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1. These questions invite the candidate to answer on the “Language and Culture” option.

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will identify a language which has spread and indicate whether this was due to force or other reasons.

A better answer will provide more detail to show how a language, most probably English, has spread though force and/or other reasons and explain some of those reasons.

The best answers will provide a detailed understanding of the reasons behind the spreading of a language – force, practicality, accessibility, richness and/or desirability.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will identify a situation or context in which two languages/dialects exist side by side and discuss the idea of power/influence.

A better answer will explore the idea of language and power in more depth.

The best answers may also show that the balance of power/influence can change according to the context and show that equal power/influence or dominance is a finely balanced concept.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will identify at least two techniques that advertisers use and say whether they find these techniques acceptable or not.

A better answer will show a good knowledge of advertising techniques, provide some examples and discuss whether any of these techniques are questionable.

The best answers will show a detailed knowledge of advertising techniques and discuss whether any of them are or could be unacceptable by providing relevant and appropriate examples.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will discuss the volume of media output and whether this is something that we should be concerned about.

A better answer will identify particular areas of media output that might be having a damaging effect on society and/or individuals.

The best answers will discuss the volume of media output and whether we are drowning in it. The best answers may indeed challenge the assertion or show that in some areas of the media it is not a bad thing, where in other areas, it is.

3. The question invites the candidate to consider the “Future Issues” option.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a current issue and discuss what may occur in relation to this issue in fifty years time.

A better answer will provide an account of a current issue and the ways in which it is developing, so that there is a logical connection between actions now and consequences in the future.

The best answers will provide more detail, more evidence and more relevant examples in making a link between current developments and future consequences.

4. The question invites the candidate to consider the “Global Issues” option.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a global issue and make some suggestions as to how the school curriculum could include the study of this global issue.

A better answer will provide a more detailed knowledge of a global issue and show how the school curriculum could be adapted to address/resolve the concerns raised.

The best answers may also indicate that it is not just an understanding of the global issue which needs to be part of the school curriculum, but also a willingness to participate in global action. The best answers may suggest ways in which encouraging such an attitude could be incorporated into the school curriculum.

5. The question invites the candidate to consider the “Social Issues” option.

A barely satisfactory answer will identify a particular social group and identify at least one problem that they face and what can be done to address this problem.

A better answer will consider the problem in more depth or consider more than one problem and also provide examples and suggestions as to how these problems can be addressed.

The best answers will provide a detailed study of a particular social group, clearly identify particular problems that they face and give examples and suggestions as to how society can best support the social group.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will identify at least two villains and discuss what makes them interesting.

A better answer will explore what methods writers use to make villains interesting.

The best answers will focus on the words “how” and “why” and demonstrate an understanding of the writers’ techniques and/or intentions.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will identify literary texts which criticize society and discuss whether this makes it good literature.

A better answer will discuss the importance of criticism of society through literature and demonstrate a more detailed knowledge of the social criticism in the chosen texts.

The best answers will clearly address the question and demonstrate a detailed and convincing knowledge of the criticism of society. The best answers will try to provide an answer to whether literature that is critical of society can be considered the best.

- (c) A barely satisfactory answer will identify at least two friendships and give some evidence of the qualities of a good friend.

A better answer will provide a more detailed analysis of the identified friendships and identify moments, gestures or characteristics that can be described as acts of friendship.

The best answers will focus on the qualities of a good friend and show how these qualities are reflected in the behaviour and actions of the characters in the works identified.
