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Introduction

The main aim of this booklet is to exemplify standards for those teaching Cambridge AS Level English General Paper (8021), and to show how different levels of candidates' performance (high, middle and low) relate to the subject's curriculum and assessment objectives.

In this booklet, candidate responses have been chosen from June 2019 scripts to exemplify a range of answers.

For each question, the response is annotated with a clear explanation of where and why marks were awarded or omitted. This is followed by examiner comments on how the answer could have been improved. In this way, it is possible for you to understand what candidates have done to gain their marks and what they could do to improve their answers. There is also a list of common mistakes candidates made in their answers for each question.

This document provides illustrative examples of candidate work with examiner commentary. These help teachers to assess the standard required to achieve marks beyond the guidance of the mark scheme. Therefore, in some circumstances, such as where exact answers are required, there will not be much comment.

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June 2019 Question Papers 11, 12 and 13
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How to use this booklet

This booklet goes through the paper one question at a time, showing you the high-, middle- and low-level response for each question. The candidate answers are set in a table. In the left-hand column are the candidate answers, and in the right-hand column are the examiner comments.

Example Candidate Response – high

Examiner comments

	<p>in the ideas of human rights: life, liberty, and property. However, Marx ^{Karl} wanted over ^{to} envision a society of economic equality, and ^{which} in the United States, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is that to ^{fulfillment}.</p> <p>Ocasio-Cortez is similar to Marx, advocating for the workers by economic means. Yet, as a democratic socialist, she differs by not promoting the seize of the means of production. Rather, she supports the minimum wage of \$15 minimum minimum wage and job security for all. This would spur economic growth, prosperity for this where they ^{certain}</p>
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1 Defines the scope of the question with an analysis of historical contexts in which to place the chosen politician.

Appropriate register with a range of vocabulary and language structures.

2 Errors are evident, such

Examiner comments are alongside the answers. These explain where and why marks were awarded. This helps you to interpret the standard of Cambridge exams so you can help your learners to refine their exam technique.

Answers are by real candidates in exam conditions. These show you the types of answers for each level. Discuss and analyse the answers with your learners in the classroom to improve their skills.

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Although it was strongly evaluative and had plenty of scope, the opening, while knowledgeable, was a little descriptive so a stronger personal voice here would have improved this response. The errors in expression were related to ambition and sophistication; without these, there would have been an improvement.

This section explains how the candidate could have improved each answer. This helps you to interpret the standard of Cambridge exams and helps your learners to refine their exam technique.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Overly descriptive at times.
- Too much about 'negative contributions'.
- Not specifically related to 'contribution' to 'development'.
- Focused on 'influence' and 'behaviour' rather than 'contribution'.

Often candidates were not awarded marks because they misread or misinterpreted the questions.

Lists the common mistakes candidates made in answering each question. This will help your learners to avoid these mistakes and give them the best chance of achieving the available marks.

Paper 11: Question 1

Example Candidate Response – high

Examiner Comments

1	<p>Karl Marx, a den divisive political theorist, raised analyzed the weaknesses of capitalism in light of the working class. He saw the exat exploitation of the labor of the workers tragic, as the capital mostly went into the hands of the minority. But ^{the} theories of John Locke and other philosop political theorist brought in the ideas of human rights: life, liberty, and property. However, Marx wanted even ^{Karl} envisioned a society of economic equality, and ^{which} in the United States, Alexandria Occasio-Cortez is that an fulfillment. 1</p> <p>Occasio-Cortez is similar to Marx, advocating for the workers by economic means. Yet, as a democratic socialist, she differs by not promoting the seizure of the means of production. rather ^{rather}, she supports the minimum wage ^{minimum} of \$15 minimum minimum wage and job security for all. This would spur economic growth prosperity for those living in poverty and may be in situations where they cannot consistently maintain their job. However, certain industries, especially the restaurants in the food sector, cannot maintain this cost. Already, they pay for land property taxes, decor, electricity, and staff. But more burdening is the expense of buy buying fresh ingredients everyday, to to sell quality dishes. In New York, the bar Cortez worked in prior to her political career, closed due to the minimum 2 wage. 3</p> <p>Occasio-Cortez, however, is better known for her proposal: The Green New Deal. This greatly contributed to the discourse of climate change and how ^{how} politicians should approach the & environmental issue. Advocates argue that this fundamentally a ^a threaten ^{threatens} the future, with ^{with} the planet heating, this strengthens the magnitude of power for hurricanes and flooding, prompting the slogan of the youth: "Climate change strikes hard."</p>
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1 Defines the scope of the question with an analysis of historical contexts in which to place the chosen politician.

Appropriate register with a range of vocabulary and language structures.

2 Errors are evident, such as: 'seize of the means'.

3 A little descriptive but places the chosen politician in a modern economic context.

Still using a wide range of vocabulary.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

1	<p>we strike harder." Yet, some commentators, such as the environmental adviser for President Obama, has questioned how America could realistically transform all of its infrastructure to be environmentally-friendly in one decade. Others fear that Occasio-Cortez is biased in her socialism, as they question how universal jobs would mitigate climate change. Despite this, no doubt has Occasio-Cortez sparked the ^{environmental} debate on the approach to fight climate change. 4</p> <p>In recent developments, Occasio Cortez has made controversial stances on Israel and the support America has given. This is in context to Omar, a house House Representative ^{just as} like Occasio-Cortez, who made a questionable statement on how a Jewish organisation funds the Republican mainstream to continue on supporting Israel, while the representative Omar has apologised, this has contributed to the development of new laws against anti-semitism. Yet, Occasio Cortez but The conservative media, such as Fox News has added pressure to Occasio-Cortez, to which she later stated that she was of Jewish descent. This has outraged political commentator, Ben Shapiro, stating ^{saying} how representative Occasio-Cortez was playing "the identity politics card" to minimize pressure. With the recent shootings of two synagogue Jewish worship place houses of worship, 5 it will be interesting to how politicians will solve this issue.</p> <p>Other valid viewpoints on decrease Occasio-Cortez is that she has sparked many conversations on the state of America. As she is a woman of a minority group, she has brought in many diverse points. From Furthermore, she has made the youth active in politics, contributing on ^{to} part ^{to} positive ^{more} informed voters to participate. 6</p>
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4 Integrates a range of examples into a strong, evaluative argument.

5 Widens the discussion with some complex arguments and evaluations. Fully relevant, well-selected examples appropriately support the opinions given.

6 Evaluates the chosen politician's contribution to 'youth'.

Consistently maintaining an appropriate register and wide vocabulary.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued **Examiner Comments**

One suggestion to improve herself as a politician would be to ~~try~~ ~~attempt~~ minimize the polarization in politics. Unfortunately, no matter what background one may be, there are now violent means of achieving political victory, mainly among the followers of all politicians, ~~from~~ whether representative Occasio-Cortez or Donald President Donald Trump. 7

Similarly, Occasio-Cortez has brought in many people in unity; women, minorities and the working class. She has brought in these people her followers the exposure to ~~as~~ various political ideas and solutions: socialism, socialism and environmentalism, while Karl Marx may have not greatly expanded the latter ideas, he would see this as the political catalyst to a Marxist society, as many ~~of~~ US citizens question if Capitalism can continue with the rise of sharp economic equality, ~~and~~ the idea to ~~remain~~ ~~extremely~~ ~~competitive~~, environmental pollution from ~~the~~ lack of government regulation, and the geopolitics ~~of~~ ~~the~~ and identity politics of America. ~~whether~~ ~~whether~~ a hero or a villain, one thing is certain: Representative Occasio-Cortez has contributed a mass conversation to politics. 8

7 Evaluating improvements which could be made.

8 The conclusion returns to the historical context of the introduction with a strong personal assessment of the achievements of the chosen politician and associated ideologies, as contributing to 'a mass conversation to politics'.

Total mark awarded = 27 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Although it was strongly evaluative and had plenty of scope, the opening, while knowledgeable, was a little descriptive so a stronger personal voice here would have improved this response. The errors in expression were related to ambition and sophistication; without these, there would have been an improvement.

Example Candidate Response – middle

Examiner Comments

Q1 1*	<p>A political party is a group of people from the general society grouping together to influence the government with the public opinion of the masses. Despite the post war democracy and the rise of political parties to power no development whatsoever was observed in Iraq. 1</p>
	<p>Sadly, this is due to firstly, corruption. After the fall of the old regime many criminals climbed the ladder of politics with ease, embezzling billions of dollars yearly from the government's budget. Which in turn is insues the country in a massive debt that slowly irradiates and reflect on the population. The World BANK estimates the iragi debt to be around 70 Billion dollars¹⁰ contradicting the 20 million ^{million} barrels sold everyday amounting to a 120 million dollars in revenue¹¹. All of this a clear indicator of a massive political party scale corruption. 2</p>
	<p>To further elaborate the one of corruptions greatest effects, The old crumbled roads and the dead public transportation system as well as an 8 hours on and 16 hours off electrical distribution system are all clear evidence. True to their words as a political party the old sewage sewage system was replaced with a newer apparently sturdier one only to fail 6 months later causing a near environmental disaster across the two rivers¹². Moreover, ^{court} the ruling party denied all allegations that were proved¹³ regarding the importation of cheaper materials not designed for a city the scale of Baghdad. 3</p>

1 Addresses the question but suggests negative contributions from political parties.

2 Suggests the negative contribution of 'corruption'.

Clearly written but with some noticeable errors: misplaced full-stop 'budget. Which', 'reflect', 'insues the country in a...'

3 Example used to develop the idea of 'corruption'.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

In addition, no contribution was made from political parties to solve the ever-lasting problem of secularism and sect prejudice. This has led to the formation of armed militias increasing the trade of illegal firearms ~~and~~, crimes such as kidnapping, murder, human trafficking and much more. Unfortunately a civil war ensued throughout the year 2007-2010, murder from in both sects was rampant and individual were profited in accordance to their name or family name." 4

One of the first things promised as those parties and individuals rose to power was the abolishment of unemployment. The 2004 Iraqi national Census revealed that the rate of unemployment was astonishingly high at 8.64%, it stated that 20% of recently graduated youth were unemployed and the number is due to increase. All of this puts more pressure on the already damaged budget due to welfare money being unnecessarily given to the vial youth of the country instead of developing ~~them~~ supporting them to develop the country. 5

Unemployment has a direct relation with extreme poverty, the Census also stated that approximately 30% of Iraqi citizens are below the poverty line and have a very ~~low~~ ^{low} standard of living compared to the absurdly rich politicians. A handful of unused land yet many remain without a roof clinging to promises on election month, ~~and~~ waiting for nothing the rest of the year. 6

4 Discusses political parties not contributing to solving conflict, with an example of the consequence.

5 Clearly written using an everyday vocabulary.

A developed point is made, explaining the problem of unemployment.

6 Linking unemployment to poverty and comparing standards of living of 'citizens' with 'rich politicians', so continues to develop.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued **Examiner Comments**

~~Finally~~ To sum up, ^{with} the corruption ravaging through the budget echoing its presence through the ~~falling~~ ^{ailing} infrastructure. The unemployment of the precious ^{ailing} youth that can be used to further develop the country and the strong comeback of secular prejudice accompanied by civil war militias all point to one reality no development ~~is not~~ will be observed as long as the current politicians and political parties are in power. 7

Sources :-

(1) The World Bank statement through the UN announced on AL JAZEERA channel in 2014

(2) I.N.O.A Iraqi National Oil Association 2018

(3) World Health Organization Reported the contamination levels to be above 900 units tested in 2005

(4) UN reported that approx. 2 million Iraqis died/lost in the secular war 2003

(5) Observed by dubai investments and other foreign properties publically announced. 2018

7 The conclusion draws together previous points with a hint of a personal voice in the final statement.

Total mark awarded = 16 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Although this response was developed, and examples were employed, the candidate needed to consider positive contributions as well as negatives to improve. It hinted at evaluation in the conclusion, but this needed to be stronger and more developed.

