

Cambridge International AS Level

ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER**8021/12**

Paper 1 Essay

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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 Evaluate the view that freedom of speech is always desirable. [30]
- 2 Examine the reasons why so many wars and armed conflicts continue in the world today. [30]
- 3 To what extent can the hunting of wild animals be justified? [30]
- 4 To what extent are formal examinations the best way to assess a child's academic development? [30]
- 5 To what extent could the cost of health care be reduced in **your** country? [30]
- 6 To what extent is mathematical estimating needed in everyday life? [30]
- 7 Examine the view that motor cars create more problems than benefits. [30]
- 8 To what extent do you agree that advertisers target the most vulnerable members of society? [30]
- 9 Animal characters in fictional writing are included for entertainment only. Discuss. [30]
- 10 Evaluate the importance of the arts in **your** country's heritage. [30]

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