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16+ Scholarship Paper 2025

Subject: General Paper

Time: 1 Hour

You must have:

Pen
Pencil

Total Marks

25

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name.
- Answer the questions in the answer sheets provided.
 - *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is **25**
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 - *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Write your answers neatly and in good English.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Read the following article:

President Trump's Announcement to Halt USAID in Third-World Countries

In recent years, global aid and international relations have been shaped by the actions and policies of various world leaders, including former U.S. President Donald Trump. One of the most controversial decisions during his administration was the announcement to halt U.S. foreign aid, particularly through USAID (United States Agency for International Development), to several developing countries, often referred to as the "Global South." This policy change reflected Trump's "America First" approach, prioritizing national interests and reducing foreign spending. The decision to cut foreign aid was justified by arguments around fiscal responsibility and the desire to ensure that U.S. taxpayer money was being used to directly benefit American citizens. However, this move raised significant concerns about its long-term effects on the countries receiving aid, many of which are grappling with poverty, health crises, and environmental challenges.

U.S. foreign aid has historically played a vital role in supporting development projects, humanitarian relief, and disaster recovery in some of the world's poorest regions. USAID, in particular, has been instrumental in providing health assistance, improving infrastructure, promoting education, and supporting democratic governance in many third-world countries. The cessation of this aid has profound implications, both in terms of the immediate humanitarian consequences and the broader political and geopolitical landscape. Critics argue that cutting USAID will not only exacerbate existing inequalities but may also diminish America's global influence and damage its relationships with key strategic partners.

YOUR TASK:

Write an essay that includes commentary on the following points.

- a) **The Humanitarian Impact of Halting USAID in Developing Countries:** Explore different viewpoints on how halting USAID funding could affect countries that rely on it for basic services.
- b) **The Political and Geopolitical Ramifications:** Discuss to what extent the reduction in U.S. foreign aid may cause affected countries to seek support from other global powers, and what implications this will have on U.S.
- c) **The Ethical Debate Around Foreign Aid and National Interests:** Address the ethical implications of reducing aid to developing countries – offer a conclusion to your views above.