Example Candidate Response – low

Examiner Comments

1	<p>It is clear that for years, politicians have had played a very significant role in the development of this country. They influence what we do, say, who we vote for, what we believe in and much more. While politicians and political parties can be very beneficial to our nation, there is a downside to this, in the way the influence our country's development. 1</p> <p>There has ^{have} been many instances in which our politicians promoted negative things that had have had a lasting negative impact on our country. Donald Trump for example, has been known to be scandalous and promote gender inequality in the way he sexually harasses women. A conversation between Billy Bush and Donald Trump recorded in 2013 exposed just how sexist and inappropriate the sexist/inappropriate side of to these politicians. They spoke about certain instances in which they had sexually harassed so and assaulted women. Another example of this shows negatively contributes to sexual harassment in the U.S. because if we see politicians promoting this inappropriate behavior. In another instance, Michael Cohn, a private lawyer for Donald Trump told a federal court that Trump had told Cohn to pay off women who had have had sexual affairs with Trump.</p> <p>Both of these examples set a negative example of how men/and boys should act towards treat women/girls. 2</p> <p>Staying on the grounds of scandals, Mark Zuckerberg and Ralph Northam are among</p>
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1 The focus here is on 'influence' rather than 'contribution'.

Clearly written using an everyday vocabulary.

2 Describes an example showing an understanding of negative contribution.

Still clearly written.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

the politicians who contribute to negatively contribute to our country's development. Marc Zuckerberg lied to congress when asked about the Facebook data scandal. ³ Basically, Zuckerberg was well aware that the popular social media app, Facebook was keeping records of users personal information, such as their name, address, interests, birthdays, etc. This was a scandal that had millions of people feeling betrayed and deprived of their rights to privacy. In a different sense, Ralph Northam was a picture recently resurfaced of West Ralph Northam (of West Virginia) participating in a blackface-themed photograph. This sends out a terrible message to the world that it's okay to be racist. ¹¹⁰ [313]

On a more positive note, politicians ~~some~~ other politicians have had positive impacts on ~~our~~ developing the development of our country. Obama President Obama when ~~was~~ in office, created Obama care to ~~be~~ assist those in need of health insurance and financial aid. This promotes equality of opportunity in the US. Similarly, ~~in~~ 2015 of the 50 United States legalized gay marriage. This ~~is~~ furthermore giving all people equal rights to love and marry who they choose with ~~them~~ ⁴. Therefore politicians have helped ensure everyone is treated equally, ~~and~~ equality of opportunity is ensured for all people. ¹³⁰ [384]

Politicians have worked hard to get certain bills and laws passed that

³ Not relevant to the question as the example is not a politician.

⁴ Valid example to support points about 'equality'.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued	Examiner Comments
<p>promote help that have helped developed our country, making it a better place for everyone. For example, D.A.C.A (Deferred Action for Childhood arrivals arrivals) protects people bring brought into the rights of people brought to the US illegally as children, to allow them to stay and work in the U.S. under This Act was a big step towards making our country a more welcoming, equality-driven, and benefit helpful. Affirmative action is another program in place to ensure everyone has an equal chance of getting into college, preventing discrimination. This protects the people's rights to life, liberty, 5 percent of happiness, and equal opportunity in the U.S.</p> <p>In conclusion, politicians/political parties have had both negative and and positive impacts on this country's development. However it is clear that the bad outweighs the good when you take into consideration the consideration the disgusting behavior some of our most notorious politicians have promoted. We can put an end to this if we just seriously consider who we would be putting in office before we place our votes. Such as racism, sexism, gender inequality, betrayal, and other inhumane aspects that negatively impact our developing country. You can put an end to this if you seriously consider who we do your background checks and figure out just who you would be putting into office before you place your next political vote. Think before you act. [003 total] 6</p>	<p>5 Continues with policies on equality but not clear as to which politician this relates to.</p> <p>6 Very general and more about 'behaviour' than 'contribution' although there is still some implicit understanding.</p>
<p>Total mark awarded = 12 out of 30</p>	

How the candidate could have improved their answer

A clearer understanding of 'politician' and 'contribution' would have improved this answer and avoided any misunderstanding. The candidate should have used less description and included more discussion to access further marks. The conclusion needed to relate to the wording of the question. Although the candidate communicated clearly, more ambition would have improved the response.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Overly descriptive at times.
- Too much about 'negative contributions'.
- Not specifically related to 'contribution' to 'development'.
- Focused on 'influence' and 'behaviour' rather than 'contribution'.

Paper 11: Question 3

Example Candidate Response – high

Examiner Comments

Question	Full
3	<p>A teenage secondary student spending all available leisure time on digital media. A middle-aged man unable to afford the overly expensive gym fees, or dedicate the time to work out. A mother struggling to maintain a schedule of physical activity due to them being preoccupied with her children and career. Perhaps public sports facilities are vital for a society which is becoming increasingly inactive. Many have a vested interest in this topic, including low-income citizens, private sports and exercise facilities/companies, lawmakers and adolescents. It is a vital topic since decreasing physical activity can lead to increased health risks such as heart disease or obesity, and our society ought to be vigilant of these probable health problems as a general trend. So the question to be made is, how far are public sports facilities critical to an increasingly inactive society? ¹</p> <p>To begin, it is possible that such facilities being offered by the public could combat newly arisen health issues due to digital media. An article in USA Today titled "Study links ADHD to teen digital media use" dives into this dilemma. According to the author, around 6.1 million people have ADHD in the U.S. The study out of San Francisco regarding teens age 16-18 discovered that those who were the heavy digital media users were twice as likely to develop symptoms of ADHD. Publically funded and maintained sports facilities targeted at a younger audience could combat ^{minimize} this issue, especially since on average teens in this age group spend more or less time hours online daily. Additionally, a recent TIME Magazine ² article titled, "Fortnite Invades Screens of All Sizes" details recent health mental health risks that accompany the modern gaming industry. This multi-billion dollar industry has attracted members from all over the world,</p>

¹ A descriptive introduction which focuses mostly on 'inactive'.

Uses a wide vocabulary with a degree of accuracy.

² Overly descriptive and not a strong focus but relating 'inactive' to 'modern gaming'.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

and from numerous age groups. The WHO not so long ago discovered the new mental health condition of "gaming disorder," which involves addiction to video gaming to the point that it affects physiological health and sometimes sociability. By creating and providing community sports parks, indoor/outdoor pools or even a public gym in many communities, our society as a whole could potentially lure gamers away from the digital screens and into a healthy and active lifestyle. ³

Furthermore, these publically designed areas could also aid those who lack access to proper gyms or sports facilities. In the novel *Michael and Dime*, Barbara Ehrenreich discusses her social experiment of living at minimum wage ~~in~~ several U.S. locations. One of her most curious and intriguing findings was that members of our society that are barely scraping by often cannot afford to eat healthy or maintain an exercise routine. Due to a lack of low income rentals available, and since hardly any of those available have access to ⁴ refrigeration, fresh healthy foods are inaccessible. Also, with rent consuming ~~upwards~~ ^{upwards} of 55% of minimum wage earners' ~~earnings~~ ^{income}, membership fees for private gyms are often unattainable. If such facilities were conveniently built within walking distance of many low income areas, ~~it~~ perhaps this conundrum for the poor of whether to pay for adequate housing or personal ⁵ health could be resolved. Additionally, this possible availability of free public sports facilities might capture the interests of ~~many~~ an untold amount of individuals whom lack the motivation to become or remain active. With a large plurality of the U.S. being medically considered obese, and since still many people in already developed countries such as England, France,

³ Eventually, the focus is there with an appropriately developed point.

⁴ After an initial point about gyms being inaccessible, an example is described at length.

Mostly, a wide vocabulary but with a few errors.

⁵ Begins to evaluate the value of having accessible sports facilities.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

	<p>Canada, Germany or Japan often find themselves with additional leisure time in our modern technological age, physical activity can frequently be at the bottom of one's list of priorities. Public exercise areas, specifically sports complexes, can bring an aspect of socialization and community to being healthy. By possibly competing against friends in a pick-up game of basketball, or going to a Zumba class with a church group, a new-found and sparked interest in ameliorating one's physical condition via group exercise could be achieved.</p>
	<p>Conversely, perhaps these aforementioned exercise and public activity zones are unnecessary in our society today. High school and secondary schools offer many extracurricular sports and events for all adolescents already. Activities such as football, soccer, lacrosse, swim team and even bowling may offer outlets for teenagers to become increasingly active. Even for those in certain physical disabilities are able to participate in sports such as high school trap shooting, which has grown by over 700% in members across the US, and provides an equal playing field between the star high school quarterback and a student reliant on a wheel chair. With these proven effective and widely available sports in place, with pre-existing facilities that were built along side many schools, further public health areas specifically for teens seems wasteful; if adolescents already refused to become involved in these popular sports, enormous in scope and popularity, why would one expect them to go out of their way to utilize a public sports facility? Also, these proposed sports arenas and fields may even be "over-kill" for what</p>

6 Continues to develop the point with an integrated example, hence broadening the scope.

7 Considers the social aspects of such facilities, creating cohesion with a link such as: 'with additional leisure time...'. Again, appropriate examples are well selected.

8 Introduces the opposite point of view.

9 A detailed, well-developed discussion of school sports facilities with integrated examples and a consideration of facilities for the disabled.

10 A developed evaluation provides a personal assessment of this paragraph.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

members of our society truly require to engage in physical activity. One of the most widespread and practised exercises can be executed anywhere – walking. By simply performing a daily walk (or walks) on a consistent schedule, anyone with the proper motivation can persist a healthy lifestyle on the sidewalks of their own neighborhood. Furthermore, exercises utilizing one's own body weight, such as push ups, crunches, planks or squats may also be incorporated into such a routine in order to strengthen the entire body – from arms to core to legs. Simply building or even advertising public sporting areas does not guarantee any sure change in the inactive members of our society. They must take the initial step towards living actively before a society at large may render assistance.

In the final analysis, whether or not public sports facilities are vital to a decreasingly active society is a perplexing conundrum. On one side, many can highlight the possible benefits of providing free and local places to exercise, while others offer the simultaneously valid point that lazy and stationary individuals will not easily be convinced to alter their lifestyles. Certainly no one denies the significance and vitality of incorporating physical activity into one's life. The resulting health benefits and overall self-confidence is well worth the effort. Hopefully everyone in our current society may one day both realize this and achieve it for themselves.

11 Considers exercises which do not require special facilities with the concluding assessment that it is up to the individual to make the first step, otherwise facilities would not be used anyway.

12 An evaluative conclusion which analyses and supports the previous argument.

Total mark awarded = 23 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

More evaluation was required from the beginning as this response was too descriptive in the first half. The introduction needed to define the scope, which was a feature of this response. Although it had a wide-ranging vocabulary, ambitious words were not always used appropriately and there were a few errors. It was the cohesion and evaluation of the second half which achieved this relatively high mark, so if this had been sustained in the first half, the mark could have been significantly higher.

Example Candidate Response – middle

Examiner Comments

3	<p>§ An inactive lifestyle leads to a society to failure failure. It paints a bad image on the society. Luckily, a way to combat this is providing public sports facilities. Facilities facilities, it is effective in achieving a healthy society. 1</p> <p>Public sports facilities ^{benefits} allows the society inactive society in more ways than one. For example, it is leads to be a happier life. by boosting studies have shown that is physical activity boosts mood. This, in turn, turn, helps people who have mental health issues such as depression. The people will do they perform better in their workplace which to helps ^{the} society in some way shape or form. 2</p> <p>Since physical activity allows helps Physical activity has more benefits than be boosting mood. It has a lot of positive effects of physically. It to reduces the chances of obtaining many fatal diseases. Sports helps reduce the chances of getting type-2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, some forms of cancers, stroke and infertility infertility. These medical conditions have are the most common concern for people who are inactive. Many of which are fatal which in turn, increases the death count in the society. The list of medical conditions mentioned ^{mentioned} have got or spread spiked in the 21st century due to having more inactive people around. 3</p>
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1 Briefly addresses the question.

Uses an everyday vocabulary and is clear, but there are noticeable errors: 'on the society', 'is providing'.

