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Paper/ Épreuve / Prueba 2

Notes for the guidance of Assistant Examiners

1. A good answer...

- will have a clear, methodical overall structure, perhaps emphasised by bullets or numbered sections.
- should cover both 'academic experience' and 'personal development', but there is no expectation that the balance between these two elements will be 50:50.
- should be expressed in a fairly formal style - neither colloquial nor pompous, but lucid.

2. A good answer...

- will explain both 'clever plan' and 'important detail' effectively.
- should be reasonably brisk and concise: too much extraneous detail should be (mildly) penalised under 'relevancy'.

The best answers will achieve a skilful balance between pacy narrative and interesting dialogue.

3. A good answer...

- will evoke with reasonable success a 'feature article' style - a few vivid phrases, short but effective descriptions, a few quotes from the subject, and some dashes of 'author's reaction'.
- must deal with both 'lifestyle' and 'beliefs and attitudes'; and the question clearly implies that there should be a sense that these would be different from contemporary values.

4. A good answer...

- will have an effective 'essay' style - relatively formal and methodically structured.
- should take a balanced approach - the question asks for a considered assessment rather than a contentious polemic.
- should give more or less equal attention to both 'values' and 'dangers' - **unless** an imbalance is explained or specifically justified.

5. A good answer ...

- should give some sense of an appropriate 'popular newspaper' style - fairly colloquial language and phrasing, shortish paragraphs, perhaps direct address to the reader.
- should give a 'range' of ideas, clearly from negative to positive.
- should appear reasonably well-informed and realistic - the question invites 'predictions', not idle fantasy about aliens landing.

6. A good answer...

- will have an effective 'essay' style - relatively formal and methodically structured.
- must refer, in a reasonably balanced fashion, to two texts.
- must focus primarily on the idea of 'conflict' - the precise balance of 'social' and 'personal' will not be particularly significant.
- should give attention to both 'similarities' and 'differences' but may properly concentrate on one of these rather than the other.
- should have a clear angle, or focus, on "what impressed you the most".

* The question does **not** prescribe that the texts should be

- i) written in English.
 - ii) examples of any particular form (e.g. novel, play).
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