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GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 2

For examination from 2024

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Answer **all** questions.

The Insert contains the passages for comprehension.

Note that up to **15** marks out of **50** will be awarded for your use of language.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer **all** questions.

Your answers should be:

- written **in your own words as far as possible**. Where you select the appropriate material from the passage for your answer, you must still use your own words to express it.
- written in **continuous prose**.

From Passage 1

1 In paragraph 2, the author states that ant colonies exhibit the behaviours of ‘decentralised, self-organised systems’. Give **two** examples of how the author supports this claim.

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2 Using paragraph 3, identify **two** ways in which humans are smarter in groups than individually.

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3 Explain the author’s use of the phrase ‘Human swarming’ (line 16).

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4 In paragraph 4, how is ‘the power of connection’ utilised by humans?

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5 In what **three** ways is the final sentence (lines 40–42) an effective conclusion to the author’s argument as set out in paragraph 1?

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From all the passages

- 7 Passage 1 states that ‘The more information that is collected, the more powerful the “swarm” response can be’ (lines 37–38).

Identify **one** specific idea from Passage 3 which can be used to undermine this statement. Justify your answer.

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- 8 Passage 2 states that ‘once your personal information is out there, there really is no way to stop it from being circulated or used’ (lines 25–26).

Identify **one** specific idea from Passage 3 which can be used to support this statement. Justify your answer.

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