2 Focuses on mental health benefits.

3 This paragraph develops the beneficial idea of sport preventing health issues with examples.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

Fortunately, public sports facilities reduce the chances of having these conditions, in some cases there are people who are completely completely immune. As ~~was~~ mentioned before, studies show that physical activity boosts mood. ~~It leads~~

Physical activity leads to a happier lifestyle. It ~~can~~ improves self-esteem issues that by being in better shape. Society has always set high standards in terms of looks. People who are physically fit are normally most attractive. This makes the youth incredibly self-conscious and intensely self-critical. By implementing public sports facilities, the youth are able to achieve their desired look ~~and that they see~~ all while having fun and meeting new people and making new friends.

When a person gets angry they want to rid themselves of from that feeling. If they ~~from~~ channel that feeling and ~~participate~~ participate in a competitive sport they will rid themselves from that feeling. It is one of the most effective anger management. This will make the person calmer and ~~more more~~ optimistic in life.

The image of an active society makes the paints an image of healthy, young people. This image can be drawn to ~~encourage~~ encourage other societies to lead a more

4 Still continuing on 'benefits' with reference to appearance and socialising, although not specifying sports facilities.

Vocabulary is more ambitious in this paragraph.

5 Touches on competitive sport, but a general comment.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

active lifestyle. It also helps the future generations by encouraging them to be more active. 6

Leading an active lifestyle has countless benefits. It can improve your physical vitality which will help the body to heal quicker, whether it is a cut, a wound or a common cold. It also can have a number of positive effects on your diet. Eating healthier allows you fully enjoy meals without the ~~count~~ countless chemical harmful chemicals and additives that makes these substances addictive. 7

Having a healthy lifestyle has many benefits internally. It greatly improves organ function. This encourages a more simpler life without complication in the organs. Most of which it allows the heart to beat more effectively. It reduces the chance of getting diabetes because glucose is processed effectively, improves fertility and ~~reduces~~ reducing the chances of a miscarriage. Physical activity ~~promote~~ promotes more serotonin in the blood stream which is the primary reason of why you feel happier. 8

All in all, having public sports facilities have a number of positive effects on

the body but more importantly the society as a whole. It improves physical ~~condition~~ conditions as well as mental condition. This can reduce the ~~to~~ death count in a society, can have less cases of deadly diseases that are associated with inactivity. Having a healthy lifestyle immediately improves one's life whether it's in the workplace or school. Having public sports facilities can help achieve this milestone in an active society. ~~It is~~ Physical activity is the root cause of problems. 9

6 Broadening the discussion to a 'society's image'.

7 Losing focus here as this is not a requirement in the wording of the question.

8 Still continuing the focus on 'benefits' although now becoming repetitive.

9 Draws together the arguments but 'sports facilities' are not dealt with in detail.

Total mark awarded =
16 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Although there was both a focus on, and a development of, ‘importance’ and the references included were to the benefits of being ‘active’ rather than ‘inactive’, there needed to be a more explicit focus on ‘public sports facilities’ to have improved this essay. Vocabulary was ambitious in places, but this was not sustained throughout, otherwise this would have improved the response.

Example Candidate Response – low

Examiner Comments

3	Evaluate the importance of public sports facilities for a society that is increasingly inactive.
	<p>Today in the modern day world we have a lot of sports being played everyday. These sports are being played as a competition or even as just a friendly game. But even if the sport being played is just for fun or even as a competition you should be playing for one. But, some places around the world don't have public facilities to go and play at. Which means they are an inactive areas of society. This is a very important issue because public sport facilities can be what help bring people together and also allow for the person playing to be active. ①</p>
	<p>The importance of a public sports facility in areas that are becoming inactive is very important. Sporting facilities are what allow for people to go out and play a game that they want, no matter what type of game they're playing. Sports can be what bring people together and allows for them to become active. This allows a society to become closer together and not allow for a inactive society. Sports have been around for a long period of time and have been known to bring a competition when playing. This competition can bring people together due to them all wanting the same thing. The society would become more active because the society is wanting to beat</p>

① An awareness of the question, but with fragmented organisation.

Clear in places, but with a basic vocabulary and some key errors such as insecure punctuation, 'what help bring...', 'allow'.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

3	<p>the other. Having a public sports facility in a inactive society would be huge because this would allow for that competition friendly competition to take place. Which this friendly competition would make everyone become more active, which can be be a huge rule on the society that is taking place in having a public sports facility. This rule on the society is what can help keep the people living there by keeping everyone active. 2</p> <p>On the other hand, not having a sports facility in an inactive area can be non-profitable, because non-profitable because this inactive society would just continue to become less active. This wouldn't be 3 helpful to the society because they aren't going out and having a bond with the society. This be bond that isn't being formed can cause the society not to have a common competition that helps bring people together. Which not having a public sports facility in a inactive society society would just not allow for the society to have a common sports ground between each other which wouldn't be help out the society in any what way. So, having a public sports facility would just help out the inactive society into becoming a active society.</p> <p>So, having a public sports facility in an inactive society would just help the society into becoming a active society. The benefits just help out the inactive society</p>
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2 There is a response to the question, but it is repetitive and difficult to follow because of the disorganised structure. Information is limited.

3 Touches on the idea that an inactive society will not change just because of facilities.

4 Difficult to follow the argument due to organisational and connectivity issues.

Still a basic vocabulary.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

3	<p>because it would allow for the society to have a friendly competition in sports which would allow for the people in the society to become closer together. This would great a bond in the society and help -bring the inactive society into becoming a active society. Having that public sports fe facility in an inactive society would just allow everyone going to the facility to feel better about themselves due to them becoming more active with the society. Which would allow for the society to have a positive out put of having a society that is becoming active with one other in a public sports facility.</p>
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5 An attempt to refer to previous material, but with repetition of ideas and a repetitive vocabulary.

Total mark awarded =
7 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

A more varied vocabulary and greater grammatical control would have improved this response. Although there was an awareness of the question with some valid points made, a disorganised structure within paragraphs made any arguments difficult to follow. The response could have been improved by the use of more organised and connected statements. Some examples would also have shown knowledge.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Not focused enough on 'public sports facilities'.
- Did not exemplify such facilities from local areas.
- Too much focus on 'active' versus 'inactive'.
- A tendency for description rather than discussion.

Paper 12: Question 5

Example Candidate Response – high

Examiner Comments

5	<p>— At Penicillin, once invented during the time of World War II was once considered to be a magic drug which provided a cure to all the diseases that ever existed. Yet, now, only in less than a hundred years, penicillin is considered to be extremely useless. A drug that saved a million lives is now to not even capable to save one. ¹</p> <p>Penicillin, like many antibiotics was once used to treat bacterial infections. At least, that was what it was made for. However, with the frequent use of the drug in common viral infections such including common cold, flu and influenza, resistant strains of the bacteria started to develop and over only within a few years, the resistant strains resistant strains of bacteria increased to such an extent that penicillin became totally ineffective against them. ²</p> <p>Antibiotics act on bacteria in a multiple of ways. One of them being that they cause the ^{looking in the} peptidoglycan ^{cell wall}.</p>
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1 As an introduction, this is rather vague, not focusing on such key words in the question as 'overuse' or 'effective'. 'Magic' and 'useless' suggest an inappropriate register in a formal essay requirement, further reducing the impact of the introduction.

2 This focuses on the question and is written in a formal register. It links 'overuse' for viral infections (giving examples) to penicillin becoming totally ineffective. The paragraph is precisely written using a varied and specialist vocabulary.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

cell wall of the bacteria to be broken such that the bacteria are unable to replicate. Some are used to replace the harmful bacteria with beneficial ones in the infected person's body.

When a person who is infected by some bacteria is given an antibiotic that acts against the bacteria, many of the bacteria are destroyed. However there is a great possibility that at least some of those bacteria had mutations in their genes and were able to survive.

These rapidly divided to produce numerous bacteria with the resistant allele. When after some time, when the same antibiotic was used against the bacteria, it was ~~totally~~ ^{less} effective and after repeated doses it ~~became~~ ^{it became} ~~totally~~ ^{increasingly} ineffective.

Bacteria have the ability to rapidly divide and they contain small plasmids which not only can move from one bacteria to next of the same species but also ~~from~~ from one bacteria to another bacteria of a different species. Passing of a plasmid from such ~~a~~ bacteria in this way from a bacteria that got resistant to a drug ~~the~~ further increase the resistance against antibiotics. There are some of the few reasons that penicillin became useless ~~useless~~ due to its extra usage overtime. The resistant bacteria also pass from one generation to the next. 3

This led to the development of some other antibiotic that could act against the bacteria ~~was~~ resistant to the first. ~~As~~ Antibiotics could be cultured in a large amount so many of them are made. Again this antibiotic destroyed many of bacteria but some ~~survived~~, mutated, their frequency increased and ~~overtime~~ ^{over} this antibiotic too became ineffective.

Hence antibiotics are supposed to be used only for bacterial diseases and not ~~anything~~ ^{other} other diseases since this only increases the resistance to the antibiotics. 4

3 The above three paragraphs show good scientific knowledge of how bacteria divide and mutate to become more resistant. The argument does develop, links the ideas and is logical but tending to be descriptive rather than evaluative.

4 Good referencing/linkage here to create cohesiveness ('this led to', 'again this', 'hence antibiotics') but not widening the scope yet.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

If the type of bacteria is identified, a narrow spectrum antibiotic must be used and a broad spectrum antibiotic ^{should} be used only if ^{the} type of bacteria is unidentified.

However unfortunately, due to lack of medical knowledge, and awareness, along with the ease to purchase antibiotics without the prescription of a doctor in ^{many} parts of the world, not having a proper dose or having on a dose more than required, not using the appropriate antibiotic for the respective disease or using antibiotic ~~at~~ for viral ~~at~~ infections or for common cold and flu, has led to a massive increase in the resistance towards antibiotics. So much so that every time, a stronger antibiotic than the previous one is produced yet that too becomes ineffective after some time.

This has led to the production of ^{different} ~~one~~ types of antibiotics one after the other ~~at~~ and most of them are now totally useless. The resistance has increased to such an extent that now, if a person blood is sampled to check which antibiotic can work on him, the list produced has majority of (R's) listed in front of the name of many antibiotics in the list. (R indicates ^{present} resistance) and non resistance with only a few ^{present} ~~present~~.

With the increase of bacterial diseases like Tuberculosis and cholera ~~and dengue fever~~, mainly in areas of the world with poor hygienic conditions especially in the African region, the ineffectiveness of antibiotics is ~~putting~~ ^{putting} forward a great threat to the health of huge populations.

Cholera for instance is a bacterial disease that can be transmitted through fecal oral route. If antibiotics are resistant ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ one person against the bacteria causing it, ~~the~~ ^{bacteria causing} the disease can be transmitted

- 5 A new point about ease of accessibility to antibiotics and their inappropriate use.
- 6 Repetition here from the second paragraph.
- 7 New knowledge shown of antibiotic labelling as attempts to solve the problem.
- 8 First time that 'health threats' are mentioned (with examples) and widening the scope to consider geographical locations and poor hygiene.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

	<p>from one person to the other until huge populations are affected by the disease. 9</p> <p>With the emergence of new harmful strains of bacteria different diseases have emerged. If the antibiotics are not taken in the right dose for right purposes, the rest new strains of bacteria will keep on emerging and the resistant strains will keep on increasing until a disease that one once cured by a small dose of antibiotic could not even be treated by a heavy dose of the strongest antibiotic.</p> <p>Hence amongst the many reasons that leads to antibiotics being less effective or ineffective, ^{is the} overuse of antibiotics is one major reason leading to the ineffectiveness of antibiotics and putting forward a serious health threat which can ^{does} increase the extent and can continue to increase the death rate due to several diseases.</p> <p>The person consuming different antibiotics to test which one works (ie overusing antibiotics) can develop numerous strains of unwanted bacteria in his body which may be harmful. The side effects of the overdose follow along with it. 10</p> <p>It is time therefore, for organisations like the WHO (world health organisation) to get involved in this part take serious measures to counter this problem. This could be done by spreading knowledge and awareness together with enforcing strict laws regarding the purchase and use intake of antibiotics. Medical stores must not give antibiotics without prescriptions and antibiotics must not be used for any other infections other than bacterial ones and only those should be used that are going to be effective (could be checked by testing). Strict and more rules should be applied to give the antibiotics in the right dose by the doctor. 11</p>
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9 Applies an example appropriately, but not fully developed.

