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These notes to examiners are intended only as guidelines to assist marking. They are not offered as an exhaustive and fixed set of responses or approaches to which all answers must rigidly adhere. Good ideas or angles not offered here should be acknowledged and rewarded as appropriate. Similarly, answers which do not include all the ideas or approaches suggested here should not be so heavily penalized as to distort appreciation of individuality.

1. This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Future/Change”.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify an aspect of the future and show whether we have control over it or not.

A better answer will use appropriate illustrations and examples to show the extent to which we can control the future.

The best answers will provide a clear, logical argument, fully supported by appropriate examples and reach a measured and thoughtful conclusion.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

2. This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Global Issues”.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a localized issue that has been studied and make some connection with a wider global problem.

A better answer will provide a more detailed example of a local issue and show a more sophisticated understanding of the connection between the local and the global.

The best answers may suggest that all global issues are local issues which occur frequently across the globe. Global pollution for example could be seen as the combination of the effect of different local/national attitudes towards the problem. The answer may move on to possible ways of recognizing global issues as they appear on our doorstep.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

3. This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Language and Culture”.

A barely satisfactory answer will explain what the term means from a personal point of view and relate the possibility of having more than one to personal experience.

A better answer will discuss what the term means in some detail and relate it to personal experience and beyond. The possibility of having more than one may be related to bilingual cultures and contexts.

The best answers will reveal a sophisticated understanding of the term and provide examples of bilingual cultures and contexts to show whether it is possible to have more than one.

References to literary works may be appropriate.

4. This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Media”.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify an aspect of the media and make some criticism of it.

A better answer will support the criticism of an area of the media with relevant supporting material and try to justify the standpoint taken.

The best answers will provide full justification for the criticism offered.

References to literary works may be appropriate.

- 5 This question invites the candidate to consider the Topic Option “Society”.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify one aspect of today’s society and explain why it needs reforming.

A better answer will provide a detailed understanding of a social problem and provide evidence to show why it needs reforming.

The best answers will offer practical suggestions in terms of reform and explain why they would be appropriate to the particular context.

References to literary works may be appropriate.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will identify successful or unsuccessful lovers from literary works studied.

A better answer will look critically at the characters involved and offer some opinion as to whether they are right for each other.

The best answers will analyse the characters in some depth and offer a balanced conclusion and may, if the lovers are deemed to be ‘not right’ for each other, offer a more suitable suggestion.

7. This question invites the candidate to consider a Literary Text Option.

A barely satisfactory answer will describe the opening page of two literary texts.

A better answer will identify some of the writers’ literary techniques.

The best answers will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the opening pages and give detailed examples of the writers’ techniques and show why these are particularly effective in the opening of a text.

8. This question invites the candidate to consider a Literary Text Option.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify two characters and attempt to explain what makes them interesting.

A better answer will offer a definition of an interesting character and explore the nature of characters that fulfill the definition.

The best answers will provide a fully justified analysis of characters that live up to the word interesting. The chosen examples may be very different in nature but live up to the definition as provided by the candidate.

9. This question invites the candidate to consider a Literary Text Option and/or a Topic Option.

A barely satisfactory answer will provide a definition of the word wisdom and relate it to a particular literary work or context.

A better answer will provide detailed evidence and examples in order to explain what the word wisdom means.

The best answers may offer a definition in a general sense and, after exploring its manifestation in different contexts and/or literary works, may offer a refined definition in the light of the arguments presented.

10. This question invites the candidate to consider a Literary Text Option and/or a Topic Option.

A barely satisfactory answer will show how either collective or individual effort has achieved something, providing some examples from either Literary and/or Topic Options.

A better answer will explore the extent to which the quotation is true and provide detailed examples to show where individual or collective effort has made a difference.

The best answers will explore the notion of apathy and go on to show how individual or collective effort has changed the course of events by making detailed references to the Literary and/or Topic Options.
