INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC

Directions:  You will have 10 minutes to look at the picture, read the information and think about the questions on the back of this page.

This information will introduce the general topic of the exam and the questions are to encourage you to think about what information you will read and hear. The exam topic will be the same for all parts of the exam.

You will NOT be graded on this part of the exam.
GLOBALIZATION

Globalization is a term used to describe a global society of people connected by commerce, trade, diplomacy and technology. It causes the increase of trade around the world, especially by large companies producing and trading goods in many different countries. Available goods and services or social and cultural influences gradually become similar all over the world.

Rapid growth and stronger economies in China, India, and other countries that were poor 20 years ago, have been positive aspects of globalization. But globalization has also generated significant international opposition over concerns that it has increased inequality and environmental damage.

Think about these questions:

1. What do you think the effects of globalisation are on__________________?
   - the economies of the world
   - the environment
   - politics
   - cultures

2. Is globalization a positive thing or a negative thing? Or both? Why?