
GENERAL PAPER

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2 hours

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

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.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

This document consists of **2** printed pages, **2** blank pages and **1** insert.

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

Section 1

- 1 To what extent is a country's government responsible for the living conditions of its people?
- 2 How far do you agree that all subjects taught on the school curriculum should be treated equally?
- 3 How important is it for individuals and nations to celebrate cultural events?
- 4 'An effective government needs strong opposition.' To what extent is this true?

Section 2

- 5 'A balance between work and leisure is seen as essential for a country's well-being.' How far could this be achieved in **your** country?
- 6 Assess whether it will ever be possible to eliminate traffic congestion in urban areas.
- 7 'Video calling and social networking have reduced the need to meet friends and relatives in person.' To what extent is this desirable?
- 8 'Space exploration projects will only survive if commercial businesses are involved.' Discuss.

Section 3

- 9 'There are many writers in the world but only a few achieve success.' Explain why this is the case.
- 10 Usually a film is reviewed in the media before its release date. To what extent is this useful?
- 11 To what extent is **your** country's heritage expressed in its buildings?
- 12 'Censorship of foreign influences is the only way to preserve a country's traditions and culture.' How far do you agree?

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