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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 For many people, the past is more appealing than the present or the future. Discuss. [30]
- 2 Evaluate the view that it is justifiable to use animals in scientific research. [30]
- 3 Water is becoming a major reason for conflict between nations. Discuss. [30]
- 4 To what extent are workers' rights respected in **your** country? [30]
- 5 All countries are now better prepared to prevent the spread of disease. Evaluate this statement. [30]
- 6 Tourism always has a damaging effect on the environment. To what extent do you agree with this statement? [30]
- 7 To what extent do you agree that reading is the best way to acquire knowledge? [30]
- 8 Using statistical data is crucial when making decisions. Discuss. [30]
- 9 To what extent does online news remove the need for printed newspapers? [30]
- 10 Participation in drama or other performing arts brings only benefits to young people. Discuss. [30]

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