



Cambridge International AS Level

ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

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 'Election results are rarely predictable.' Discuss. [30]
- 2 To what extent should schools be allowed to decide their own curriculum? [30]
- 3 To what extent has the world become a 'global village'? [30]
- 4 'In the digital age, we are more reliably informed than we have ever been.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 5 'Our oceans are becoming choked with plastic debris, causing damage to all forms of life.' Evaluate the possible solutions to this environmental issue. [30]
- 6 To what extent do you agree that tourists should not be encouraged to visit remote parts of the world? [30]
- 7 'Scientific research and development could eventually increase human life expectancy to 150 years.' To what extent is this desirable in **your** country? [30]
- 8 'Sculpture has existed since early times.' Evaluate the cultural significance of this art form. [30]
- 9 Examine whether or not the reading of fiction enhances our understanding of human nature. You should refer to novels you have read. [30]
- 10 Examine whether objects that are used every day should be beautiful as well as useful. [30]

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