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**GENERAL PAPER**

**8001/13**

Paper 1

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**1 hour 15 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **one** question.

The total time includes an allowance for you to study the questions before you begin your answer. You may make notes during this time if you wish.

All questions carry equal marks.

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This document consists of **2** printed pages.



**Your essay should be 500–800 words long. Use examples to support your arguments.**

- 1 How much truth is there in the old joke that ‘economists have predicted ten of the last five recessions’?
- 2 How far would you agree that there is no real difference between government and opposition in most democracies?
- 3 ‘International sporting success is not necessarily dependent on a large population.’ Discuss.
- 4 To what extent are the elderly revered or ignored in **your** society?
- 5 Assess the benefits and drawbacks of cosmetic surgery.
- 6 How far should the state interfere with an individual’s right to smoke and drink alcohol?
- 7 To what extent can an individual in a developed country function effectively without the internet?
- 8 ‘Organic farming can never solve the world’s food problems.’ Discuss.
- 9 ‘Too many video games promote aggression and violence.’ How far do you agree?
- 10 As long as we communicate, does it matter if we are grammatically inaccurate?
- 11 ‘It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.’ How far would you agree with this view?
- 12 Which novels have you least enjoyed studying at school? Give reasons for your choices.

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