in response and discussing in detail proposals for developing a more global perspective.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will present at least two situations and give at least one reason why each applies to the question posed.

A better answer will explain in more detail the reasons for the situations chosen, using examples and demonstrating some understanding of the issues involved.

The best answers will present a well thought-out response, discussing in detail the reasons for the position taken, using examples and giving a more in-depth analysis of the complexities of the question. The answers also focus on how the good of society is more important.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will refer to at least two works and, using at least one example from each, mention the importance of children or adolescents.

A better answer will be based on well-chosen texts and will support its argument in more depth and detail, demonstrating an understanding of the texts as a whole.

The best answers will make a well thought-out and detailed argument, supported by carefully-chosen examples and present a more in-depth analysis of the significance of children or adolescents to the overall meaning of the texts. Relevance may be an issue if the students have trouble defining or accurately identifying “children or adolescents”.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will present specific examples from at least two works and make some comments on them.

A better answer will explain in more detail the significance of colour, scent or sound, using well-chosen examples and, in each case, making appropriate reference to the work as a whole.

The best answers will present a more in-depth analysis of colour, scent or sound, exploring perhaps several aspects of their significance in well thought-out comments.

- (c) A barely satisfactory answer will explain the statement in the context of at least two works, using at least one example from each work.

A better answer will explain the relevance of the statement in more detail, demonstrating some understanding of its importance in the context of each work as a whole.

The best answers will present a well thought-out response, discussing pertinent examples in detail and analysing in more depth the significance of the statement to the works of literature chosen.
