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**GENERAL PAPER**

**8001/12**

Paper 1

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**1 hour 15 minutes**

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 **one** question.

The total time includes an allowance for you to study the questions before you begin your answer. You may make notes during this time if you wish.

All questions carry equal marks.

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



**Your essay should be 500–800 words long. Use examples to support your arguments.**

- 1 How far is it possible for corporations to combine profit-making with ethical business practices?
- 2 Consider the relative merits of state schools and private schools in **your** country.
- 3 'Foreign aid should be the responsibility of private individuals and established charities, not governments.' How far do you agree?
- 4 'Prisons make people worse rather than better.' What is your view?
- 5 'Developing countries cannot afford 'green' technology because they have more urgent priorities.' What is your view?
- 6 'The majority of the world population believe our climate is changing, but only a minority believe this change is caused by man.' What is your opinion?
- 7 To what extent do traditional values influence **your** country's progress?
- 8 'A census is no more than a headcount.' How far would you agree with this statement?
- 9 What kind of advertising do you find ineffective and unconvincing? Give reasons for your choices.
- 10 'Happiness is not the absence of problems but the ability to deal with them.' Discuss.
- 11 How useful and rewarding do you find social networking sites?
- 12 What makes **your** country different from other countries?

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