10 The above three paragraphs are tending to repeat aspects of previous arguments.

11 A supported conclusion which begins to evaluate as it is an assessment of the previous discussion and does include a personal voice and judgement.

Total mark awarded =
24 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Although this was a very good response, with detailed knowledge and evaluation, there needed to be a more immediate focus on the key words of the question, especially in the introduction. The scientific knowledge was impressive but needed to be more integrated into a discussion of the 'serious threat to health' earlier in the essay. Eventually, the knowledge addressed the question quite convincingly and showed thoughtful analysis and convincing evaluation, but the time spent describing the science prevented a range of arguments from being thoroughly explored. The conclusion was effective, evaluative and well-constructed, so this high mark was justified; more scope and application of knowledge to the wording of the question would have improved this answer.

Example Candidate Response – middle

Examiner Comments

5	<p>The world of medicine was revolutionized when Alexander Flemming discovered the wonder drug 'penicillin' which was supposed to kill the population of bacteria growing on the or in the body. This drug alone created a lot of opportunities and fields for those interested in science for example biochemistry, pharmacology, etc. However as time passed by the effectiveness of this drug decreased and it was discovered to be because of its resistance to bacterial colonies. Back when penicillin hit the markets of pharmacies, people started to self-diagnose themselves, even when they did not have a bacterial infection. Penicillin only and other antibiotics target only bacteria and now with this have created, it soon became resistant. Scientists went on to research and produce more antibiotics but they too became resistant ineffective due to the overuse of public.</p> <p>Resistance is caused when the bacterial colony is unaffected by the antibiotics and continues to grow. When a new antibiotic is produced and tested with a bacterial culture, all of the bacteria die but over time with a gradual use of it a few bacteria survive. These bacteria have become resistant and a because of a mutation in their DNA that allows them to survive. These bacteria reproduce asexually and their allelic frequency increases which leads to the growth of resistant bacteria. This leads to a serious threat to a person's health as the person must with every antibiotic ineffective the person has to be given some strong antibiotics which can have a detrimental effect on a person's health.</p>
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1 Describes the discovery of penicillin and correctly understands that antibiotics target bacteria and that overuse produces resistance, so is focusing on the question.

2 Descriptive, but showing some scientific knowledge to explain 'ineffective' so still focusing and beginning to address 'threat to health'.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued **Examiner Comments**

A person who is suffering from antibiotic resistance is most likely to die ³ if he doesn't take a high dose of a mixture of antibiotics. They should be taken the regular intervals so that the concentration of antibiotics remains constant throughout the day. The World Health Organization (WHO) has started a programme called ODS in which a relative or a close person is put in charge of the diseased person to take their ~~medic~~ medicine. ⁴

The resistant bacteria put the diseased person at great risk as the bacterial colony spreads to the entire body and cause organ failure and sometimes also death. The most common problem ~~is~~ that in third-world countries is that people are self-diagnosing themselves without the consultation of doctors. Drugs in these third-world countries are sold over the counter and without the need of a doctor's prescription. For example, if a ⁵ person is feeling unwell in Pakistan if a person is feeling unwell, the most common thing ~~is~~ to do is to have Augmentin (which is only given to seriously ill patients). A person ~~may~~ Furthermore, a person may feel unwell ^{even} after having an antibiotic if they are not taking it in regular intervals. Through this some bacteria survive and become resistant and proliferate to make a ^{large} colony.

The problem should be tackled by educating people about the use of antibiotics and all the detrimental effects it ~~can~~ have ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~body~~. The government should impose a restriction all pharmacies not to sell antibiotics over the counter without the need of a doctor's prescription.

With medical practitioners working closely with the government a new set of laws should be imposed to ban the practice of selling ~~of~~ antibiotics ^{without a doctor's prescription} over the counter. The government should realise the need of educating the public about the use of antibiotics and it should be by public service messages by radios, televisions and etc. By imposing strict laws and educating publics the overuse of antibiotics can end. ⁶

- ³ Hesitant understanding in this statement.
- ⁴ Understands the need to take antibiotics regularly but not a clear link to the example.
- ⁵ Begins to develop a relevant argument related to the unauthorised accessibility of prescriptions with an appropriate example and suggesting that 'bacteria survive' suggesting a further 'threat to health'.
- ⁶ Concludes by introducing new material about solutions rather than addressing 'to what extent' but could be considered as bringing together some arguments in order to minimise threat: 'education', 'public awareness campaigns' and 'stricter laws'.

Total mark awarded = 16 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

This candidate understood the question and demonstrated some development but with a narrow range of ideas and limited exemplification of the 'threat to health'. There was some understanding of the science, but this was not always linked specifically to the wording of the question. A broader range with more analysis and evaluation, rather than description, would have improved this response.

Example Candidate Response – low

Examiner Comments

5	<p>Antibiotics is an extremely important medicine in today's world. But is an overuse of it becoming more dangerous to human health?</p> <p>The need for antibiotics today is very high, if it's for a common flu or something more serious it is a huge need for people to recover quickly and has saved many lives. But the overuse of it today is causing future problems for our bodies and needs to be looked into scientifically further. ¹</p> <p>More and more people are beginning to use antibiotics when it is not 100% needed and without knowing if their bodies are becoming more used to this drug. Yes it saves lives but is it really necessary for us to take paradol for a simple cold, or a slight headache. People are becoming so used to paradol for example, being there 24/7 available 24/7, that it now becoming human nature for them to take out a paradol and at the slightest wince of pain. But is it really damaging our bodies when it's pain are we becoming addicted to the thought of paradol? ³</p> <p>In a serious circumstance like where the drug is used to kill off antibacteria, yes ⁴ by all means take what ever measured needed. But there is a certain amount you can take before your body starts to become inclined to take ^{taking} an antibiotic tablet. A headache ⁵ can be tolerated without</p>
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¹ The introduction shows an unclear understanding of antibiotics (as a cure for flu) with a vague reference to 'overuse' and 'threat to health' so demonstrates partial understanding of the question.

² Beginning to understand 'resistance'.

³ The remaining paragraph shows little understanding of 'antibiotics'.

⁴ Inappropriate register. Too conversational.

⁵ Misunderstands 'antibiotic'.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

5	<p>a medical drug and the more and more you take antibiotics for it when you have a serious problem where doctors have seen the obvious need to give you this drug, than if it is the best alternative when we really it won't be as effective as the amount of times you have taken the antibiotics before your body would have become too accustomed to it. and it is not the best This could ^{could} become a huge threat to your health. 6</p>
	<p>I have only taken antibiotics twice in my whole life and that is when I was really sick. Other people on the other hand take it all the time for the most insignificant things without realising how detrimental it could become to their health in the future. Our bodies are adapting and becoming more used to antibiotics in our system therefore changing our normal bodily functions to be able to normally intake antibiotics and have a natural effect to do what it is supposed to do. 7</p>
	<p>Antibiotics is starting to become a serious threat to humans and the medical world. Without antibiotics there would have been alot more deaths per year due to people dying because of antibiotics not having the desired effect to save them. It is becoming harder for doctors to rely on antibiotics as the intake of it 8</p>

6 A general understanding of 'overuse' and 'less effective' but with everyday vocabulary and noticeable errors ('than', 'body would have become') which makes this read awkwardly.

7 Anecdotal support, but vague without specific relevant examples and repetitive towards the end of the paragraph.

8 A suggestion that there is less of a health threat because of antibiotics, but the remaining paragraph is vague and unclear.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

5	<p>is becoming more and more increasingly more significant. They are also having trouble medically to figure out how we are supposed to go on in our normal lives when the effects of this drug is taking over; and not in a good way.</p> <p>People and in today's society are relying too much on antibiotics and in the long run how are we going to be able to survive without it. And Antibiotics have changed so many lives it is hard to think of a world without it, because it is a miracle drug but we need to hold back for a bit because our bodies are adapting and antibiotics is becoming less effective. So what does that say about our future generations? 9</p> <p>The word 'drug' has two meanings and one of them is used for antibiotics. the human health is in danger because of this drug taking control of our lives. Mentally because of the constant the unnecessary need for it and physically because there is a point that our bodies will not be be able to tolerate the effects of antibiotics anymore. and This is a distressing thought and it is a serious threat to health. 10</p>
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9 Again, some understanding of 'resistance due to overuse', but this has already been stated.

10 Attempts to conclude by referring to repeated arguments, but still unclear about antibiotics themselves.

Total mark awarded =
10 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

A partial understanding of the question was demonstrated here. There needed to be a clearer understanding of 'antibiotics' with relevant examples of 'health threats' to improve this answer. Also, while communication was mostly clear, there were noticeable errors and long-winded statements which sometimes reduced the impact of any discussion.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Addressing and understanding the key words of the question, something which could have been demonstrated in the introduction.
- Related 'overuse of antibiotics' to 'serious threat to health'.
- Could have been more selective with scientific knowledge in order to broaden the arguments.
- Used examples to develop the argument.

Paper 13: Question 6

Example Candidate Response – high

Examiner Comments

6	I	<p>The advancements of society has led to countless evergrowing demands upon the next generation of innovators. One major development that has impacted society in the past century more significantly than any arguably any other is the expansion of digital communicative technology. Devices such as television computers, and above all smartphones have ushered in a new age of communication based predominantly around various forms of social media. This has created an impact on humanity both negatively and positively as is introduced the risk of social media based careers, the depletion of other forms of communication, and the ability to over spread messages to extensive numbers of people with the click of a button. ①</p>
	II	<p>The ability to reach audiences almost instantaneously through the social media platforms such as Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc. has changed the culture of advertisement and marketing unlike ever before. In utilizing these outlets countless abundances of men and women are able to establish themselves and can create profit simply off of the number of followers they have. Celebrities like the Kardashians family, for instance, have used social media to appeal to the masses and market themselves to audiences in order to gain. This trend has caused many to look at social media as a tool, one that allows them to earn and live like comfortably while being able to conkure their own work hours and ethic. Though many, particularly elders, find it alarming to see the relatively large numbers of youth looking toward social media as their main focus rather than attempting to establish themselves in a less unpredictable</p>

- ① Immediately analyses the question, assesses the key word of 'impact' and outlines the range and balance to be considered in the remaining essay.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

	<p>career path. These concepts are reasonable considering the likelihood of software failures in bigger apps such as Instagram that left many "influencers" distraught in March of 2019. 2</p>
III	<p>Not only has social media's impact contributed to a lessening interest in the work force, it's also 3 heavily contributed to the diminishing of other forms of communication. The days of letter sending are over, along ^{simply} with those of e-mails, calling, and even texting. Many adolescents rely on communication apps such as Snapchat which allows the sharing of pictures and videos rather than simply texting or calling. Many conclude that these forms of 4 communicating are backwater and less effective than the atomized. Though this aspect of social media isn't all negatively impactful. Many find it much easier to convey their feelings face to face on Facetime or through picture and video. This has shown to negate ^{weaken} communicative skills in teens which is imperative to building relationships in both personal and professional environments. After all, a picture says 1,000 words. 5</p>
IV	<p>That notion has proved to be true repeatedly in 6 the past as pictures have aided in the uncovering of some of the greatest atrocities mankind has committed. Pictures such as those of the Rubber Tappers of the Belgian Congo and the Freedom Marches of the Civil Rights movement have shown the real suffering of the oppressed and served as a call 7 to action to those in power. People in today's society use social media to broadcast similar messages in</p>

2 This well-structured paragraph emphasises the impact on work ethics and culture, with integrated examples.

3 Seamlessly links to the impact of communication.

4 Selected examples support the argument.

5 Evaluating this aspect of the argument.

6 Effective linkage creates cohesion.

7 Well-integrated examples develop the point.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

	<p>order to evoke empathy, rage, happiness, and among other emotions throughout the masses. This has benefitted many within just the past couple decades as it's caused many to connect and collectively aid those in crisis. For instance, those having suffered in natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the Flint Michigan Water Crisis have gain support from people across the globe in aid of their communities. 8</p>
V	<p>Conclusively, social media's impacts as one of the main forms of modern communication can be argued as both beneficial and detrimental by people. It has been caused the development of careers and livelihoods based upon the influencing of mass audiences and self-marketing, allowed for the youths of society to expand expand their communicative abilities, which has in turn allowed people to connect and support each other by through the instant spread of information. ^{Nonetheless this} is complex, intricately connective societal developments that has allowed humans to overcome the boundaries of space and time will forever be considered one of the ^{humanity's} greatest feats. 9</p>

8 Greater exemplification is presented.

9 The conclusion evaluates and supports previous arguments with a strong personal voice.

Total mark awarded =
26 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Despite having been a well-organised, cohesive response, with a range of examples, a wider range of arguments, especially concerning negative impacts would have been beneficial. Although the vocabulary could be wide-ranging and phrasing sophisticated, there were occasional lapses or errors. An evaluative tone was evenly maintained throughout, firmly rooted in the argument and material, but the personal assessment was noticeably concentrated in the conclusion, rather than having been a quality of the argument itself, sustained throughout the response.

