



CHELtenham
COLLEGE

16+ Entrance Examination Paper
2015 - 2016

English as an Additional Language

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Instructions

- Answer **one** question.
- You may **not** use a dictionary.
- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.

Information

- You will be marked on the content, organisation (structure) and grammatical and lexical accuracy of your formal writing.

Advice

- It is advisable that you spend some time planning the content and structure of your essay before you start writing.
- You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.

Candidate's name: _____

First Language: _____

Answer **ONE** of the following questions. Write **at least** 300 words.

1. Biotechnology companies all over the world are developing different types of genetically modified (GM) crops. However, not enough is known about the effect these crops have on our health and the environment. Interfering with nature in this way should be stopped.

To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

2. The government should reduce the amount of money spent on local environmental problems and instead increase funding into urgent and more threatening issues such as global warming.

To what extent do you agree with this view? Can you suggest any solutions for the different environmental problems we face? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

3. An increasing number of people are now using the Internet to meet new people and socialise. Some people think this has brought people closer together while others think people are becoming more isolated.

Discuss both sides of this argument and give your opinion. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

4. The best way to help underperforming pupils is to have compulsory after school activities that they must attend. This way they will become more involved in school and their grades will improve.

To what extent do you agree? Can you think of other ways to help struggling students? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

5. Over the last few decades there have been an increasing number of cases of famous people being hounded by the press. Some people think that famous people in the media have no right to privacy, while others believe that privacy is a basic human right.

Discuss both sides and give your opinion. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.