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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.

All questions carry equal marks.

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

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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 To what extent are small businesses in **your** country still affected by the recent financial upheavals?
- 2 How effective are the police in tackling crime where **you** live?
- 3 How important is the buying power of the over-60s to **your** country's economy?
- 4 'Social security and welfare payments are essential in any modern society.' How far do you agree?
- 5 'There are few remaining sports where players abide strictly by the rules.' How far do you agree?

### **Section 2**

- 6 'Our demand for energy justifies drilling anywhere.' Consider this claim.
- 7 To what extent would you agree with Al Gore that 'the science is settled' with regard to global warming?
- 8 'Modern society is too reliant on "pill-popping".' Assess this opinion.
- 9 To what extent do you consider the increasing popularity of internet-based friendships and relationships to be desirable?
- 10 How far is tourism in Space viable?

### **Section 3**

- 11 'Television is a weapon of mass distraction.' How far would you agree?
- 12 Which foreign culture appeals most to you? Give reasons for your choice.
- 13 'Great writers explore ideas of universal significance.' Show how this applies to a writer or writers from **your** region.
- 14 '3D does not add anything of value to the cinema.' What is your opinion?
- 15 How far would you agree that art is 'anything you can get away with'?

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