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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER**8021/12**

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 Wealthy nations should always provide assistance to developing countries. Discuss this view. [30]
- 2 Reading and telling stories to young children is very important. Examine this statement. [30]
- 3 Possessing nuclear weapons is the best way for a country to avoid war. Evaluate this statement. [30]
- 4 A painting does not capture life as successfully as a photograph. Discuss. [30]
- 5 The only purpose of education is to obtain good qualifications. Evaluate this claim. [30]
- 6 'The role of men in bringing up children is essential in modern society.' Discuss. [30]
- 7 'The effects of natural disasters have become more severe due to human activity.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 8 'Scientific research intended to benefit human health should not face any restrictions.' Discuss. [30]
- 9 Advertising has a very negative impact on society. Evaluate this view. [30]
- 10 Artificial intelligence is changing people's lives for the better. To what extent do you agree with this statement? [30]

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