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**GENERAL PAPER**

**8001/13**

Paper 1

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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.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

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 What is the greatest social challenge currently being faced by **your** country and how is it being met?
- 2 Assess the strengths and weaknesses of coalition governments.
- 3 What options, other than imprisonment, would you think appropriate for the punishment of criminals? Justify your suggestions.
- 4 Should quality and durability be essential features of consumer goods?
- 5 Several countries that pioneered and developed wind power technology are less enthusiastic about it now. Is their lack of enthusiasm justified?
- 6 What advantages and disadvantages do you see in studying for a qualification online?
- 7 Consider the arguments for and against using the resources of the Polar regions.
- 8 'Natural disasters bring out the best in a nation's people.' How far is this true?
- 9 'Sport makes a significant contribution to society.' How far do you agree with this claim?
- 10 To what extent are social networking sites a danger to privacy?
- 11 You are designing a literature syllabus for post-16 students in **your** country. Indicate which local writers you would include and why.
- 12 Would you consider rap to be a 'chant' or a 'rant' or, indeed, something else?

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