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# **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**

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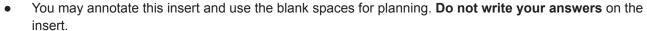
Paper 1 Written Exam

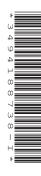
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## **INFORMATION**







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#### Source 1

Non-violent, peaceful protest rejects the use of physical violence and force to achieve social or political change. This way of creating change has been used all over the world in campaigns for social justice. It is described as the power of ordinary people.

An important idea of non-violence is that the power of rulers and governments depends on the cooperation of citizens. Non-violence challenges ruling power by removing the goodwill and cooperation of citizens.

Non-violent, peaceful protest often involves the following methods:

- protest marches and campaigns
- non-cooperation and disobedience, including strikes
- · occupation of buildings and publicity stunts

## Source 2

Citizens everywhere are concerned about the following global issues:

Unemployment and lack of economic development	Environmental damage and loss of biodiversity
Pandemics and limited health care	Global warming and climate change
Poverty and social inequality	Crime and political corruption
Migration and refugees	War, armed conflict and violence

Globalisation means that these issues will affect all countries. We cannot ignore these global issues if we want a secure future. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals reinforce the need for action.

Protest movements will grow. We need to join together to make the world a better place. Time is running out. Don't ignore the situation.

Adapted from a leaflet published by an action group working towards global social justice

#### Source 3

My research question was, 'Why do people use peaceful protest to create change?'

I joined a protest march in Mumbai, India. The march was about the environment. One hundred questionnaires were given to protestors at random. There were five questions in the survey:

- What are you protesting about?
- Why did you choose a protest march?
- Do you think this protest march will make a difference?
- What other methods of protest have you used?
- Why don't you just write to the government?

About 20 questionnaires were completed and sent back by post.

Most protestors said the protest march brought the issue to the attention of politicians. Marches are often reported on national news channels.

Adapted from a research project on protest movements

#### Source 4

#### **Aput**

Strong action is sometimes necessary. If our survival is threatened by global warming or war, it is right to protest. People with power sometimes do not listen. They look after their own vested interests.

Acting alone I can change my behaviour and lifestyle. But change on a large-scale needs a mass movement of people to persuade governments to change laws or invest more money to solve the problem.

History shows us the value of peaceful protest. Look at the impact of Martin Luther King in America or Mahatma Gandhi in India. Greta Thunberg is an example today.

Research in 2021 from respected academics shows that the number of protest movements worldwide has increased. In 2006 there were 70 protest movements, this rose to 240 in 2020.

Protest is growing because many powerful people do not listen.

#### **Panuk**

You have a point, Aput. However, I believe it is wrong to break the law or disrupt other people's lives to bring your perspective to everyone's attention. It is selfish and undermines democratic processes.

It is better to write to the government. My father is a local politician and he reads all the letters he receives from people in his region. He says that the letters make a difference because he wants their votes.

Everyone should take personal responsibility for their behaviour. Change should begin with each person altering their own lives. Volunteer to work with groups supporting your cause. Buy products that reflect your values. For example, if you want to protect the environment, eat more vegetarian and organic food. Many people doing many small things can have more impact than your protest marches.

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