

Cambridge International AS Level

ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER**8021/11**

Paper 1 Essay

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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 No country is totally independent. To what extent do you agree with this claim? [30]
- 2 Schools have a responsibility to encourage young people to do more sport. Discuss. [30]
- 3 Taking a holiday in a different country has very few benefits. To what extent do you agree with this statement? [30]
- 4 There are no good reasons to lower the voting age in **your** country. Evaluate this view. [30]
- 5 Animals should be free to live in the wild rather than be locked up in a zoo. Discuss. [30]
- 6 Language is the most important feature of a person's identity. To what extent do you agree with this view? [30]
- 7 Music without lyrics can never be meaningful. Discuss this view. [30]
- 8 Most humans will live to be more than 100 years old in the future. To what extent is this situation desirable? [30]
- 9 Journalism has become a dangerous profession. Evaluate this statement. [30]
- 10 It is realistic to believe that the world's environmental problems can be solved. To what extent do you agree? [30]

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