



Cambridge International AS Level

ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

Paper 1 Essay

8021/12

May/June 2020

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. Blank pages are indicated.



BLANK PAGE

Answer **one** question.

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

- 1 'The provision of foreign aid by wealthier nations is motivated as much by self-interest as by a desire to help.' Assess this view. [30]
- 2 'The hunting of wild animals should be discouraged.' Discuss. [30]
- 3 'Education is the most important factor in increasing social and economic opportunities.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 4 To what extent is knowledge of the past a good guide to future events? [30]
- 5 Computer hacking is the greatest threat for the communication of information on the internet. Discuss. [30]
- 6 Assess the advantages and disadvantages of free health care for all. [30]
- 7 'It is more desirable to live in a city than in a rural area.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 8 'Autobiographies are more reliable than biographies.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 9 'National celebrations, rather than uniting people, can divide them.' To what extent do you agree with reference to **your** country? [30]
- 10 Evaluate the importance of the live music and/or theatre experience for both performer **and** audience. [30]

BLANK PAGE

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge Assessment International Education Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at www.cambridgeinternational.org after the live examination series.

Cambridge Assessment International Education is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which itself is a department of the University of Cambridge.