PAPER D

Practice Question

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PERSUASIVE WRITING
DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL INSTRUCTED.

TIME ALLOWED: 30 MINUTES
5 minutes reading and planning time
20 minutes writing time
5 minutes checking time

STUDENT’S NAME:

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.

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Example of a persuasive writing task

Members of your local community are campaigning to stop the sale of junk food to children under twelve years of age. They want fast food outlets and shops to stop selling junk food to children unless they are with an adult.

STOP!!!

the sale of junk food to under-12s

SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN
Is it a good idea to stop selling junk food to children under twelve?

You have been asked to write an article to present a young person’s point of view about this campaign.

Here are some things to think about before you start your planning:

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<th>OR</th>
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<td>children like to eat junk food</td>
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<td>junk food is unhealthy</td>
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<td>shopkeepers will not be able to check the age of every child</td>
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<td>parents should check what their children eat</td>
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In your writing you should clearly argue your point of view. You should provide reasons to support your argument. Include some of your own ideas as well.

Your writing should convince readers to agree with you.

**HINTS**

- Use the planning time to organise your ideas.
- Stay on the topic: **Is it a good idea to stop selling junk food to children under twelve?**
- Begin with an introduction that tells the reader your point of view and finish with a conclusion that sums up your arguments.
- Write in paragraphs.
- Write in sentences that are correct and varied.
- Pay attention to spelling and punctuation.
- Use the time at the end of the task to check and improve your writing.
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Australia       Year 6
Hong Kong       Primary 6
Indonesia       Year 7
Malaysia        Standard 6
New Zealand     Year 7
Singapore       Primary 5
HOW TO FILL OUT THIS SHEET:

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

FIRST NAME: [To appear on certificate]

LAST NAME: [To appear on certificate]

Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

Does anyone in your home usually speak a language other than English?

- Yes
- No

School name: _______________________________

Town / suburb: _______________________________

Today’s date: __/__/____ Postcode: ____________