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2022 Deferred English Exam – Paper One

The Question

In TEXT 1, Paula Meehan talks about being part of the first “global generation”.

Write an article to be published in an online journal, on what it means to be part of a “global generation”.



Layout Tips for a Convincing Article

- Engaging title (e.g., 'Connected Yet Divided: Defining the Global Generation').
- Byline
- Clear introduction with a hook
- Body paragraphs for each key idea, supported by quotes and evidence.
- Conclusion summarising ideas and offering a thought-provoking insight.



Tone and Language

- Formal but accessible tone.
- Personal but professional style.
- Use of rhetorical devices where appropriate.
- Varied sentence length for interest.
- Balanced argument showing benefits and challenges.



Consider...

- Personal reflections: How does being part of the global generation affect daily life?
- Global trends: Identify and discuss two trends that define this generation.
- Balance: Explore the tension between local and global influences.
- Call to action: How can individuals contribute to a better global community?



Pre-Reading Suggestions

- Introducing Generation G: The Global Generation:
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbescommunicationscouncil/2018/07/17/introducing-generation-g-the-global-generation/>
- BBC Bitesize (basic overview but some useful terms)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zp8jwnb#zb6phcw>



Pre-Reading Suggestions

- This is a long paper, but if you scroll down a few pages to the table of contents, you can narrow down your search. https://www.youth.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Globalisation_The_Youth_and_The_Truth.pdf



Possible Points

In what way are we part of a 'global generation'?

- Connected through the internet and exposed to global trends.
- Quote: 'The internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow.' – Bill Gates.

Advantages of global connectivity:

- Access to information and global movements.
- Cultural exchange and participation in global issues.

Possible Points Continued

Challenges of being global citizens:

- Mental health issues from global crises.
- Global inequality and identity struggles.
- Quote: 'It is not differences that divide us, but our inability to celebrate those differences.' – Audre Lorde.

Responsibilities:

- Address sustainability, promote empathy, and preserve local cultures.

How Should We Respond?

- Take a measured approach to technology.
- Advocate for justice, equity, and sustainability.
- Call for education systems to teach global citizenship alongside national pride.
- Empower young people to create positive change globally.

Some Quotes You Might Wish To Use

- 'The future belongs to young people with an education and the imagination to create.' – Barack Obama.
- 'Man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated.' – Ernest Hemingway.
- 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' – Martin Luther King Jr.