Example Candidate Response – middle

Examiner Comments

Social media is currently everywhere in the world today. Everywhere you glance, someone is on Instagram or Facebook viewing their latest updates in their feed. Social media is one of the biggest forms of communication and has impacted us majorly. While there are many pros to social media today, there are also many cons that have changed our society in multiple ways. 1

Primarily, communication online has allowed us to connect with people near and far and can be aware of current events and news. For example, in the Philippines, a large majority of Filipinos use Facebook because they can communicate with relatives across the globe for free, only needing some form of internet. Considering the fact that the Philippines is a poor country, Facebook provides the benefit of allowing them to call or text with no pay. Another way social media has impacted us is that we can be aware 24/7 of what is happening around us at the moment. For instance, President Donald Trump owns a Twitter account, in which he posts his thoughts and decisions for the U.S. citizens to see. Not only does President Trump have a Twitter, but local and national news outlets such as NEWS, FOX, and CNN own Instagram and Twitter accounts, so they can post breaking news and we can stay up to date. 2 3

Additionally, social media has affected our thoughts and views negatively. When friends post an update status, that is their way of 4

1 Demonstrates understanding of the question, recognising that there are two sides to the argument. A little detail with the examples, but this is a general introduction. Accurately written, using an everyday vocabulary.

2 Suggests that one impact of social media is that it 'allowed us to connect' with an example to develop this point.

3 Second half of the paragraph relates to the impact of 24/7 news, with an extended example which is both appropriate and further develops the point.

4 Begins to consider negative aspects.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

6 communicating what they are currently doing. They might post something such as them traveling or going to the beach. When people views these posts, they may be questioning whether or not they are doing something fantastic with their life now. They might be wondering whether or not they are living their life to the fullest which can cause them to be self-conscious about themselves. Our society today also relies way too much on likes, comments, views, etc. and we have made it the biggest form of self-satisfaction. We have grown to be too involved in ourselves and our social status instead of what's around us. This causes anxiety and depression and is mentally unhealthy. Anywhere on social media, you can post hate comments and send violent and threatening messages to others, which is cyberbullying ~~posts~~ ^{that} can lead to depression or even suicide. There have been multiple cases of suicide in teens my age due to cyberbullying on social media. Our society uses following counts and subscribers to make ourselves superior to others. It has caused us to constantly be in a popularity contest to see who is the best and who is at the top. If you have more followers, you are considered cool, but if you have a low amount you are uncool and weird. We are now constantly glued to our phones and drowned in ourselves and we don't even realize it.

Altogether, social media has impacted our society in multiple ways. We are now able

5 Becoming vague and descriptive rather than addressing 'impact'.

6 An error, 'themselves,' and inappropriate register, 'way too much'.

7 This is more specific referring to the mental health consequences of 'cyberbullying'.

8 Develops further, but descriptive rather than evaluative.

to talk to people near and far & stay updated on current events, but it has now caused us to be too involved in ourselves, detached from the outside world & causes depression. There are many things we can do today that we were unable to do years before. It has changed us mentally and we can live differently because of it.

9 The conclusion draws together previous arguments but without a personal assessment.

Total mark awarded =
17 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

The register could have been more consistent but was mostly accurate. Although points were developed, they tended to be descriptive rather than evaluative. An evaluation in the conclusion would have improved this mark, as would a wider range of arguments.

Example Candidate Response – low

Examiner Comments

6	<p>Generally speaking, phones have been blowing up in the last few years. With companies such as Apple and Android Apple and Android, and with many other companies which are shown to be much smaller but can take markets over just the same as any. Simple effects of this would be social standards, were people who 20 years ago could hold a conversation now were dealing with phone zombies who can't can't get off their phone for more than a quarter hour. Also, there has been a complete language change. Texting language has taken over. A simple set of literary skills has also been fading away.</p> <p>To the point if you were to give a kid a thank you card the chance of this kid being able to write it out to somebody is slim. Furthermore, the impact social media has had on today's earth is progressively getting worse and worse.</p> <p>This day and age a lost phrase means the end of the world because functioning without it will be impossible. And this being socially acceptable took place when families stopped eating meals together so entertainment during dinner was just something people were using using with a t.v. using Now electronic goods have made their way into the kitchen a phone is only a couple steps away. Now with out the phone aspect here a phone at</p>
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- 1 Introduction starts with 'phones' and 'texting' and then paraphrases the question at the end, so limited focus on the key words of the question. Clear, but with a simple vocabulary.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

The dinner table is nothing too important. 2

Now a language change in the literature could be influenced by more other than the phone. Simple skills such as writing a letter evident be used nowadays due to the recent however of using a email to talk to maybe a family member or just letters an older family member do it but when it comes down to it the snack will be made.

Texting Language, Abbreviations for words and the only reason for this nonsense is because we simply do not know how to use real language in a non formal to semi-formal approach. For a reason to make kids use ~~the~~ formal english it has turned into only during a job interview or only during their school projects. Music these days have become a very social hobby and can also be a different change in language with slang terms being mixed into old english. A regular set of vocabulary terms could very well be affected by direct since American english isn't much but a direct of old english. 3

So, the out-break or phase zombies in this day and age has been a really different change for these people who have experienced both proper english periods and a more slang oriented talking. Over all social media and phones have overall changed this world. Arguably for the better in technology. But, in the other hand all literature have taken

A series dip in that department. has taken place. Ways of repeating these patterns would not only have to be taken place ~~at~~ at school but at home. Because ~~in~~ can't practice something for 7 hours then give up for 7 more. 4

- 2 Implies anti-social impact, but still relating to phones. Noticeable errors here: 'a caple steps away' and the omission of the full stop.
- 3 Frequent errors. Mentions 'emails' but the point is unclear so still not focusing.

- 4 A discussion about formal/informal language referencing 'texting' so not related to the actual question. Some clarity, but there are frequent errors.

- 5 A basic conclusion with a general point that 'phones and social media have changed the world' but then becomes unclear and fragmented. Again, frequent errors slightly impede meaning.

Total mark awarded = 9 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Reducing the frequency of error by checking would have been beneficial to this response. A focus on 'social media' rather than 'phones' and 'texting' would have shown greater understanding of the actual question and significantly improved the mark. The inclusion of more relevant examples/information would have improved the authority of the answer.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- More focus was required on the idea of the 'impact' on society.
- Too much description.
- Examples needed to be more selective as they were often too lengthy.
- Personal voice/judgement needed to be more dominant.

Paper 12: Question 7

Example Candidate Response – high

Examiner Comments

7

To what extent should television ^{and} radio be independent of government control in your country?

Some ideas have a potency inherent in them, ^(and many) ^{— culture or} they spur men to take a course of action that has been violated all the norms, written or unwritten that had previously kept the old order in place. In America, similar while ~~of~~ was another set of ~~to~~ America since Marxism was able to harness those electromagnetic waves for communication, radio has been a ^{way of} source of ~~ideas~~ spreading these ideas, from the ^{British propaganda} ^{the} 'Free India Radio' in the 1940s ^{in the} to the radio broadcasts of ^{spin-mongering} ^{the} Hindu ~~fundamentalists~~ of Swami. But ~~how far should~~ ^{men} how far should the government go in policing ~~unradio waves~~, or the TV channels? ~~or to put this in other~~ ^{words} question in more ^{plain} terms: to what extent should the government limit the free speech ^{of} its ^{citizens} and its destination ^{is} its citizens? ①

If we go back ~~to~~ the early days of enlightenment ^{or to} ~~to~~ the ^{probable} ^{foundations} of ~~the~~ society. The school of thought ~~existed~~ ^{there} around the social contract ~~strongly~~ maintained ~~one~~ of the primary functions of ~~the~~ government is ~~the~~ ^{to} safeguard ^{the} ~~of~~ the life and the properties of ~~the~~ its ^{its} subjects (now renamed citizens), and ~~to~~ ^{this} ~~re~~ ^{is} the maintenance of public order. Hence ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~maintain~~ ^{maintain} this ^{order} against all sorts of upheaval, ^{the} ~~we~~ government must, ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~argue~~ ^{argue} ~~goes~~ ^{goes} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~prevent~~ ^{prevent} the ~~spread~~ ^{spread} of any ideas ③

① Immediate sophistication using a wide vocabulary, 'ideas have a potency inherent in them'.

② Immediate voice of the candidate with selective exemplification and definition of the scope or range of the question.

③ An appropriate use of register is used here. The candidate analyses and evaluates this point of view logically.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

radio
 recent times, the broadcasts of the separatist
 groups operating in Baluchistan, which may
 not overtly call for picking up arms
 against the state, but certainly call for autonomy, and even
 independence. Once again, a more primary
 question is at stake: is it the duty of the
 state to ensure its perpetuation, provided
 it is provided the answer is yes, and for
 any state upholding its ^{main} obligation of
 safeguarding the life and property of its
 citizens it should be, should the state then
 not act to curb such radio and television
 broadcasts that threaten its survival,
 peace and the ^{would} prosperity of its
 inhabitants? Here, however, the reader
 would do well to hesitate before answering
 yes, for the state has done much to identify
 the ^{existing} political establishment with
 the state, and is keenly against governmental
~~to~~ take any dissent of state policies as
 an ~~an~~ ^{an} existential threat to the
 state itself.

This policy of curbing dissent in areas
 deemed to be vital to national security
 should then serve as one of the pitfalls of
 allowing the government ^{unchecked}
 control over radio and television. The
 same approach led to a total media black-
 out of the army operations in East Pakistan
 in '71, criticism that would perhaps have
 had led to a more humane course of action.
~~For representative democracies, since that was~~

8 Complex evaluation adding cohesion by furthering and developing previously made points. Carefully integrated linkage and referencing.

9 Effective example.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

under a dictator, but the same policy has been followed under civilian set-up, whereas in a representative democracy citizens should have the right to criticize their government, for how ^{can} the will of the people be exercised if their will, as is the claim of democratic governments, when their will is bound by unseen straitjackets, and free debate restricted? Such a will would unfortunately then be an uninformed one, more the will of the political masters, than of the people. 10

Hence to conclude, the way to regulate radio and television is, not to hand untrammelled authority to a government fearful of any criticism, but the establishment of a non-partisan institution, bound by constitutional guidelines, which would seek to control radio and television only to the extent necessary to prevent the spread of hate speech, one of ^{the} ~~an~~ challenges to the existence of state. Anything more than the absolutely required, and such ideas will then be spread from the almost impossible regulate internet sphere where they will be even more dangerous for ~~the sake~~ ^{of} legitimacy provided to them by banning them from television and radio. 11

10 Constant evaluation focused on complex political arguments.

11 An evaluative conclusion to a range of political arguments with a strong personal voice and a sustained, sophisticated style. Vocabulary is wide-ranging.

