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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 To what extent do you agree that democracy is the most effective way of governing a society? [30]
- 2 In sport, individual skill and talent are more important than teamwork. Discuss. [30]
- 3 To what extent is a person's identity defined by the geography of where they live? [30]
- 4 The use of data alone is not enough to ensure accurate decision-making. Discuss. [30]
- 5 Examine whether there should be any limits to the advances of medical science. [30]
- 6 To what extent should **your** country protect the environment when continuing to develop its transport system? [30]
- 7 Among all the other threats to humanity's survival, the destruction of the forests is the greatest. To what extent is this true? [30]
- 8 Music that is popular today is heavily influenced by the past. Discuss. [30]
- 9 In attempting to translate from one language into another, something will always be lost. How far do you agree? [30]
- 10 News that is free of censorship is the only way that people can find out the truth. Discuss. [30]

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