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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 All young people in **your** country should spend time serving in the armed forces. Discuss. [30]
- 2 To what extent do the personal characteristics of politicians influence how people vote? [30]
- 3 It is important to limit how long someone works each day. Discuss. [30]
- 4 A country's government should do everything possible to control the spread of infectious diseases. To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 5 The protection of the underwater environment should be the world's most urgent environmental concern. Discuss. [30]
- 6 Living a longer life is **not** always desirable. To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 7 The problem of the global food shortage will never be solved. Discuss. [30]
- 8 People should have the freedom to wear whatever clothes they choose. Discuss. [30]
- 9 To what extent has society become too influenced by advertising? [30]
- 10 To what extent is it important to keep traditional arts alive in **your** country? [30]

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