

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 4

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This paper consists of two parts: Part A, Group Interaction; and Part B, Individual Response. Part B will immediately follow Part A. DO NOT write anything on this page.

PART A Group Interaction

You will be given 10 minutes to prepare. The time allowed for the group interaction is 8 minutes (or 6 minutes for a group of 3 candidates). You may make notes on the notecard provided and refer to your notes during the discussion.

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You and your classmates are organising a school forum about innovation and influential technology leaders. You may want to talk about:

- why entrepreneurs like Elon Musk attract global attention
- the benefits and risks of ambitious technological ideas
- how young people can develop creativity and innovative thinking
- anything else you think is important

PART B Individual Response

The examiner will ask you one or more questions based on Part A. You will have up to 1 minute to respond.

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EXAMINER

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PART B Individual Response

1. Have you heard of Elon Musk before? What do you know about him?
2. Why do you think technology entrepreneurs are so influential today?
3. Do you think ambitious ideas are important for progress?
4. What qualities do you think successful entrepreneurs should have?
5. Do you think young people today are interested in innovation and technology?
6. How can schools encourage students to become more creative and innovative?
7. Do you think technology leaders should have social responsibilities?
8. In your opinion, what technological changes will most influence our future?