

Writing

1 hour 30 minutes

PART 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **220 – 260** words in an appropriate style.

- 1 Your class has watched a studio discussion about the benefits of pupils studying their own country's literature at school. You have made the notes below:

What are the benefits of studying your own country's literature at school?

- cultural traditions
- human psychology
- language awareness

Some opinions expressed in the discussion:

'Knowing your country's poetry and stories is part of your national identity.'

'Literature teaches people about how others in their culture have thought and behaved.'

'Seeing how others use a particular language well encourages students to be creative themselves.'

Write an essay discussing **two** of the benefits in your notes. You should **explain which of these benefits is more important, giving reasons** in support of your answer.

You may, if you wish, make use of the opinions expressed in the discussion, but you should use your own words as far as possible.