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**PERSUASIVE WRITING**

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**TIME ALLOWED: 30 MINUTES**

5 minutes reading and planning time

20 minutes writing time

5 minutes checking time

**STUDENT'S NAME:**

WRITING

Read the instructions on the **ANSWER BOOKLET** and fill in your **NAME, SCHOOL** and **OTHER INFORMATION**.

Use a 2B or B pencil.

Do **NOT** use a pen.

Rub out any mistakes completely.

You are **NOT** allowed to use a dictionary or an electronic translator.

Educational  
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## Example of a persuasive writing task

### TELEPHONE BILL

Date	Start Time	Call Type	Number Called	Duration	*Call Charge	**Charged Amount
02/05/11	11:30:43	X2Z	0304040404	00:12:29	6.92	0.18
07/05/11	11:32:32	X2Z	0304040404	00:08:52	4.97	0.18
07/05/11	14:03:11	NA	129292929	00:04:23	2.55	2.55
07/05/11	17:11:03	NA	129292929	00:03:32	2.09	2.09
07/05/11	17:40:46	X2Z	0304040404	00:01:55	1.22	0.18
08/05/11	17:04:47	X2O	0301010101	00:01:42	1.10	1.10
09/05/11	12:51:32	NA	0994141414	00:01:13	0.84	0.84
12/05/11	10:12:14	NA	199292929	00:01:09	0.80	0.80
22/05/11	17:05:03	X2Z	0304040404	00:01:00	0.72	0.18
29/05/11	13:06:26	NA	0941414141	00:00:59	0.71	0.71

Call monitoring



Techinfo Card  
Mr John Citizen

Computer chip



Electronic tag



Security camera

**'New technologies have provided society with more ways to record and keep information about its people but this has led to a loss of privacy. The loss of privacy is justified by the benefits gained.'**

Do you agree with this statement? Write an argument to persuade the reader of your point of view.

You may wish to consider the following points as you plan your writing:

- technology provides information that may save lives
- people are not aware of the kind of information being collected about them

In your writing you should provide reasons to support your argument. Write persuasively so that the reader is convinced by your argument.

## HINTS

- Use the planning time to organise your ideas.
- Stay on the topic: **The loss of privacy resulting from new technologies is justified by the benefits gained.**
- Your writing should include an introduction and a conclusion.
- Write in paragraphs.
- Write in sentences that are well structured and varied.
- Use correct spelling and punctuation.
- Keep your writing concise.
- Use the time at the end of the task to edit your writing.

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Indonesia	Year 11
Malaysia	Form 4
New Zealand	Year 11
Singapore	Secondary 3



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- Rub out all mistakes completely.
- Print your details clearly in the boxes provided.
- Make sure you fill in only one oval in each column.

**EXAMPLE 1:** Debbie Bach

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
D	B
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I	E

**EXAMPLE 2:** Chan Ai Beng

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
C	H
H	A
A	N
I	B
B	E
B	E
N	G

**EXAMPLE 3:** Jamal bin Abas

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
J	A
A	M
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FIRST NAME to appear on certificate

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Are you male or female?  
 Male  Female



Does anyone in your home usually speak a language other than English?  
 Yes  No

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH

Day	Month	Year
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CLASS (optional)

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