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A Competition

Being competitive is often thought to be a positive quality, but competition may also have negative effects on people.

Discuss this idea with the Examiner.

You may wish to consider such things as:

- competitions you have entered and how you felt about the experience
- positive and negative aspects of competition/competing
- how competitive the society in which you live is
- what drives some people to achieve great success
- the suggestion that competition should be reduced in school life.

You are free to consider any other ideas of your own.

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B Language

Across the world, there are thousands of different languages. Some people say this makes the world a more interesting place.

Discuss language with the Examiner.

You may wish to consider such things as:

- what you like about your own language
- a new language that you would like to learn, and why
- the skills a person needs to learn a new language
- how people and animals communicate without using spoken language
- the idea that the world would be a better place if we all spoke one language.

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C News

Many countries now have '24-hour news', using satellite television, the Internet and radio to broadcast news constantly.

Discuss this development with the Examiner.

You may wish to consider such things as:

- how much attention you and people around you pay to the news
- news stories that have influenced you
- the idea that keeping up-to-date with news is good for us all
- whether you think the news is presented objectively, or contains bias
- the suggestion that bad news makes the best headlines.

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D Fast food

Many nutritionists would argue that we eat too much 'fast food' and that we should return to a more natural and healthy diet.

Discuss this point of view with the Examiner.

You may wish to consider such things as:

- whether you like fast food, and how often you eat it
- why so many fast food outlets have developed
- the idea that food should be enjoyed slowly
- whether fast food can ever be healthy
- ways in which fast food is affecting family life.

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E Rules

There will always be people who break rather than obey rules.

Discuss rules with the Examiner.

You may wish to consider such things as:

- rules that you have in your home life
- rules that you have broken or someone you know has broken
- rules that you think are sensible, some that you think are unnecessary
- people who break very serious rules, such as criminals, and how society should react to them
- the idea that a completely free society would be the most dangerous to live in.

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