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PAPER J Practice Question

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

Call monitoring

Electronic tag

Security camera

Computer chip

TELEPHONE BILL

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‘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.
The following year levels should sit THIS Paper:

- Australia: Year 12
- Hong Kong: Form 6
- Malaysia: Upper 6
- New Zealand: Year 13
- Singapore: Junior College 1
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: ____________________________