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There are two sections in this examination:

- Writing – Questions One and Two
- Speaking – Question Three

The writing section takes place during the first two hours of the examination. Answer Questions One and Two in this booklet.

The speaking section takes place in the third hour of the examination. The supervisor will let you know when you are to go to the recording room, where you will receive Question Three.

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LISTENING PASSAGE: Si pudiera pedir un deseo ... (If I could make a wish ...)

Listen to a radio programme about what young people would ask for if they had one wish.

Refer to the radio programme in your answer to Question One on page 3.

You will hear the passage three times:

- The first time, you will hear it as a whole.
- The second and third times, you will hear it in sections, with a pause after each.
- As you listen, you may make notes in the space provided.

LISTENING NOTES	Which desire would be best for society in general?	Bad
1) Ana todos todos fueran gimnastas <u>tomar grandes riesgos</u> No enfermedades, <u>chapas de conducir</u> Everyone has <u>no</u> <u>anxiety</u> - <u>angustia</u> <u>con amigos para siempre</u> <u>no need hospitals</u> <u>save money</u> → <u>superdinero</u> <u>investigación</u> <u>industria farmacéutica</u>		No value to life if existe una belleza en una vida limitada Burdens on resources, e.g. food, land
2) Sebastian Habría máquinas <u>que hacen lo que</u> <u>edificamos</u> Machines that do all the work we have e.g. ordering, <u>limpiar</u> Trabajo <u>agricultura</u> → <u>don't have to work up early</u> <u>costan tanto dinero</u> <u>duro</u> <u>inteligencia</u>		estos trabajos ofrecen un método para ganar un sueldo para vivir → una monopolía Security - <u>estabilidad</u>?
3) María solo una idioma en el mundo <u>música universal</u> only one language in the world <u>↓</u> <u>shared culture</u> <u>español es el idioma universal</u> everyone in individual <u>each other</u> <u>no</u> <u>lexicon</u> <u>de gramática</u> No tendríamos <u>estudiar</u> <u>otras lenguas</u> No vocab <u>de</u> <u>tests</u>		• Loss of <u>identidad cultural</u> → En decir, lo que nos hace especial es <u>nuestras diferencias</u> <u>Abolition</u> <u>of social</u> <u>connections</u> • <u>Wider society</u> • <u>Long term</u>

QUESTION ONE

Compara y contrasta los inconvenientes de cada uno de los tres deseos y explica cuál de los tres deseos, en tu opinión, sería el mejor para la sociedad en general.

Respond in Spanish, referring to the radio programme to support and justify your arguments.

Como seres humanos, siempre deseamos lo que ~~de~~ nos plazca y evitamos lo que nos parece difícil o poco agradable. Todos de estos deseos discutidos reflejan este instinto básico, y intentan resolver los problemas ^{en la sociedad} que nos enfrentan. Pero, desde mi punto de vista, ~~los~~ cada uno de los tres ^{jóvenes} ~~no~~ no consideran las consecuencias a la sociedad completamente, en sus respuestas.

Primero, analicemos como afectan los cambios con respecto a las conexiones sociales. La primera idea de Ana, que supone que no hay los muertos, ~~así~~ ~~se refiere~~ se refiere a la angustia que ~~nos~~ se sentía cuando un pariente o un amigo muere. Para la sociedad en general, si no hay muertes constantes, la cualidad de vida mejora, ¿sí? Sin embargo, hay que considerar que existe una razón de por qué nos sentimos la angustia, y es porque la vida ^{y el tiempo} tienen valor. Sin la fragilidad de la vida, el valor es disminuido, porque con un sinfín de tiempo, nada es limitado, así que no se da ~~respeto~~ respeto. Asimismo, Sebastián, el ~~segundo~~ segundo respuesta, ~~me~~ pediría que hubiera máquinas que ~~hacen~~ hacen

