Cambridge International AS Level

ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER

Paper 1 Essay

SPECIMEN PAPER

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

● Answer one question.
● Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
● Dictionaries are not allowed.

INFORMATION

● The total mark for this paper is 30.
● All questions are worth equal marks.

This document has 4 pages. Blank pages are indicated.
You are advised to write an essay of 600–700 words. Use examples to support your arguments.

1. Evaluate the extent to which your country has achieved equality for all of its people. [30]

2. In most countries age restrictions on certain activities, products and services are imposed on young people. Evaluate whether these are always necessary. [30]

3. Evaluate whether international sporting events will always be affected by corruption. [30]

4. ‘Some countries have become too powerful.’ What is your view? [30]

5. Should the quality of healthcare in your country depend on both government funding and an individual’s ability to pay? [30]

6. Evaluate the view that attitudes towards mathematics will have to change as the world modernises and becomes more technological. [30]


8. How important is it for artists (for example, singers, musicians or dancers) to perform to a live audience? [30]

9. ‘The design and appearance of shops and cafés is an important way of attracting customers.’ Evaluate this view of shops and cafés in your country. [30]

10. ‘Writing a true story is more difficult than writing fiction.’ Discuss. [30]