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ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

Paper 12 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 International aid never reaches those communities that are most in need. Discuss. [30]
- 2 Evaluate the view that increasing surveillance threatens people's privacy. [30]
- 3 People achieve more success working in a group than on their own. Discuss. [30]
- 4 A person's welfare is the responsibility of their family. To what extent is this true in **your** country? [30]
- 5 Not enough is being done in **your** country to tackle climate change. Discuss. [30]
- 6 To what extent is migration from rural to urban areas beneficial to a country? [30]
- 7 Clinical trials for new medications should always be ethical. Discuss. [30]
- 8 To what extent are works of non-fiction more important than fictional works? [30]
- 9 The ability to communicate in more than one language is unnecessary. Discuss. [30]
- 10 Evaluate the importance of live music to people in **your** country. [30]

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