



Cambridge International AS & A Level

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES & RESEARCH

9239/12

Paper 1 Written Exam

May/June 2024

INSERT

1 hour 30 minutes

INFORMATION

- This insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.
- You may annotate this insert and use the blank spaces for planning. **Do not write your answers** on the insert.



This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

The following documents consider issues related to the impact of technology. Read them **both** in order to answer **all** the questions on the paper.

Document A: adapted from *Why El Salvador made Bitcoin an official currency*, an article written by Timothy B Lee, published in 'Full Stack Economics' in 2021. The author is a journalist who has led a team covering tech policy at the 'Washington Post' and has a master's degree in computer science from Princeton University (US), where he created software.

Salvadoran president, Nayib Bukele, has announced that El Salvador is the first nation in the world to make Bitcoin, a cryptocurrency, an official currency.

Content removed due to copyright restrictions.

Even if cryptocurrency doesn't turn out to have such a bright future in the long run, positioning El Salvador as the world's most Bitcoin-friendly jurisdiction might be a savvy tourism and business development strategy.

Document B: adapted from *Cryptocurrencies Impacting The Environment*, an article written by the ASEAN Post team, published in 'The ASEAN Post', Malaysia, in 2021. The ASEAN Post is a digital media platform, focusing on geopolitics, renewable energy, financial technology, and the environment, in Southeast Asia.

Cryptocurrency is a virtual currency.

Content removed due to copyright restrictions.

It is however important for developers, miners and users to recognise the environmental implications of the technology.

BLANK PAGE

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge Assessment International Education Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at www.cambridgeinternational.org after the live examination series.

Cambridge Assessment International Education is part of Cambridge Assessment. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is a department of the University of Cambridge.