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GENERAL PAPER

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Paper 2

27 August 2025

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, CG and tutor's name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

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 in your answer, you must still use your own words to express it.
- written in **continuous prose**.

From Passage 1

- 1 According to the author, why are many shoppers 'increasingly disillusioned' (line 6) with online shopping?

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- 2 From lines 17–22, explain **two** ways in which the author uses language to depict the 'hyper-competitive' (line 17) environment of online retail.

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- 3 Explain the author's use of the phrase 'endangered species' (line 27).

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- 4 What does the phrase 'quietly siphons' (line 34) suggest about the impact of online shopping?

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- 5 How do the examples in lines 40–47 illustrate the author's argument that 'the planet's future is becoming dimmer' (lines 47–48)?

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- 6 Identify **one** way in which the final paragraph provides an effective ending to the author's argument.

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7 Summarise what the author has to say about the positive effects of online shopping.

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From all the passages

- 8** Passage 1 states that 'we constantly believe that if we have this or that product, our lives will be infinitely better' (lines 9–10).

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

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- 9** Passage 2 states that 'the ability to shop anytime, from anywhere, means you can manage your life with less stress and more efficiency' (lines 12–14).

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

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How far do you agree that online shopping is beneficial?

- the ideas and opinions from **at least** one of the reading passages
- examples drawn from your own experience and that of your society.

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