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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 1 Essay

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)



INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **one** question.

You are advised to write an essay of 600–700 words. Use examples to support your arguments.

- 1 Governments should prioritise the needs of people living in rural areas over the needs of people living in cities. Discuss. [30]
- 2 To what extent do traditional arts and crafts provide an understanding of **your** country's history? [30]
- 3 The world is more divided now than ever. Examine this statement. [30]
- 4 Prisons play a positive role in keeping societies safe. Evaluate this view. [30]
- 5 Online learning is the future of education. Discuss. [30]
- 6 To what extent has genetic engineering positively changed people's lives? [30]
- 7 The lack of clean water is a significant threat to human survival. Discuss. [30]
- 8 Works of fiction have no relevance to the reality of everyday life. Evaluate this statement. [30]
- 9 Effective censorship of the media is **not** possible today. Discuss. [30]
- 10 To what extent do you agree that it is possible to achieve equality of wealth in **your** country? [30]

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