
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 'Although a third world war has always been a threat, it is unlikely to happen now.' Discuss.
- 2 'As children grow up, friendships become more important than family.' How far do you agree?
- 3 Assess the advantages **and** disadvantages of setting up a small business in **your** country.
- 4 To what extent does education influence attitudes towards work in **your** society?

Section 2

- 5 'At a time of rapid global warming, reducing funding for climate research is not just short-sighted but destructive.' To what extent do you agree?
- 6 'Within major towns and cities public transport should be free, and private transport banned completely.' To what extent is this both desirable **and** possible?
- 7 Assess the effectiveness of **your** country's medical services.
- 8 How far do you consider it a good thing to explore **your** family history?

Section 3

- 9 In fiction, assess whether the ending of the story is as important as the beginning. Refer to at least **two** stories in your answer.
- 10 'Craft work by individuals has limited value in today's more commercial world.' To what extent do you agree?
- 11 Assess the benefits of bringing live performances (music, art, drama, mime or dance) to more accessible venues, such as the street and outdoor open spaces.
- 12 Examine the reasons for the continuing popularity of the cinema in the age of home entertainment.

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