las tareas que odiamos. ~~Toda~~ Sin duda, sin ~~la~~ la necesidad de trabajar en las tareas ~~de~~ peligrosas o aburridas, ~~se~~ ~~de~~ tendríamos más tiempo para ~~fortalecer~~ fortalecer las conexiones sociales, y no se puede negar que nunca hay ~~tanto~~ ~~tiempo~~ momentos durante el trabajo duro que se piensa de todas las otras actividades con amigos se puede hacer. Finalmente, María ofrece que solo ~~ha~~ hay un idioma singular. ~~María~~ Con respecto a los tres deseos, este ~~este~~ deseo indudablemente forma las conexiones más fuertes y significantes. La brecha de ~~de~~ lenguas no existiría, y las relaciones internacionales ~~podría~~ ~~están~~ podrían ser más vinculados. Por eso, con respecto a las conexiones entre la sociedad, pienso que María tiene ^{más} razón.

Segundo, hay que ~~se~~ considerar la sociedad en general, y como afectan la vida cotidiana. Con la idea de Ana, sugiere que con ~~el~~ el dinero que ganamos sin tantas muertes, ~~se~~ el gobierno puede invertir en los hallazgos ~~avances~~ de medicina. Pero, con ~~de~~ la población elevada sin las muertes, el uso de los ~~recursos~~ recursos fundamentales, como la tierra, la alimentación, y ~~de~~ el agua de beber, sería

elevado hasta el punto ⁵ máximo demasiado, y la sociedad en ² total sufriría. Además, si ~~se~~ se compara con el deseo de Sebastian, si las máquinas ^{tomaran} ~~hacen~~ los trabajos duros y aburridos, los ~~puestos~~ ^{puestos de trabajo} de una gran proporción de sociedad serían reemplazados por las máquinas, y los individuos faltarían un sueldo para vivir: es decir, las empresas que operan las máquinas tendrían una monopolía sobre los trabajos. En yuxtaposición, ~~4a~~ ~~idea~~ de Marín es posible que con solo un idioma, la sociedad en total ~~obtiene~~ obtenga ambas ~~caras de~~ caras de la moneda. La conexión internacional ~~seja~~ aumenta las posibilidades de formar acuerdos entre los países y incrementar las oportunidades para los miembros de sociedad. Sin embargo, sin una identidad común con una lengua individual, la cultura no es tan única, y faltaríamos un parte de lo que nos hace especial.

Finalmente, ¿cómo afectan los deseos para la sociedad en largo plazo? Como he discutido, la idea de Ana ~~se~~ me plantea inquietudes debido a la presión en los sistemas establecidos, pero pienso que al largo plazo, la sociedad podría adaptar y ~~se~~ sostener este estilo de vida nueva, ~~con~~ sin los miedos

READING TEXT: ¿Diestro o zurdo? (Right-handed or left-handed?)

Read the following article and refer to it in your answer to Question Two on page 7.

derecha y derecho

¿Diestro o zurdo?

brujas

Durante siglos, la izquierda ha sido identificada con el infortunio e, incluso, con la maldad.

verdes, cabello rubio o cualquier otro rasgo poco frecuente.

QUESTION TWO

If you could choose right now to be left-handed or right-handed, which would you choose? In your opinion, to what extent does society influence the way we do things, even those things we are predisposed to do in a certain way?

Respond in English or te reo Māori, referring to the article to support and justify your arguments.

Each individual's uniqueness in their composition of traits and identity foster their individuality. While encouraging individuality is so common-place in modern society, the historical truth was ~~is~~ deviated from this belief. As noted in the text, historically, differences as mundane as being left-handed have driven exult or persecution, such as labelling people 'witches' for this difference. Fortunately, social acceptance has pivoted towards acceptance of left-handedness, and reflects a general social shift over the ages towards acceptance.

If given the choice, I would choose to be left-handed. While it may seem like a wholly insignificant ~~and not~~ ~~an~~ decision, even small characteristic changes can alter one's life trajectory. As studied by Michael Raymond, even ~~a~~ ~~stigmat~~ what may seem insignificant can potentially give benefits, like how 25% of the best fencers are left-handed, yet only make up ~10% of the population. To me, ~~that~~ beyond the clear advantage which being

left-handed would give, the different opportunities which could be presented are tantalising. As someone right-handed, it interests me what even a small tweak in who I am could ~~old~~ redirect who I am. I've never properly fenced, or played table tennis, or tennis, but what if this advantage gives me newfound passion? Ultimately, it is the prospect of new opportunities which encourages me to choose left-handedness. Even if basic tools like scissors become a challenge, life is founded on tradeoffs.

