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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER**8021/13**

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.

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **one** question.

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

- 1 Advertisements for unhealthy food and drinks should be banned. Discuss this view. [30]
- 2 Assess the view that it is easier to write non-fiction than fiction. [30]
- 3 'Politicians have become poor role models.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 4 Gene editing can **only** be beneficial to humanity. Discuss this view. [30]
- 5 To what extent does a good education system make a country successful? [30]
- 6 Large business corporations are a threat to global security. Discuss this view. [30]
- 7 Evaluate the importance of marriage in today's world. [30]
- 8 Email is an inadequate method of communication. Discuss. [30]
- 9 Evaluate the extent to which international cooperation is vital for ensuring that everyone has access to clean water. [30]
- 10 'Music is created purely for pleasure and has no intended meaning for its listeners.' Discuss. [30]

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