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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.

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Answer **one** question.

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

- 1 Evaluate the actions which could be taken in **your** country to improve the welfare of disadvantaged people. [30]
- 2 'Prison is ineffective in deterring criminal activity and rehabilitating offenders.' Examine the possible alternatives to prison sentences. [30]
- 3 'The joy of sport is in taking part, rather than watching.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 4 'Not enough is being done to tackle the problems of waste disposal.' To what extent is this the case in **your** country? [30]
- 5 'The overuse of antibiotics has made them less effective.' To what extent is this a serious threat to health? [30]
- 6 Assess whether or not mobile phones have improved human communication. [30]
- 7 To what extent should television and radio be independent of government control in **your** country? [30]
- 8 'Monsters in films, fairy tales and books force us to imagine the worst about ourselves.' Evaluate this statement with reference to at least **two** examples. [30]
- 9 'It is important for cultures to preserve their traditional beliefs and customs.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 10 'Free medical care is a fundamental right of all citizens in every country.' To what extent do you agree? [30]

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