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**GENERAL PAPER**

**8004/12**

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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 How true is it to claim that the focus of economic activity in the world is passing from West to East?
- 2 To what extent has the course of history been determined by the contribution of individuals?
- 3 How fairly can it be claimed that European colonisation was more beneficial than harmful to the countries concerned?
- 4 To what extent is a university education essential for an individual's prospects?
- 5 Is it fair to claim that the United Nations has achieved little in solving the problems of the world?

### **Section 2**

- 6 How far do the resources of **your** country meet the needs of its local population?
- 7 What qualities should a good doctor possess? Give reasons for your selection.
- 8 Will mankind always be at the mercy of weather and climate?
- 9 What, if any, justification can there be for weapons' development research?
- 10 Argue the case for **and** against nuclear power generation.

### **Section 3**

- 11 How successfully have traditional performing arts been preserved in **your** country?
- 12 At its best, architecture is both artistic and functional. How far do you agree?
- 13 Do you agree with Oscar Wilde that 'all art is quite useless'?
- 14 'Languages with a declining number of speakers should be left to die out.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 15 What have you read that illustrates 'heroism' most effectively? Fully explain your answer.

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