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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.

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Answer **one** question.

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

- 1 Assess the reasons for the decline of religious observance in some societies. [30]
- 2 'The legacy of colonialism is alive today in many forms.' Discuss. [30]
- 3 To what extent is continued global population growth sustainable **and** desirable? [30]
- 4 'Beautiful spaces enhance personal well-being.' Examine whether such spaces are valued and maintained in **your** country. [30]
- 5 Scientists can now successfully edit genes in human embryos. Assess the advantages **and** disadvantages of this. [30]
- 6 Discuss whether an individual's online activity should be monitored in the fight against crime and terrorism. [30]
- 7 Examine how important it is that the production of traditional crafts continues in **your** country. [30]
- 8 'Fascination with the sea is common among writers, composers and artists.' With reference to any forms of artistic expression, suggest why the sea might provide inspiration. [30]
- 9 'Television advertising rarely tells the truth.' To what extent do you agree? [30]
- 10 Identify the unique characteristics of a city in **your** country and explain the extent to which these characteristics are significant. [30]

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