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

- (a) A satisfactory answer will show some understanding of the language of a subgroup and provide some examples.

A better answer will show an understanding of the relationship between a form of language and its cultural/sociolinguistic setting and provide some relevant examples.

References to literary works may be appropriate.

- (b) A satisfactory answer will show some knowledge of the position of minority languages and make some prediction as to their future.

A better answer will assess the position of minority languages and the position of English and other global languages in order to draw a balanced conclusion about the future.

References to literary works may be appropriate.

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

- (a) A satisfactory answer will consider at least two forms of the media and say which is the most reliable with some supporting evidence.

A better answer will provide a detailed comparison in terms of reliability and reach an informed and measured conclusion.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

- (b) A satisfactory answer will provide at least one example of a successful advertisement and make some comments about its impact and effect.

A better answer will analyse effective advertising techniques relating to several well-chosen examples.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

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

A satisfactory answer will provide an example of future development and indicate problems which may be associated with it.

A better answer will provide an informed response to the statement based on a detailed analysis of a future development.

References to literary texts are unlikely to be appropriate.

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

A satisfactory answer will identify a global issue and attempt to explain its global nature.

A better answer will focus on the word global and show how a particular issue can be considered to have worldwide significance or consequences.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

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

A satisfactory answer will identify a social issue and relate it to young people or old people.

A better answer will provide a detailed awareness of a particular social issue and its particular significance to either young people or old people.

References to literary works are unlikely to be appropriate.

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

- (a) A satisfactory answer will identify at least two characters who either do or do not learn from their mistakes.

A better answer may include interesting contrasts between characters who do and characters who do not learn from their mistakes and provide detailed textual evidence.

- (b) A satisfactory answer will identify examples of honesty in the literary works and make some judgement as to its ‘success’.

A better answer will provide detailed examples and consider ways in which the consequences could be assessed.

- (c) A satisfactory answer will identify characters who are physically attractive or good-looking and explain whether it is important.

A better answer will provide details as to physical appearance and assess the importance of being good-looking in the literary works identified.