Socially, our choice of identity or who we are can not be understated as a consequence of society. Even simple dexterity over what hand is dominant is affected by society. ~~The~~ ~~root~~ words for 'right' being 'right' Etymologically, the historical pressures are evident. 'Right' as a direction, being the same word as 'right' as being correct, is no coincidence, it is a ~~good~~ reflection of social norms exerting beliefs onto language. Even in ^{more} modern society, I have heard stories from my ~~the~~ older family members, who explain their ambidextrous abilities as a consequence of left-handedness being opposed. You either had

to follow the social norm of right-handedness, or you miss out, because no one buys ~~any~~ left-handed instruments or tools. Even as a running joke in the Matt Groening show 'The Simpsons,' the comic relief character of Ned runs a ~~the~~ shop selling only left-handed versions of normal ~~things~~^{items}: We joke about how society has ~~split~~ isolated such an individual difference in our ~~media~~^{that they need their own spaces}. As the text affirms, left-handedness exists as a centrepiece of many myths, all of which involve isolation of left-handedness. If this trait does not reflect social pressures as a whole clearly enough, then nothing could do so.

Beyond ~~see~~ being left or right-handed, social influence is without a doubt a prevailing force in expressionism. Even predisposed differences, like one's ethnicity or appearance are obvious examples of historical social exclusion. However, ~~the~~ society is not homogenous, nor is it static. Moving from Modern to Post-Modern eras, ~~we~~ we have seen ^{unprecedented} social change in the face of discrimination, which strengthened expressionism of sexuality, racial equality and acceptance as a whole. As a collective, society is responsive. Society seeks always to change

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1 y problemas asociados con las muertes. Pero, no tengo la misma confianza con respecto al ^{asunto} de las máquinas como trabajadores. En el mundo actual, el miedo de la inteligencia artificial (IA) nunca ha sido tan grande, y Sebastian ya ha referido a la IA, ¿pero qué pasa si no podríamos controlar las máquinas para siempre? Por eso, ~~me~~ ^{tengo} espero que el deseo de Sebastian no ocurra próximo. Finalmente, consideremos la idea de Ana. Al largo plazo, es posible que ~~los~~ con el aumento de relaciones ~~en~~ mundiales que existe menos guerras y más paz, y somos más ~~cerdos~~ ^{unidos}. Es como la historia del Torre de Babel, ^{cuando todos hablaban el mismo idioma} pero con el motivo de unir para mejorar la sociedad, ~~en vez de~~ ^y en vez de construir un torre, ~~terminaríamos~~ ^{terminaríamos} el sufrimiento global.

En conclusión, el deseo de María sin duda es el mejor. Es posible que se ~~dis~~ diga que no es un gran cambio, pero desde mi punto de vista, este cambio más pequeño que los otros deseos no dañan la sociedad ~~tan~~ ^{tan} a los niveles de los otros.

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2 and to adapt, ~~to them~~ and clearly over history it has been towards acceptance ~~and~~ and identity. ~~As such, I believe~~ As such, I believe society bears an overwhelming power to influence how we exist or do things, predisposed or not, and it is in ~~restraining~~ socially moderating how overwhelming or powerful we let these pressures act that we benefit.

towards left-handedness.

In conclusion, the social response ↑ historically reflects a greater societal ~~issue~~ of inclusion. As the text concludes "being left-handed... is like having green eyes, blonde hair or any other uncommon trait," and I could not agree more. All these things are differences which amplify our individuality, and are what composes who we are, whether it leads us towards some sports we are naturally better at, or steers us away from other things. Ultimately, it is enabling choice of expression which is most important. Being aware of the power which society holds to influence is critical, and as ~~members~~ of society, we impact how we influence others' decisions or expressing themselves. We must reflect on how we act to encourage self-led decisions, rather than pigeonholing individuals into preset, socially acceptable actions and identities.

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