



ENGLISH A2 – STANDARD LEVEL – PAPER 2
ANGLAIS A2 – NIVEAU MOYEN – ÉPREUVE 2
INGLÉS A2 – NIVEL MEDIO – PRUEBA 2

Thursday 9 November 2000 (morning)
Jeudi 9 novembre 2000 (matin)
Jueves 9 de noviembre del 2000 (mañana)

1 hour 30 minutes / 1 heure 30 minutes / 1 hora 30 minutos

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not turn over this page until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.

INSTRUCTIONS DESTINÉES AUX CANDIDATS

- Ne pas tourner la page avant d'y être autorisé.
- Traiter un sujet de composition.

INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS ALUMNOS

- No vuelva esta página hasta que se lo autoricen.
- Conteste una pregunta.

Write an essay on ONE of the following subjects. You must base your answer on the Topic Options and/or Literary Text Options you have studied. References to other subjects or literary works are permissible but should not form the main body of your answer.

1. Many people react to change by trying to hold on to the past. Discuss the impact of specific changes on a particular society or societies.
 2. Which global issue do you think is the greatest threat to world health and why?
 3. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the possibility of English becoming the universal global language.
 4. There is a belief in the developing world that the English language media are heavily biased towards the richer, more powerful nations. Is there any justification for this belief?
 5. In what ways do differences between the sexes create or complicate social problems? Can you suggest any resolution to these gender differences?
 6. Show how authors of novels and/or plays use contrasting characters to illustrate their ideas and themes.
 7. Why do writers of fiction or drama often send their characters on a journey?
 8. From your reading of literature, which works provide the more effective and satisfying endings, and why?
 9. How do you react to the belief that extreme ideas serve little or no positive purpose? Explain your reaction by referring to your study of literary texts and/or Topic Options.
 10. Accidents can cause both expected and unexpected results. Discuss the lessons that can be learned from accidents encountered in the literary texts and/or Topic Options you have studied.
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