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## Standard Level, Paper 2

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will discuss in a superficial way at least one example of a specific group’s use of language.

A better answer will use appropriate examples and go into some detail about the examples chosen.

The best answers will show a detailed understanding of the importance of language in group identity, will explore more than one type of example and will discuss the examples in some detail.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will identify some of the ways language changes and give an opinion about such changes.

A better answer will support its position, using appropriate examples, in order to develop an informed argument.

The best answers will explore the topic in detail. The argument will take into account the complexity of the issue and may indicate both positive and negative implications of language change.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will name one or more stereotypes and indicate how the mass media reinforce the stereotypes.

A better answer will demonstrate more detailed knowledge of the link between stereotypes and the mass media.

The best answers will explore a variety of stereotypes and show a number of ways in which they might be reinforced. These answers may also include examples where stereotypes are countered by the mass media.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will correctly identify two or three forms of media and show some knowledge of information dissemination in each case.

A better answer will address the potential as well as the actual dissemination of information in two or three forms of media, touching on the problems involved in achieving accuracy and efficiency.

The best answers will show a detailed knowledge of the forms of media chosen and, in each case, will discuss in detail both the potential for and the difficulties with accurately and efficiently disseminating information.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will identify two or three important future changes and give some reason for choosing them.

A better answer will develop an argument to explain why the chosen changes are important, showing knowledge of future issues.

The best answers will show a detailed knowledge of future trends and will explain convincingly and in detail why the changes discussed are important.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will mention one or more global problems and indicate some arguments that could be used.

A better answer will use arguments and pertinent examples which demonstrate knowledge of global issues.

The best answers will develop arguments which, using specific examples, show a detailed knowledge and a good understanding of the need to address global issues.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a particular social problem and say why solving it is crucial.

A better answer will show a more detailed understanding of the social problem.

The best answers will present a convincing and knowledgeable argument as to why it is particularly crucial to solve this specific social problem.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will name two examples of misunderstandings and suggest the impact each had.

A better answer will provide details from the text about the impact of each misunderstanding on the outcome of the work.

The best answers may choose different kinds of misunderstandings which had different kinds of impacts on the outcome of the work, and will show a good understanding of the implications of the misunderstandings and of the reasons for the impact of each.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will indicate the relevance of the statement to two works.

A better answer will demonstrate an understanding of what the statement means in the context of at least two works and will include some appropriate supporting details.

The best answers will demonstrate a good understanding of the statement, exploring it more fully in relation to the works chosen, and may include examples which contradict the statement.

- (c) A barely satisfactory answer will identify the setting in two works and take a position on why the setting is appropriate.

A better answer will analyse the choice of setting in some detail, using appropriate evidence from the text.

The best answers will explore the setting in terms of several aspects of the work, such as plot, theme, characters, and will provide a good argument for the integrality of the setting to the work as a whole.

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