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General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level

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**GENERAL PAPER**

**8004/13**

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**2 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question must be taken from a **different** section.

Use examples to support your arguments.

Each answer should be about 500–600 words in length. Short answers may score lower marks.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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This document consists of **2** printed pages.



**Each essay should be 500 – 600 words long. Use examples to support your arguments.**

### **Section 1**

- 1 Assess the discrimination you might face when choosing a career, considering such issues as age, sex, and background.
- 2 Slavery was abolished in the British Empire in 1833. To what extent is slavery still a problem in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?
- 3 Evaluate the characteristics that make the people of **your** country unique as a nation.
- 4 Is it democratically acceptable **not** to vote in elections?
- 5 'Girls and women participate less in sport than boys and men.' How far is this inevitable or desirable?

### **Section 2**

- 6 Consider the view that the computer has failed to meet our educational needs in school.
- 7 'Social networks, like Facebook, have radically changed our attitude to personal privacy.' Consider this statement.
- 8 'Without animal research and testing, medical advances would be seriously delayed.' How far do you agree?
- 9 'Global warming is a far greater threat to our planet than international terrorism.' Evaluate the truth of this observation.
- 10 Given the misery in both human and personal history, is it possible to believe in compassionate Divinity?

### **Section 3**

- 11 Handwriting is often considered a relic of the past. Argue the case for retaining it.
- 12 In considering the languages you are familiar with, evaluate the influence they have in **your** society **and** on yourself.
- 13 How important is it for a country to have its own film industry?
- 14 Are there any aspects of fashion that you would consider timeless?
- 15 Consider adverts you know well and suggest reasons for their impact.

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