

### **Marker's Note – Ideation State 2018 Years 5 & 6**

When marking this paper, please keep these paragraphs in the forefront of your mind (taken from the paper):

Your task is to **decide, explain and justify** the response that the United Nations will adopt.

Will they be **open** or **conservative**? Or **both**? Will they use **technology**, or the powers of **human communication**? **Who** will be there? Is there a **backup plan**? All of these questions and many more need to be considered.

The best solutions will combine a range of **strategies and technologies**, and will be **realistic** yet also **forward-thinking**. It is critical to consider the potential **lasting effects** for humanity, both **negative and positive**. As much as this event will be about **protecting** our own planet and species, it also presents an **opportunity** like no other. Whether that opportunity is able to arise through **cooperation** or **exploitation** is something that teams will have to consider carefully. The best solutions will have **contingencies** for a range of possibilities, but with an **overarching** theme and **preferred approach** - we simply **cannot know** how the aliens will respond to us!

Although, of course, there is a fairly rigid marking criteria for the paper, I have tried to incorporate the requirements of the passage above, particularly the inclusion of a 'preferred approach', backup plans and the potential for both negative and positive consequences.

Teams who demonstrate this depth of thought in their answers should be awarded the best marks. It may even be **preferable** to examine their responses **holistically** before going on to mark in accordance with the criteria, so that an **overall feel** of the level of sophistication of the team's answer can be gained – marks can then be adjusted at the end to reflect this.