Total mark awarded =
29 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

A greater range of television programmes and perhaps more consideration of 'should be independent' would have improved this very high-level response. There would be a need to broaden scope without diluting the complexity and depth of already existing arguments to have made any improvement significant.

Example Candidate Response – middle

Examiner Comments

7	<p>To what extent should television and radio be independent of government control in your country?</p> <p>For any developing or developed nation, media plays an essential role in the day to day life. Whether it be small ^{law and order situations} updates of the country or coverage of essential topics, media plays a vital role in the ^{transmission of information to the} population ^{being} aware of the situation. With such important responsibility under standing ^{the wing of} media it is essential that it remains unbiased and factual to avoid any misunderstandings between the governed and those who are being governed. Unfortunately in our country there is always some biasness in the media. 1 Facts conveyed</p> <p>A country's ^{country's} media should be unbiased. The main reason for this is that if some body is influencing the views presented on the television and radio then it influences the whole nation. This influence is usually created by government in order to keep the law and order situation in check and to try ^{bring} and reduce ^{reduce} any serious ^{large} opposition ^{scale} near ^{mass} right ^{level} feel. This restricts the rights of citizens to express their opinions freely and guides them</p>
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1 The introduction expresses understanding of the question stressing the importance of an 'unbiased media', but acknowledging that this may not be possible. Communication is clear and uses an everyday vocabulary.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

	<p>towards a set path. One of the examples are the recent corruption cases unravelled in our country. The previous ^{governments} had used various campaigns and methods to hide the damage they were inflicting on the country's economy. This resulted in the masses thinking that getting trapped in the perception of being under a ² good governance.</p> <p>Another reason ^{why} media should not be ^{not be} governments control is the obstruction of rights. Every free citizen has a right to express what he feels. This is often done through protests at different locations which is showcased ³ on the television and radio. This results in more people being attracted towards such protests resulting in the government paying heed to the words of its citizens. But since if a media is controlled then the citizens will not be able to convey their demands to the government, lest gather a large crowd. ⁴</p> <p>But often unrestricted power to media often results in the downfall of a nation. If their influence is left unchecked, often television and radio stations start working on their own agendas, which are shown to gain popularity over other companies providing the same service. This often ⁵ results in a country's image being demoralized in front of the world. One</p>
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2 This paragraph develops the idea of a government influencing views, hence preventing opposition and free speech but example is vague with no direct example of when this happened on television or radio.

3 Tending to repeat what has already been said, but does mention 'radio and television'.

4 Develops the idea about 'opposition', that media could be the voice of the crowd/protest.

5 Introduces another point of view, 'unrestricted power' of the media and its consequences.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

such example is the comparison between ^{the United States (US)} media and our country's media. Annually US has a large number of school shootings and yet only a handful of them gets properly covered by their media. This results in the world getting an idea that US is a safe place for schooling. In our country however, any situation regarding law and order is not only covered, but made ^{for reports} of popularity, which harms the country's reputation.

Another major issue with unregulated power to media is the degradation of content. As the aim of any radio or television content is to gain recognition from the masses, they'll usually create any content that will cater the public eye, whether it is of good quality or not. For them any publicity is good publicity. The problem with this method is that net such productions create a harmful impact on the younger generation. When they are exposed to such content, values which ~~should~~ should not be born for them usually get inculcated into their lifestyle, which is not beneficial. Examples today can be seen throughout the television and radio channels of Pakistan. Since there is no proper regulation, various channels and

6 Describes an example to contrast the reporting of incidents in different countries to develop the idea that a country's reputation may need protecting.

7 Discusses problems of unregulated television and radio programs which cater for popular taste and negatively influence lifestyle values. There are no examples of such programs.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued	Examiner Comments
<p>states are protecting and showcasing water rest see fit.</p> <p>weighing in the advantages and disadvantages of control of government or media, it can clearly be seen that if a certain amount of control can be exercised, a lot of damage can be avoided. With government control, the total number of channels can be reduced and the content on them can be monitored. With the proper amount of control, certain news can be ^{not} allowed on air which will drastically improve law the countries reputation. But this control needs to be limited because if not limited then it can cause a breach of rights and stoppage of vital information to the masses. It also is the responsibility of the media 8 that they should be responsible with the amount of influence they've been bestowed with</p> <p style="text-align: right;">word count: 610</p>	<p>8 Attempts to balance the argument in the conclusion and does bring together points of view which relate to the question, although without any personal assessment.</p> <p>Total mark awarded = 17 out of 30</p>

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Examples of specific television and radio programmes would have improved this, as well as evaluation and personal assessment. Although it was focused on the question and developed a logical argument, the second half of the question needed to be more specific about the government's role as possible censors of inappropriate material. This would have added more depth to the idea of 'reputation' and broadened the scope of the argument.

Example Candidate Response – low

Examiner Comments

4	Television and radio are two of the commodities through we can get access to news in the world whether the news are political, sports
7.	Television and radio are two of the commodities through we can get access to news of our country as well as what is in the world. These news could include political, social and news related to sports. On the other hand, government is formed by the political party who has won the elections or the government can be a monarchy. The government has the right to control the television and radio. Now the questions arises to what extent television and radio should be independent of government control? 79
	Television and radio should not be in government control because if the government has it under the control they can operate as they want to operate it. They can use them to cover themselves and tell them to hide their crimes for eg corruption. It can also be used to show advertisement and other ads where they would tell that everything such as economy the infrastructure and the GDP is this this much but in the reality that thing is not even close to what is being described. (10)
	Secondly, the government can ask the television and radio to show news of their choice and this leave the important news out. This causes the people to be unaware of what's truly going in the country as well as the world due to which lack of information would exist. Not only this the government can blackout the television and radio in not

1 Mostly clear communication, but grammatical errors can disrupt the flow: 'through we', 'these news', 'questions arises'.

A fragmented introduction but does show partial understanding of the question.

2 A general but relevant point.

3 Second half of this paragraph is vague and not connected logically to the previous point.

Also, error frequency increases.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

	<p>showing the protests and other things so that they can hide the failures and incompetency. This would mean people would be not be aware of the social issues faced in their country.</p>
	<p>Controlling the television and radio would also mean that other political issues, press conferences and criticism would not be telecasted. This is not appropriate because every political party has the right of the freedom of speech and through this you are taking it away from them.</p>
	<p>On the other hand, television and radio should be independent of government control because television and radio can show all of the news so that people can get to know exactly what is going on in their country as well as in the world. They would also show all the good things that the government is doing for the nation as well as the bad things/ failures of the government for the nation so that the people can be aware of the potential of the people they have voted for. Not only this, through this government would also try to overcome their failures and thus show the people that they are truly capable of. (100)</p>
	<p>Secondly, television and radio would not blackout the channels and would display everything so that they can point the incompetency/ failures of the government, nor they would be pressurize someone to drop out their story or the brutality they have faced like the poor people. Through it everyone would be informed about the same situation of the country.</p>

4 This paragraph describes how television and radio depicts the government, so an implied reference to the question.

5 Needs examples of channels.

6 Communication impeded slightly: 'they would be pressurize someone to drop out'.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

	as well as the people who have been hurt would be given true justice as it would reach the ears of the Supreme court as well as the other legal authorities. (15) 7
	Not only this when television and radio would be out of government control they would have the incentive to make profits and wherever there is profit motive there is efficiency. The people working here would be more motivated to work and they would be productivity which would result in better services for the people. (60) 8
	On the other hand, as television and radio should not be in ⁱⁿ government control because they are some issues related to our defense and as well as public interest which are not to be telecasted on the television. This is because through this our enemies would gather information about our secrets and weakness which could then be used to attack on the army as well as the law enforcement agencies. Not only this the television and radio tell the people about the private lives of celebrities and other important people. This is very unethical as well as the the private life should not be shared until they themselves want the people to know. 9
*	These information if revealed in their war situation could also be a fire for the country as they can use these things to attack those places where there are weak security, which

7 Paragraph is fragmented but implies that television and radio could be used to highlight government failure, injustice and the state of a particular country. Attempts to link some ideas.

8 Vague, but implies that without government control there would be the incentive of making profits. However, this is undeveloped and communication occasionally breaks down, 'and they would be productivity'.

9 Attempts to look at the other side of the argument, touching on security and invasion of privacy whereby the government may need to interfere. This is relevant, and some information is given, but is descriptive and needs specific examples.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

	could result in mass amount of people being killed.
	not only this the television and media would show all of the local and the foreign news channels. Some of these channels are good where some of those can be harmful for the citizens people of our country. This way the children of our nation would be exploit as they would be interested in the other countries and the channels also show crime and violence through which our children could develop a negative mentality.
	To sum up the television and radio should be a public and private partnership. at the go This is because both of them have their flaws and if they both work to together they can overcome their flaws and ^{thus} work for the betterment of people.

10 This is descriptive but implies that foreign channels could negatively influence children. Vague without specific examples.

11 A basic conclusion which does little more than end the response.

Total mark awarded =
11 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Although clear in places, more control of grammar would have improved the communication. Paragraph structures needed to be more cohesive so that the logic of the argument could be followed. Material tended to be relevant but was often descriptive so not always directly addressing the question. Examples of channels or programmes would have demonstrated more knowledge. A more specific conclusion, drawing together the arguments, could have improved the response. Overall, there needed to be clearer communication, a more cohesive structure, direct reference to the question and specific examples to improve this essay.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Not using examples of channels and specific television or radio programmes.
- Not broadening the scope beyond one or two viable arguments.
- More references to 'your country' needed at times.

Paper 13: Question 8

Example Candidate Response – high

Examiner Comments

8 Art can be found anywhere and everywhere. Anything that has been created is a work of art, even if it's accidental or something small. The graffiti seen plastered on the way to a day job was created by a person who wanted the world to see it. They may have needed a creative outlet or just wanted to deface a random brick wall; either way, it's art. Many people don't think about being surrounded by art constantly, yet they are. Art can be very subtle and sometimes it goes unnoticed if not exactly looked for. It's said that "Works of art are not just found in museums and galleries, but everywhere around us", and that's true. The doors students use daily from class to class may have been carefully crafted by a welder. Though welders most likely make up to hundreds and possibly thousands of doors, a creation is still art. When asked what art is, some individual's minds shift to drawings or classic paintings from the 1800s and while it's factual that those things are forms of art, other perhaps bigger things can be art as well. Take any building, for example, that piece of architecture once had a blueprint in order to be made, or rather built. Architects and builders work together to create a home, office, or school for months on end. A bunch of cement and bricks probably wouldn't be seen as art to most, but a group of people worked together and used creativity to build something. Definitions of art can be a multitude of things, such as designing clothes, or writing an article. An individual expressing themselves with words or even the clothes they wear

- 1 Immediate focus on 'everywhere' with an example.
- 2 Point developed.
- 3 Quotes the question and continues with examples of 'everywhere'.
- 4 Although not a direct reference to 'museums and galleries', this does suggest the type of traditional art that might be displayed there.
- 5 Develops a point about 'architecture', but a specific example would have made this more convincing.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

8 is definitely art. Expressing one's self is very important, it tells a story of who they are, and that is art. Designers often go unnoticed, someone designed the Google icon that is on many cellphones and desktops today, and making that logo required creativity. Art surrounds everyone, and it can sometimes go unappreciated due to the ~~unpolite~~ impolite fact that not all art is attractive. People pay to have art made or to see it in a gallery, but hardly anyone would pay hundreds for a kindergarten's finger painting, ~~and that's okay~~ but that piece is still art. That child took their time, creativity, and willpower to make something, that's all someone needs to create. So, it is true that works of art isn't solely found in museums, but all around us. Another example of art would be handwriting. Some people really find enjoyment in learning different fonts such as calligraphy and writing in said font for aesthetic purposes. People love looking at things that are appealing to the eye, and fonts can be very beautiful. Art, including handwriting, is very individualistic, if someone sees something as art, then it is art. ~~to~~ The concept on what exactly art is is extremely moldable. Art forms can take many shapes and sizes, it's all up to the individual who sees it. To a law abiding police officer, graffiti may be seen as disgusting or immoral, but to the teenager who did it, they were creating something magnificent for the rest of the world to see. It doesn't matter who made the art, what

6 Continues by focusing on definitions of art as a link to other examples.

A lack of the use of paragraphs.

