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1 hour 15 minutes

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 **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.

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



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

- 1 How far has confidence in financial institutions been undermined in **your** country since 2008?
- 2 How much importance should governments place on raising consumer awareness?
- 3 'Tyranny is always better organised than freedom.' How far would you agree?
- 4 'It is essential to maintain the integrity of sport.' Discuss this statement in the light of recent scandals in various sports.
- 5 'No limits whatsoever should be placed on medical research.' Discuss.
- 6 How efficient is the transport infrastructure in **your** country?
- 7 Consider how far web services such as Twitter and Facebook are a force for harmony or discord.
- 8 What do you understand by 'sustainable development'? How far has it progressed in **your** region?
- 9 'Modern toys fail to stimulate a child's creativity and imagination.' In your experience, how far is this true?
- 10 Which foreign country would you most like to visit? Give reasons for your choice.
- 11 'The media pay far too much attention to people who do not deserve it.' How far do you agree?
- 12 'Modern buildings are ugly; historic buildings are beautiful.' To what extent would you agree?

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