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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



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.

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.

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



Section 1

- 1 How effective, so far, are the measures **your** country has taken to counteract the global financial crises?
- 2 ‘Anybody who ignores history is foolish.’ How far would you agree?
- 3 To what extent would you agree that **your** country has the government it deserves?
- 4 How far should immigration be encouraged or discouraged?
- 5 Assess the advantages of living in an extended family.

Section 2

- 6 Account for the strong preference for male babies in some societies.
- 7 Assess the advantages and disadvantages of hydroelectric power generation.
- 8 How effectively engaged are young people in environmentally friendly projects in **your** region?
- 9 Account for the popularity of console and computer games.
- 10 ‘Personal income should be sufficient to cover decent shelter, clothing and food.’ How well are these ‘basics’ fulfilled in **your** society?

Section 3

- 11 To what extent has television had a negative impact on ‘live’ entertainment?
- 12 To what degree have local languages influenced spoken and/or written English in **your** country?
- 13 Would you consider **your** society to be too fashion conscious?
- 14 How far do you agree with the suggestion for paying to access content on the internet?
- 15 To what extent are Shakespeare’s works still relevant today?

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