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

Monday 12 November 2012 (afternoon)
Lundi 12 novembre 2012 (après-midi)
Lunes 12 de noviembre de 2012 (tarde)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question. Each question is worth *[30 marks]*.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is *[30 marks]*.

INSTRUCTIONS DESTINÉES AUX CANDIDATS

- N'ouvrez pas cette épreuve avant d'y être autorisé(e).
- Traitez un sujet de composition. Chaque question vaut *[30 points]*.
- Le nombre maximum de points pour cette épreuve d'examen est *[30 points]*.

INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS ALUMNOS

- No abra esta prueba hasta que se lo autoricen.
- Conteste a una pregunta. Cada pregunta vale *[30 puntos]*.
- La puntuación máxima para esta prueba de examen es *[30 puntos]*.

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. With reference to your study of this option, explore the ways in which the speakers of one language/dialect can dominate another.
2. With reference to language and culture, explore the advantages of being either multilingual or monolingual, indicating what you think is the ideal situation in terms of both communication and cultural identity.

Media and culture

3. The Internet has transformed our lives. Discuss the ways in which the Internet has changed the nature of the mass media.
4. Is censorship of the mass media ever justified or should the idea of free speech always be protected? Discuss with reference to your study of the question.

Future issues

5. In the next 50 years most people's standard of living will improve. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Discuss with reference to your study of this option.

Global issues

6. Identify one global issue that you think should be the centre of global attention and explain why you think this particular issue is of great importance.

Social issues

7. Poverty is at the heart of many social issues. Identify one social issue that you have studied and show what part poverty plays in this issue.

Literary questions

8. The places that people live in can influence their lives. Discuss this statement with reference to at least two literary works you have studied.

 9. Consider the significance of the title, in relation to the work as a whole, in at least two literary works you have studied.

 10. The people encountered in the pages of a literary work may become role models for readers. With reference to at least two literary works you have studied, discuss characters or individuals who could be considered role models for young people.
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