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General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level

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**GENERAL PAPER**

**8004/11**

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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 Why do all Empires decline in the end? Is there evidence for this in today's world?
- 2 With the move to text entry on computers, some states no longer require handwriting to be taught. Is this a desirable development?
- 3 Is sex education the responsibility of school or parents?
- 4 Assess the arguments, applicable to **your** country, for encouraging **or** discouraging immigration.
- 5 Who is winning the gender wars? Give reasons to support your answer.

### **Section 2**

- 6 Is living longer necessarily a good thing?
- 7 'Mathematics is more feared than respected.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 8 Various writers have envisaged a bleak future world. To what extent do you share their pessimistic vision?
- 9 Is the world becoming too reliant on Information Technology?
- 10 Ought there to be any limits to genetic research?

### **Section 3**

- 11 To what extent can photography arouse our political and social awareness?
- 12 Can celebrity culture ever provide worthwhile role models?  
[You need to consider their contributions, not just list their life stories.]
- 13 'It is often easier to communicate through speaking than writing.' Consider this view.
- 14 You are the judge of a literature competition. Indicate which novel would win the top prize. Give reasons for your choice.
- 15 What do you consider to be the serious purpose behind television cartoon shows?

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