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PRE-IB / IB ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
YEAR 11 AND 12
ENGLISH

FAMILY NAME FIRST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH (DDMMYYYY)/...../.....

Please read this information carefully before the examination starts.

- This examination is 60 minutes long



Davos* for students

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Over the past three days, 70 people, considered the world's top students, have been in Dublin to sort out problems such as climate change, global conflict and the future of education. No pressure, then. The event concluded last night with the presentation of awards at Dublin City Hall. We asked international students Josh Zoffer, 5 Amy Burnside and Moeka Komachi what the future holds.

Q: What's the biggest challenge facing your generation?

Josh: "Apathy. I think our generation faces a crisis of individualism. People are often more focused on themselves that on large problems, and the big challenge is to change that."

10 **Amy:** "Our worth as people has come to be defined by what we do. And struggling to find meaningful work for young people has affected self-esteem. I think depression has really spiralled because of that, and, particularly in Ireland, a lot of people have left to find that meaning, which is not always available here."

15 **Moeka:** "Being overwhelmed by having too much going on; there are too many choices and too much knowledge out there. I don't know if I'm choosing the right things."

Q: Are you optimistic or pessimistic for your generation?

20 **Josh:** "Optimistic. We have one of the most talented, best-educated generations in world history entering adulthood. We have more resources to help mobilize people and to fight problems."



Amy: "I think there is a great sense of hope that it doesn't have to be the way it is now forever. Particularly in Ireland, I think things are moving in the right direction. It's just very slow."

25 **Moeka:** "Can I say 'realistic' instead of 'pessimistic'? Unless we are guided to try to figure out what to do with our knowledge, I feel we are just going to be left overwhelmed and lost."

Q: What big idea do you have?

30 **Josh:** "Consumer social responsibility: getting people to buy products that are sourced and produced responsibly, getting people to care about where everything they buy comes from - that is one of the best ways of getting corporations to change the way they do business."

35 **Amy:** "Greater dialogue between disciplines. When people talk about their passion and share it with you, you can find out things you don't know about your own discipline, and you can work together to make something more valuable."

Moeka: "Being able to extend beyond your comfort zone."

Davos for students': the brightest undergrad brains ponder the big issues.

Joe Humphreys. 16 November 2013, Courtesy of *The Irish Times*.

*Davos: refers to the World Economic Forum



Question paper for Davos for students (20 marks)

Answer the following questions:

1. What did the seventy students who attended the conference in Dublin have in common?

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2. Which of the issues discussed at the conference addressed war?

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3. Which word between **lines 6 and 16** is similar in meaning to “indifference”?

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4. From statements A to D, select the **two** that correspond to Josh’s responses to the interview questions. Write the letters in the boxes provided. [2 marks]

- A. The most talented generation is governing the world.
- B. Lack of concern is the biggest challenge facing young people today.
- C. Raising consumer awareness will result in positive change.
- D. Thinking about yourself helps you to concentrate on the greater challenges.

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5. From statements A to D, select the **two** that correspond to Amy's responses to the interview questions. Write the letters in the boxes provided. [2 marks]

- A. Today's youth are slowly but surely heading the right way.
- B. Others know more about your speciality than you do.
- C. Our professions determine our value as human beings.
- D. Self-esteem is rarely dependent on career choices.

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6. From statements A to D, select the **two** that correspond to Moeka's responses to the interview questions. Write the letters in the boxes provided. [2 marks]

- A. One should use knowledge freely.
- B. An excess of information and alternatives results in confusion.
- C. We should establish ourselves within our comfort zones.
- D. It is important to be a risk-taker.

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Choose the correct answer from A, B, C or D. Write the letter in the box provided.

7. According to Amy, the rate of depression among young people...
- A. has decreased significantly.
 - B. has increased significantly.
 - C. is difficult to determine.
 - D. is slowly disappearing.

8. Josh is optimistic about the future because...
- A. human and other resources are better than they used to be.
 - B. resources to help people move are improving.
 - C. resources with which to fight problems are scarce.
 - D. the new generation wants to address global issues.



The sentences below are either true or false. Tick [✓] the correct response, then justify it with a relevant brief quotation from the text. Both a [✓] and a quotation are required for a mark.

Example: 80 of the top students in the world ... True _____ False ✓

Justification:.....70 people, considered.....

9. The venue for the forum was London.

True _____ False _____

Justification:

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10. Josh believes the biggest challenge is one of indifference.

True _____ False _____

Justification:

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11. Moeka believes that 'realistic' is the same as 'pessimistic'. True _____ False _____

Justification:

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12. Amy says people should co-operate.

True _____ False _____

Justification:

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13. Moeka states that you should remain in the state in which you feel happy.

True _____ False _____

Justification:

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Complete the following table by indicating to whom or what the word/s underlined refer/s:

In the phrase...	...the word/s...	refer/s to....
Example: I think <u>our</u> generation (line 7)	ourthe generation of the world's top students.....
13. the big challenge is to change <u>that</u> (line 8/9)	that
14. depression has really spiralled because of <u>that</u> (line 12)	that
15. everything <u>they</u> buy comes from (line 31)	they