7 A specific example here.

8 Begins to evaluate, comparing the value of art in a gallery with a child's creativity (with an example), concluding that the determination to create is good enough.

9 Develops the idea of handwriting as art so using a range of examples.

Here, the vocabulary is ambitious with some sophistication and precision in the expression.

8 the art looks like, the possibly hidden meaning or when the art was made, somebody took their time and energy to create something, and that is the kind of art that surrounds us. Art can genuinely be anything and anywhere, and it truly does surround us. Pieces of art are not just found in art galleries, they're on a mother's fridge, in the bathroom stall, or on a desk. Art is everywhere around us, it cannot be contained in an art gallery.

10 Draws ideas together in the conclusion with a little evaluation.

Total mark awarded =
21 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Although this response had a cohesive structure, paragraphing would have improved this further. The candidate developed a range of examples, but more evaluation and personal assessment was needed. Specific examples related to ‘museums and galleries’ supporting their positive roles as preservers of works of art would have created a wider range of arguments and significantly improved the mark.

Example Candidate Response – middle

Examiner Comments

8. For many years, people have been flooding into ~~meo~~ museums and galleries to see beautiful pieces of artwork. The "Mona Lisa" and "Washington crossing the Delaware" are all gorgeous art pieces, but a ~~meo~~ museum isn't the only place to see art work. Works of art can be seen everywhere. From the ~~city to~~ a city to a neighborhood street, art is always present. ¹

New York City is home to some of the most beautiful architectural designs. One example of this would be the St. Peters ~~cathedral~~ cathedral. This magnificent building is riddled with huge arches and flying buttresses. This cathedral took a lot of ~~knowlege~~ knowledge and creativity to build and design. All these traits make ² the cathedral a true piece of artwork. Along the streets of New York, people are seen wearing all sorts of different clothing. Within the stores brands like Gucci or Dior are displayed on hangers and shelves to be bought by one lucky person. The designs on these clothes and the patterns intricate thread work holding the fabric together is all artwork, and ³ it is simply seen on the

¹ Understands the question with some immediate examples.

² Continues with an example and some development.

Accurate but using an everyday vocabulary.

³ Another example which links clothing brands to 'art'.

street.

Hiding among the buildings and people is another form of artwork, graffiti. Although seemingly parasitic at times, graffiti is an elaborate form of artwork with many details. Some may argue that graffiti is a public menace and full of useless profanity that ~~is~~ is not art. This may be ⁴ slightly true, but graffiti is still art. It is abstract and deliberately executed to ~~took~~ stand out as art.

⁴ A secure development of this example.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

Artwork is seen everywhere, but it can also be heard ~~everywhere~~ everywhere through music. Music can be heard in a coffee shop, grocery store, car, and church. ~~These~~ These places are all inside, but music can also be heard on streets and by the lovely chirp of a small bird. Music can be heard everywhere. To make music, it requires acute thought and lots of creativity and skill. This makes music an artwork that can be heard all around us. Along with seeing and hearing, artwork can be tasted too. Food and the making of it is a form of art. Commonly called the culinary art, food gives us magnificent ~~tates~~ tastes. It

5 The examples of 'music' and 'food' are too descriptive with a general connection to the question.

also ~~requires~~ requires much ability and artistry to craft, making food a interesting and important artform. Making it is an art, and serving it is too. Making food look delicious is a key part. The food has to be perfectly arranged on top of a good plate without a flaw or mishap.

Overall, art is everywhere. A museum or gallerie is not the only place to experience art. Art can be found in ~~almost~~ ~~any~~ absolutely anyplace at any given time. Art can be found within architecture, music, food, grafiti, and clothing which can be found everywhere. With all this being said, it is very easy to conclude that art is everywhere. 6

6 The conclusion is just a summary of the previous argument which is slightly repetitive.

Total mark awarded =
16 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Although accurate, the vocabulary could have been more ambitious. Examples were developed in the first half but became more descriptive, and links to the question more generalised towards the end. The development needed to be sustained throughout to improve. Although there were references to 'museums and galleries' (with examples) in the introduction, this was not sustained throughout the essay. A personal assessment/evaluation in the conclusion would have improved the response.

Example Candidate Response – low

Examiner Comments

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Art is typically defined as a painting, portrait, or sculpture. It is debated whether art is in ~~the~~ the surrounding of people. Art is also expressed in music, food, & architecture. **1**

Music is everywhere. People may not realize it, but there is music in everything they do. Composers of music bring together different instruments to ~~make~~ produce something brilliant. Mozart is the most famous composer of all time. He created such works like The Marriage of Figaro & the "Magic Flute Trio". He knew how to tap into the emotions of the audience & make them feel a variety of feelings. Tchiakovsky is also an artist of music. The most famous work of his, Swan Lake depicts scenes of fear, love, & joy even without a visual aid. These artists layed the foundation of what it means to be a "pop artist". Not only is music everywhere, but the staple of all life surrounds. **2**

people: food.

When someone thinks of food, they think of taste, typically never the ~~food~~ art of it,

1 The introduction addresses 'art' but not the other key words of the question.

2 Clearly written and describes examples from classical music but implicit, rather than explicit, references to the question. No mention of 'museums and galleries'.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

but chefs & bakers from all around the world make delicious pieces of art. Chef Gordon Ramsay is one of the most world-renowned chefs of the modern world. He often makes foods such as creme brulee, a custard with sugar burnt on the top to make a crisp crust. This delicate desert pleases most anyone with its sweetness & ~~breaking~~ breaking the hard crust with a spoon. Cakes are made into exquisite designs as well. Many baking competitions exist to see who can make the most elaborate cake, such as the Great British Baking Show. ~~Delicious~~ Delicious treats & ~~music~~ music are not the only lesser known pieces of art, but architecture is viewed as art itself. 3

Architecture is ~~on~~ on every street, corner, avenue, & ~~square~~ square. Every structure in some ~~way~~ way is a piece of art. The ~~seven~~ seven wonders of the world. They are all buildings allegedly created by ancient civilizations. ~~One such wonders~~ One such wonders are the Pyramids of Giza. Built by the ancient Egyptians, these three pyramids have awed many people. Even though a simple design, these triangular structure ~~are~~ are made of several enormous stones. No one

know how they were constructed. In Paris, France, the ~~Notre~~ Notre Dame cathedral has been a bastion of gothic architecture. With its massive bells & stained glass windows, artist from all around the globe to gain inspiration from this marvel of man. 4

When a person says the statement, "works of art are not only found in museums & galleries, but are all around people," they are flawlessly correct. The majority of the human population listens to music, eats food, & lives around buildings. Therefore, art is an everyday part of the lives of people. 5

3 Just as with music, comments on food with supporting examples are also described, so not addressing the question directly.

4 Although these are examples of architecture that can be seen and appreciated as art, they are not appropriate enough to address 'everywhere around us'.

5 A basic conclusion which just refers to the previous material rather than drawing together main ideas.

Total mark awarded =
10 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Although this was written clearly, using an everyday vocabulary and with specific examples, it only showed partial understanding of the question. The examples needed to illustrate ‘everywhere around’ and ‘museums and galleries’ and so were not necessarily appropriate for this question. Explicit reference to the question at some point (even in the conclusion) would have improved this response.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Not enough reference to ‘museums and galleries’.
- Too descriptive of examples rather than using them to develop an argument.
- Introductions not always defining the wording of the question.
- Conclusions tended to be summaries rather than personal assessments.

Paper 11: Question 10

Example Candidate Response – high

Examiner Comments

10	<p>Poetry can be very useful to many people. John F. Kennedy once said, "When power leads man towards arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations." I agree with this quote to a very far extent because poetry teaches many different lessons to people that can help reveal that one human only has so much power. Poetry is capable of teaching lessons to people to let them know that they have their limits when they get too arrogant.</p> <p>John F. Kennedy's quote, "When power leads man towards arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations" is very true to a far extent because poetry teaches lessons and shows situations that reminds people that they're only human. In Robert Frost's poem, "Out, out -", Frost teaches people that life can end so abruptly. The poem in the poem lives a normal life and then suddenly, the saw ended up cutting the boy's hand off. The husband and wife had lost a child together and the husband had to bury the child. The husband was ^{was seemingly} unbothered but he was ^{was} clearly made a statement about a few rainy days nothing ^{was} the best fence someone can make. This symbolizes life because Frost had been talking about something simple easily ending a life. Life can so easily be torn away by something as small ^{small} as a rainy day. This poem reminds those with power that power doesn't mean much because it's easy to be alive and sound and dead the next. When someone gains power, they can become arrogant. Poetry such as Robert Frost's can show people that they aren't necessarily better because they have limits and their life has limits. Since poetry can teach lessons such as life ends quickly to humble those of arrogance, I agree with Kennedy's quote, "When power leads man towards arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations" to a very far extent.</p> <p>Some may argue that poetry does not remind men arrogant men with power of his limitations because poetry is often unrealistic. If a situation in poetry is unrealistic, it can't be taken seriously. Fictional poetry can't remind people of their limitations if the poetry is not a situation that can actually occur. If poetry is factual and the occurrences in the poem can't physically happen, it won't remind people of limitations because it may not be our type of limitation. When power leads to arrogance, poetry won't help because people will only see</p>
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1 Repeats the question and then makes a general statement, so a brief introduction.

2 Develops a relevant example appropriately and applies it to the question with a hint of personal voice.

Example Candidate Response – high, continued

Examiner Comments

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 it as childish and bare and won't listen to any morals because they don't see the situation as possible and they don't relate themselves to it. Therefore, John F. Kennedy's quote, "when power leads man towards arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations" is not true. **3**

However, this ^{isn't} the case because whether poetry is realistic or not, the lessons can be transferred to real life to remind arrogant humans of their limitations. In "Paradise Lost," John Milton's poem, Lucifer had gotten cast to Hell for leading a rebellion against God. Lucifer got tired of serving in heaven and decided he was going to lead a group of rebel angels **4** against God. Lucifer had been arrogant because he held a form of power in Heaven, since he had been God's favorite angel. Lucifer ended up losing against God, and was ~~cast~~ ^{cast} Lucifer away to Hell. Lucifer even said, "Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven," which shows Lucifer held power in Hell and that he was arrogant since he thought he was better in Hell than those in Heaven. This situation is very unrealistic because someone can't be physically thrown to Hell. It's impossible for this to ever actually happen to a person because **5** no one can lead angels against God on Earth. Despite the situation being unrealistic, the poem ~~can~~ still reminds arrogant men driven by power of their limitations because of the lesson within it. The poem says that teaches that people acting ~~up~~ ^{up} ~~to~~ ^{to} some acts unaccordingly due to arrogance, they will have to live with serious consequences for the rest of their life. The poem reminds people that there are limits to their actions and they may end up with their own form of Hell, **6** so I agree with the Kennedy's quote, "when power leads man towards arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations" to a very fair extent.

Poetry can teach many lessons about the limits of life. When power leads to arrogance, poetry shows them that they have limits in life, whether or **7** realistic or not, poems ~~show~~ ^{show} ~~limits~~ ^{limits} in a poem is realistic or not, the poem can teach themes to show limits, so I agree with John F. Kennedy's quote "when power leads man towards arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations" to a fair extent.

3 Another point of view but needs exemplar support to make it convincing, otherwise terms like 'realistic' remain vague.

Some ambition and precision of vocabulary here.

4 Another example is developed and applied appropriately.

5 Begins to evaluate showing understanding of both the example and a term like 'arrogance'.

6 Continues to develop, but becoming a little repetitive. Still ambitious and accurate.

7 Brief and repetitive, but starts concluding in the previous paragraph.

Total mark awarded = 21 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Both introduction and conclusion needed to improve as they were too brief and repetitive. The focus needed to widen to include a range of poems and arguments. More evaluation was needed as the focus on the poems, although developed, tended to be descriptive. Less repetition would have improved the structure and enabled more cohesion.

