

Year 9 Academic Scholarship

Persuasive Writing Paper

Instructions:

- You have **60 minutes** for this paper.
 - You should answer **TWO** of these questions.
 - Spend **30 minutes** on **each** question that you choose.
 - Answer each question on a new sheet of paper.
 - A good answer will make an informed and reasoned argument which clearly addresses the question.
- a) “The NHS cannot any longer provide free health care for all, so we should make obese people and smokers pay for their health care in order that the NHS survives”. Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement, referring to the possible implications for society of making such a policy.
- b) “If we genuinely want to give each child the opportunity to discover their talents, we should not restrict their options by making some subjects like Maths, English and Science compulsory at GCSE”. Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement, examining the issues of choice of curriculum in a secondary school.
- c) “If we stopped thinking in terms of human rights, and instead focused on the need for people to meet their responsibilities, the world would be a better place.” Explain whether you agree or disagree with this statement, examining the issues surrounding both rights and responsibilities.
- d) “It is never appropriate for a government to restrict freedom of speech.” Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement.
- e) “The age at which people are allowed to vote in elections should be lowered to 16.” Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement, examining the implications for society of this change.



- f) "It is a waste of time giving aid to counties in Africa." Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement, examining the issue from the perspective of both donor and recipient.