

**MARKING NOTES
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1. These questions invite the candidate to consider the Cultural Option “Language and Culture”.
 - (a) A barely satisfactory answer will provide examples of non-verbal communication

A better answer will attempt to point out advantages and disadvantages of the different types of communication

The best answers will explore situations of non-verbal communication and illustrate the effect in contrast to verbal communication.
 - (b) A barely satisfactory answer will give examples of languages and cultures in danger of being forgotten because of the success of English and the influence of Western culture.

A better answer will focus more on the statement and illustrate how languages and cultures may be saved artificially and come to some conclusion on the benefit of it.

The best answers will explore the question in order to arrive at a well-reasoned conclusion. A few examples (tribe languages, dialects) and the chance of artificially surviving need to be analysed to find out whether this is in fact a worthwhile possibility or simply counterproductive.
2. These questions invite the candidate to consider the Cultural Option, “Media and Culture”.
 - (a) A barely satisfactory answer will give examples of the way mass media portray what they consider to be reality.

A better answer will explore specific examples. Some critical thinking will be evident in the choices made.

The best answers will offer a thoughtful analysis of the statement and arrive at a cogent conclusion, based on a range of examples.
 - (b) A barely satisfactory answer will list a number of examples of visuals and compare their influence with that of the written language.

A better answer may explore both sides of the question by carefully choosing examples of a few different media.

The best answers will analyse well-chosen examples and arrive at a reasoned conclusion.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will illustrate people’s fear by listing a number of examples typical for change.

A better answer will furthermore explore the reasons for people’s fear and offer some solutions.

The best answers will analyse the reasons for change and ways to conquer fear and even offer solutions for developing a positive attitude to change.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will simply illustrate the first sentence of the statement.

A better answer will provide a more detailed analysis of the statement and attempt to show ways in which this can be achieved.

The best answers will provide examples which explain the attitude to peace in different cultures and argue the necessity for achieving it.

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

A barely satisfactory answer will focus on the difference between poor and rich, based on specific examples.

A better answer will examine the reasons for this development and point to some of the consequences.

The best answers will take a thoughtful look at this development, analysing reasons for it and trying to find solutions.

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

- (a) A barely satisfactory answer will describe a fictional character and give a few reasons as to why he/she liked it.

A better answer will analyse certain characteristics of appeal.

The best answers will justify the choice by a thorough analysis and give reasons without being anecdotal.

- (b) A barely satisfactory answer will describe various historic backgrounds of works read.

A better answer will in addition discuss the relevance of that particular background.

The best answers may compare a few works, examine the reasons for a particular historic background and attempt to answer the question in a convincing way.

- (c) A barely satisfactory answer will describe various areas of experiences.

A better answer will explore to what extent and in what sense the statement is true in the chosen literary works.

The best answers carefully choose literary examples and analyse the statement by also trying to give reasons for it.