Example Candidate Response – middle

Examiner Comments

Question	Part	Prompt	10
10			<p>Poetry is a form of art that has existed long before today. Many poets have conveyed different ideas through poetry and it can be used to gain insight in to how others view the world, or teach important lessons. Poetry reminds man of his limitations because it lasts forever, unless corrupted by something, and has been used to educate people that had power in the past. However, many people in power choose to remain ignorant to poetry and poetry can lead to arrogance in those who find great success from it. 1</p> <p>Poetry can be seen as a direct or indirect reminder of the limitations of man. Poetry lives forever as long as it is passed down and people of new generations ensure it's survival. Some of the most notable poets are known for their themes of death and sadness, and their ideas live on while they have not. Edgar Allan Poe, who has written scary poems like The Raven, is one such poet. Allen Poe was a troubled man when he was alive, but brilliant in his writing. Through the success of his writing, which unfortunately came after his death, it is evident that one can learn limitations from it. The man behind the poems passed away hundreds of years ago, while his writing has and most likely will survive for centuries in the future. Similar to Edgar Allan Poe, Emily Dickenson used death in a lot of her 2</p>

1 Addresses the question in general terms and shows some understanding.

2 Descriptive and makes a tenuous link to 'limitation' using an example which is largely biographical: the notion that the poet died but his poetry lasts forever.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

Poetry. She also found success after her death. Dickinson was an introvert and a recluse who remained mostly solitary in her life. Poetry lets you see that great works of art, such as Dickinson's, poems, are funded by the minds of people with problems and issues that many can relate to, at least on a certain level. Both poets are great examples of how men, with ~~its~~ his many flaws, can create good things. Arguably some of the best poets still had limitations in life, but used their time to create.

3

Poetry has also been used to educate the people ~~there~~ that have held great places of power. This can be seen in ~~some~~ former U.S. President and leader of the Union during the United States Civil War, Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln is probably best known for his stage presence and speech giving abilities, as well as his education. Lincoln was ~~not~~ obviously intrigued by the arts, which can be seen in the tragic, untimely assassination of him at a ~~the~~ theatre. Poetry, which helped contribute to Lincoln's education, was a big part of his rise to ~~presidency~~ presidency. Lincoln did not believe himself to be better than anyone else, and the education he had was most likely the cause of this. Most men would grow arrogant in a position like that of Lincoln, but he remained humble because of his background and the arts. Another well educated

4

3 Uses a second example in the same way as it is largely biographical and descriptive with just a vague reference to 'limitation'.

4 Descriptive with only a tenuous link to poetry and the question.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

Figure of power is Steve Jobs. Jobs was one of the most creative innovators in the expansion of technology. He was best known for his involvement in Apple, and his role in creating the well known iPhone. Jobs' creativity is very similar to that of famous poets and artists. He truly believed that he was not one of the smartest people to find success in technology, just one with the most ideas. Poetry and creativity lead Jobs' beyond the ideas of many, but he did not ~~become~~ ~~hubris~~ show hubris in his success, only humility. His, and Lincoln's, minds' were the biggest factor in reminding them of their limitations, which can be heard when so many ideas flow through the brain. ⁵

Poetry can only humble or teach someone when it is acknowledged and taken to heart. Many people in positions of power willingly choose to remain ignorant. One of A worthy contender as one of the best boxers to fight, Floyd Mayweather, was illiterate for at least a large portion of his career. Mayweather is known for his arrogant attitude and his great success in his sport. Mayweather cannot truly learn the messages and ideas behind poetry so he has remained ignorant throughout his career. He is not humble and has not been reminded of his limitations, but through choice. With the level of success he ⁶ saw he could have learned how to be

⁵ Again, this is a tenuous reference showing partial understanding of the question.

⁶ Begins to address 'arrogance' and the question directly, but needs an example from poetry.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

10	<p>literate quickly. Another example, although much more serious, of a man in power ignoring his limitations was Nazi ruler Adolf Hitler. Hitler sought to conquer all of Europe, and most likely not stop there during World War Two. The Nazis and almost Nazi supporters famously burned countless famous books and poems that went against the ideas that they wanted to instill. In Hitler's dismissal of poetry, especially that which disagreed with him, he could not be reminded that he was not invincible, which he probably believed at his height in power. The Allies eventually defeated Hitler and his regime was given back to the countries that once existed in it. Both may weather and Hitler's sto lives can show how ignoring poetry or just literature in general will cause you to believe that you are beyond others. Poetry did not remind these people of their limitations, and both men achieved high levels of power, in different ways. Both became arrogant and stayed, or have stayed, that way for their careers.</p>
	<p>Poetry can also fail to remind man of his limitations when it is the cause of arrogance. It is a common belief and stereotype of very successful, artistic people to feel above others. This is because early poets or actors did feel this way, and some artistic people still do. People who are not humble and work in poetry have</p>

7 A valid example, but needs specific examples from poetry to make the point more convincing.

8 An insightful point which is both logical and developed.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued

Examiner Comments

(9)	<p>clearly not been understood the boundaries they have. A very famous example of a poet like this was William Shakespeare, he was one of the best poets and would often write about and praise his writing in poems. Both modern day poets, or past poets like Shakespeare have had arrogance and this stemmed from their poetry.</p>	9
(10)	<p>Poetry does the job of showing man how far they can go by giving a reminder that man is not immortal, while writing can be and by educating people before they reach power. It does not do this when people ignore it and it causes arrogance. Although the poetry is not at fault in these situations, it still does not remind people. In general, poetry does help more than harm when it comes to the statement. Some have abused power, such as Hitler, but most of the best, most influential leaders use it as a tool to remain humble.</p>	10

9 The example supports the point with the more specific 'write about and praise his writing' and then linking to the idea of 'artistic arrogance'.

10 Mostly attempts to draw together arguments in the conclusion although rather sweeping in the final statement.

The whole response communicates clearly with some variety in the vocabulary.

**Total mark awarded =
16 out of 30**

How the candidate could have improved their answer

The first half needed to be as insightful as the second half, with more direct references to all aspects of the question and more focused examples that would have improved this answer. More specific reference to poems would have better supported various points of view and further developed the argument. The introduction needed to show immediate understanding of the whole question rather than just 'limitation' in order to improve the response.

Example Candidate Response – low

Examiner Comments

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Arrogance is the anaesthesia which deadens thought. Often, leaders are blind sided because of their high self worth. They are in power, so it is easy for them to side track. Some people argue that when power leads man to arrogance, poetry is able to remind him of his limitations; however, others argue that when this power leads to such a high self-esteem, poetry cannot remind him of his restrictions. ¹

A leader who was reminded of his limits by such poetry is Julius Caesar. He was a war hero to his people, and to be advanced with such ~~to~~ combat skills, one cannot let corruption take over. This was a leader who took his army to several victories. Caesar understood his people, along with their strengths and weaknesses. If there were ever a period of such blind arrogance in his

life, Caesar's army would not have been able to win as many battles as they did. It was this understanding of restrictions that let him know what his army could and could not face. Additionally, Caesar was recognized by other armies that wanted to dethrone him off his power. He held a high status, but stayed loyal to his army. This leader would stay with a humble sense-of-self. When he faced difficult battles, he recognized his power, but stuck to his army as there were the people he wanted to become stronger with. Thus, although leaders can sometimes hold such high ~~amount~~ a high amount of power, they can recognize their limits. ²

Moreover, Abraham Lincoln is also someone who never let his power fog his restrictions. He was a president of the United States, who held a great amount of power. When he became the leader he is to the United States' political system, there was a split between the country. This split divided the people even more as the country would have two political parties, which belonged to two separate territories. When ~~Lincoln~~ Lincoln became president, he did not desire to win back his country through war. As president, he could utilize his power to control the military. ~~Howe~~ However, Lincoln just desired for his country to feel at peace. He did not want all the chaos, and he could have

¹ A tendency to paraphrase the question rather than show understanding of it.

² This paragraph describes Julius Caesar as 'a man of power' but with hardly any reference to 'poetry'.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

Lincoln may have had a great deal of power, but he experienced humble beginnings. It were these beginnings that would not let him become a power-hungry president. He began as a lawyer who was barely recognized by anyone, to becoming the president of an entire country. The president understood what it meant to work from the bottom up, to turn nothing into something. Hence, such ~~be~~ a ~~sense~~ sense of being humble can be the demise to the power of arrogance. 3

Although ~~not~~ some ~~powerful~~ powerful people are reminded to not let arrogance overtake them because of their limitations, there are others who let this corruption overtake them without having poetry to remind them of such restrictions. 4 For instance, Kim Jong-Un is the leader of North Korea. He is a man who does not care for his people, but instead feeds his pride. There are many people who are poor in North Korea, ~~and~~ and do not live a healthy lifestyle. ~~It is~~ It is his power and arrogance which leads him to care more about bettering his wealth instead of his people. 5 This sense of corruption is not health. It can lead to a power-hungry way of thinking. Once this perspective is attained, a person that holds such power will care more about bettering their life and assets, than caring for the health and conditions of their people. One example where this ~~cor~~ pride without ~~limitations~~, limitations was visible, was when Yung-Un signed a treaty with the United States.

3 A lengthy description of another example, with implicit reference to 'power' and 'arrogance', but no references to poetry, so only partially understanding the question.

Clear communication with some ambition.

4 Introduces 'limitations'.

5 A further example of 'power and arrogance' and does develop this aspect of the question.

Example Candidate Response – low, continued

Examiner Comments

This treaty prohibited North Korea from pursuing ~~Nuclear~~ nuclear weapon testing and practice. As a result of his power, Yung-Un would keep utilizing his weapon supply, instead of keeping his word. Therefore it is clear that when too much pride is accumulated, it is difficult for poetry to remind that person of their limitations. 6

~~Similarity~~ Comparatively, Donald Trump is also a leader who does not comprehend his restrictions. He is the president of the United States ~~and States~~ and often ~~bad-mouths~~ speaks badly about others. When he first began his campaign, he ~~or~~ would show the worse of his opponents by talking down to them. He is a business man who came from a wealthy family. Trump was fed by a silver spoon for most of his life. ~~there or~~ It was there beginnings that allow him to ~~to~~ feed off power as he does not understand there is no poetry ~~to~~ which makes him aware of his limitations. Similarly, there was a point in the United States when he shut down a part of government. Although the country was experiencing a well-functioning economy, this ~~or~~ action would only damage it. There was a great portion of politicians who were going unpaid. All this because the government would not fund money for a border wall he desired to construct. Trump was the one who shut down a part of the government since he could as he ~~was~~ ~~to~~ the was the

president. Such an action would worsen the state of America's ~~economy~~ economy since there were politicians not working and going unpaid. In short, arrogance in one's power can lead to nothing being able to remind them of their restrictions. 7

Essentially, there have been important figures throughout history that ~~that~~ had a great amount of power. Poetry cannot remind them of their limitations since once people get a feel for power, they only wish to have more. Overall, these figures must maintain a state of awareness, so they do not ~~over~~ become blinded and numb to ~~the state~~ arrogance. 8

6 The reference to poetry is just tagged on to the discussion rather than integrated into it.

7 Describes a modern example of 'power, arrogance and limitation' and shows understanding of these terms, but lacking references to poetry.

8 Just a brief reference to poetry, but attempts to draw together some of the other aspects of the question.

Total mark awarded =
12 out of 30

How the candidate could have improved their answer

Despite clear communication, with some ambition, there needed to be focus on 'poetry' to demonstrate a clear understanding of the question and which would have improved this mark. Also, there was too much description of the examples used rather than integrating them into a developed argument. This meant that reference to other aspects of the question were often implicit rather than explicit.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Not enough reference to actual poems.
- Examples were often too lengthy and descriptive.
- Introductions tended not to define the question.
- Conclusions were too brief to be able to bring together all arguments.

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