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General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level

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**GENERAL PAPER**

**8004/13**

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**2 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**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 **two** questions.

Each question must be taken from a **different** section.

Use examples to support your arguments.

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.

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



**Each essay should be 500–600 words long. Use examples to support your arguments.**

### **Section 1**

- 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 ‘All governments need to levy taxes.’ Explain which taxes you consider to be fair or unfair.
- 4 What options, other than imprisonment, would you think appropriate for the punishment of criminals? Justify your suggestions.
- 5 Should quality and durability be essential features of consumer goods?

### **Section 2**

- 6 Several countries that pioneered and developed wind power technology are less enthusiastic about it now. Is their lack of enthusiasm justified?
- 7 What advantages and disadvantages do you see in studying for a qualification online?
- 8 Consider the arguments for and against using the resources of the Polar regions.
- 9 Recent research has claimed that the poorly educated will age faster and possibly die younger. What is your view?
- 10 ‘Natural disasters bring out the best in a nation’s people.’ How far is this true?

### **Section 3**

- 11 ‘Sport makes a significant contribution to society.’ How far do you agree with this claim?
- 12 To what extent are social networking sites a danger to privacy?
- 13 You are designing a literature syllabus for post-16 students in **your** country. Indicate which local writers you would include and why.
- 14 How far would you agree that the film industry is focusing too much on ‘blockbusters’ based on comic books and video games?
- 15 Would you consider rap to be a ‘chant’ or a ‘rant’ or, indeed, something else?

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