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

1. A barely satisfactory answer will discuss the value of minority languages in a general way. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on examples in discussing the negative effects of language loss, including loss of identity. The chosen examples will be more specific and possibly more varied. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a range of reasons for the position that they maintain, and will support arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise and varied. Essays may explore the quotation in some detail and will be well organised.

2. A barely satisfactory answer will acknowledge an affirmative or negative position. Some reasons for the argument will be provided.

A better answer will draw on appropriate evidence to make its argument. Consideration will be given to what is meant by limited thinking. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on varied and pertinent evidence to make a persuasive argument. Essays will make a clear argument about the relationship between the use of jargon or slang and limited thinking. The essays will be well organised and will reach an informed conclusion.

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

3. A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the statement. Some reasons for the argument will be provided.

A better answer will explain in more detail the reasons for the position taken, drawing on appropriate evidence and demonstrating some understanding of the trends in media suggested by the statement. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on varied and pertinent evidence to make a persuasive argument. Essays will be characterized by a more in-depth analysis of the issues raised by the statement, will be well organised and will reach an informed conclusion.

4. A barely satisfactory answer will take a position in response to the question posed. Some reasons for the argument will be provided.

A better answer will explain in more detail the reasons for the position taken, drawing on appropriate evidence and demonstrating some understanding of the effects of globalised media. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on varied and pertinent evidence to make a persuasive argument. Essays will be characterized by a more nuanced analysis of the question posed, will be well organised and will reach an informed conclusion.

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

5. A barely satisfactory answer will take a position in response to the question posed. Some reasons for the argument will be provided.

A better answer will explain in more detail the reasons for the position taken, drawing on appropriate evidence. There may be a discussion of one or more other issues which are viewed as more important than limited resources or are included for purposes of comparison. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on varied and pertinent evidence to make a persuasive argument. Essays will be characterized by a clear and thoughtful analysis of the question posed, will be well organised and will reach an informed conclusion.

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

6. A barely satisfactory answer will take a position in response to the question posed, providing at least one example to support its argument.

A better answer will draw on appropriate evidence to make its argument. Some definition of individual action and global problems will be provided. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on varied and pertinent evidence to make a persuasive argument, characterized by a more nuanced approach to the question. The essays will be well organised and will reach an informed conclusion.

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

- 7.** A barely satisfactory answer will take a position on the statement. At least one or two examples will be provided.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to make its argument, in the process offering definitions of key terms and concepts included in the statement. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will present pertinent evidence to make a persuasive argument about the impact of self-interest on society’s functioning. Key terms and concepts will be clearly defined. The essays will be well organised and will reach an informed conclusion.

These questions invite the candidate to consider a Literary Option.

- 8.** A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of how appearances are misleading, providing at least one supporting example from at least two texts.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples, offering a reasonable discussion of the meaning of the quotation in the context of at least two works studied. The essay will demonstrate a good understanding of the texts and may point out differences between various ways appearances can be misleading. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will use pertinent examples to discuss ways in which appearances are misleading in at least two works studied. Specific reference to the quotation may be made. Analysis will be thoughtful and will take into account differences between and within texts. Essays will be well organized and persuasive.

- 9.** A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the importance of time and place in at least two texts, providing some evidence from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to offer a reasonable discussion of the importance of time and place in at least two literary works. To this end, the essay will go beyond merely identifying time and place to develop an argument about the larger context of the work. The essay will demonstrate a good understanding of the texts and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on precise and pertinent evidence from the literary works to offer a thoughtful analysis of the role of time and place, and of its importance in each work as a whole. The essay will be well organized and persuasive.

- 10.** A barely satisfactory answer will comment on the statement, providing some evidence from at least two literary works.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples to offer a reasonable discussion of the statement. The essay will demonstrate a good understanding of the texts and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will use pertinent examples to discuss the relationship between crisis and positive change in at least two works studied. Essays will not be restricted to a discussion of plot, but will also discuss relevant themes. Analysis will be thoughtful and will take into account differences both within and between texts. Essays will be well organized and persuasive.
