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**GENERAL PAPER**

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**2 hours**

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 **two** questions.

Each question must be taken from a **different** section.

Use examples to support your arguments.

Each answer should be about 500–600 words in length. Short answers may score lower marks.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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



**Each essay should be 500 – 600 words long. Use examples to support your arguments.**

### **Section 1**

- 1 A meritocracy offers opportunities for advancement through individual ability and achievement. To what extent is **your** society meritocratic?
- 2 Would you agree that the Olympics are less about sports and more about nationalism and commercialism?
- 3 Should tax payers be expected to subsidise the cost of university courses?
- 4 How important is it to be an 'ethical consumer'?
- 5 'Positive discrimination is essential to help minority groups succeed.' How true is this claim?

### **Section 2**

- 6 How far is it true that a country's climate governs how the people live and work?
- 7 To what extent is a lack of cooperation amongst countries impeding the development of successful energy policies?
- 8 'It is no longer sufficient to have armed forces because future wars will also be fought in cyberspace.' Discuss.
- 9 Should immigrants have to pass language proficiency and citizenship tests before they are allowed to settle in their host countries?
- 10 DNA tests are now affordable and easy to obtain. Consider the arguments for and against DNA testing.

### **Section 3**

- 11 What purposes are served by awards, and award ceremonies, in the film and/or book industries?
- 12 What role does art and design play in **your** life?
- 13 To what extent should news be 'in the public interest' and not just 'interesting to the public'?
- 14 Which natural attractions in **your** country are in greatest need of conservation? Give reasons for your choices.
- 15 'A society that cannot laugh at itself cannot learn from its failings.' How far do you agree?

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