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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 1 Essay

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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Answer **one** question.

You are advised to write an essay of 600–700 words. Use examples to support your arguments.

- 1 'The provision of foreign aid by wealthier nations is motivated as much by self-interest as by a desire to help.' Assess this view. [30]
- 2 'The hunting of wild animals should be discouraged.' Discuss. [30]
- 3 'Education is the most important factor in increasing social and economic opportunities.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 4 To what extent is knowledge of the past a good guide to future events? [30]
- 5 Computer hacking is the greatest threat for the communication of information on the internet. Discuss. [30]
- 6 Assess the advantages and disadvantages of free health care for all. [30]
- 7 'It is more desirable to live in a city than in a rural area.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 8 'Autobiographies are more reliable than biographies.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 9 'National celebrations, rather than uniting people, can divide them.' To what extent do you agree with reference to **your** country? [30]
- 10 Evaluate the importance of the live music and/or theatre experience for both performer **and** audience. [30]

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