



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

Thursday 13 November 2008 (morning)  
Jeudi 13 novembre 2008 (matin)  
Jueves 13 de noviembre de 2008 (mañana)

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

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.

**INSTRUCTIONS DESTINÉES AUX CANDIDATS**

- N'ouvrez pas cette épreuve avant d'y être autorisé(e).
- Traitez un sujet de composition.

**INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS ALUMNOS**

- No abra esta prueba hasta que se lo autoricen.
- Conteste una pregunta.

Write an essay on **one** of the following. You must base your answer on the cultural options **or** literary options you have studied in class. References to other subjects or literary works are permissible but should not form the main body of your answer.

### **Language and culture**

1. *Either*

- (a) With reference to your study of this option, consider the idea that jargon or slang is crucial in how particular groups of people define themselves.

*or*

- (b) Discuss the idea that bilingualism means much more than simply communicating in two languages. In your answer include examples from your study of this option.

### **Media and culture**

2. *Either*

- (a) Journalism is rarely objective. Consider with reference to your study of this option.

*or*

- (b) Discuss some of the ways in which the mass media have shaped your understanding of the past. Include examples from your study of this option.

### **Future issues**

3. Which recent developments in technology will create balance and stability in the future? Include examples from your study of this option.

### **Global issues**

4. With reference to at least two global issues you have studied, discuss how action at a local level can have national and international consequences.

### **Social issues**

5. Which social issues most require immediate attention and why? Refer to at least two social issues you have studied.

**Literary questions**

**6.** *Either*

- (a) “Fear of failure is our main motivation to act.” Discuss this statement with reference to at least two works you have studied.

*or*

- (b) Sometimes dishonesty is defensible. Discuss with reference to at least two works you have studied.

*or*

- (c) How important is the ending to a work of literature? Refer to at least two works you have studied.
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