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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 Assess how effectively the government of **your** country looks after the welfare of its people. [30]
- 2 'Physical activities in schools are essential aspects of education.' To what extent do you agree?[30]
- 3 'The struggle for equal rights can never be won.' Discuss. [30]
- 4 'The modern world encourages self-interest rather than responsibility for others.' Assess this view. [30]
- 5 'Some developments in medicine appear to ignore ethical issues.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 6 'The modern world is obsessed with statistics.' Assess the risks of only using statistics when making important decisions. [30]
- 7 'The human race is powerless when faced with natural disasters.' Discuss. [30]
- 8 To what extent are languages a barrier to world cooperation in **your** country? [30]
- 9 To what extent are pictures more powerful than words? [30]
- 10 'The most memorable music is that which tells a story.' Discuss. [30]

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