

## ACJC 2014 General Paper Prelim Paper 1

1. 'It is increasingly difficult to be ethical in today's world.' How far is this true?
2. 'Obsession with profit should no longer be the driving force for businesses.' Discuss.
3. How important is it to keep secrets?
4. 'A holistic education for all is an unrealistic dream.' Comment.
5. 'Globalisation reduces the likelihood of conflict.' Do you agree?
6. Should limitations be placed on the development of military technology?
7. "If you want to stay in this country, integrate!" To what extent should migrants conform to the culture of their adopted country?
8. 'Longevity is a curse rather than a blessing.' Do you agree?
9. 'The greatest enemy of environmental conservation is politics.' To what extent is this a fair statement?
10. Have we become too obsessed with image?
11. 'Children should be banned from visiting museums.' Discuss.
12. 'People have become too careful about what they say.' To what extent is this true of your society?

## AJC 2014 General Paper Prelim Paper 1

1. 'Religion is losing its influence in today's world.' Do you agree?
2. To what extent has technology had a positive impact on the health of people?
3. How far is it acceptable for animals to be used for financial gain?
4. 'Traditions have no place in modern society.' Discuss.
5. Assess the impact of the media on sport.
6. 'The Arts are only for enjoyment, not for making a living.' Discuss.
7. How important is conformity for your society?
8. 'Fun is overrated.' What is your view?
9. Do you agree that morality is often sacrificed for progress?
10. Is the growing mistrust towards the government in today's world desirable?
11. Should air travel still be encouraged in today's world?
12. How far can the needs of the disadvantaged be met in your society?

### **CJC 2014 General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. To what extent does cinema prepare the viewer for the challenges of modern life?
2. 'To be an effective leader, one needs to be tough and ruthless.' Discuss.
3. Is the knowledge of history still essential to progress in the world today?
4. Does popular art have any real merit?
5. Is the fear of foreigners a myth or a reality in your society today?
6. 'Free speech is more of a curse than a blessing in social media.' Comment.
7. Consider the view that young people today are too indifferent to care about making a difference.
8. 'The answer to environmental damage is not to be found in technology but by leading a simpler life.' How far do you agree?
9. 'Morality is the voice of authority in disguise.' What is your view?
10. How far do you agree that sport divides the world rather than unites?
11. Is democracy in crisis?
12. 'Optimism without realism is just a pleasant delusion.' Discuss.

### **DHS 2014 General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. 'The most popular views are those that are the least wise.' To what extent do you agree?
2. 'Male politicians, living or dead, receive more recognition than female politicians who are far more deserving.' Do you agree?
3. Is there really an appreciation of the arts in your society?
4. How effective are international efforts in easing environmental problems?
5. Discuss the appeal and value of cities.
6. Can we ever be prepared for future crises?
7. 'Being a small country is as much a good thing as a bad thing.' Discuss.
8. 'It makes no sense that people are still interested in or afraid of the supernatural today.' Is this a fair comment?
9. Is the attainment of happiness ever possible?
10. To what extent are foreign films or foreign television programmes significant to your society?
11. Is there any point in preserving traditional games in the world?
12. 'Only the scientist should determine the nature and direction of scientific research.' How far do you agree?

**HCI General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. Do you agree that, as long as no one suffers from extreme poverty, we need not be concerned about income inequality?
2. 'All fashion is sheer foolishness – it engages creativity without purpose and encourages imitation without discrimination.' Discuss.
3. Can the vast amounts countries spend on weapons be justified?
4. Consider the view that imposing international sanctions on a country is usually ineffective.
5. Most young people today can be expected to have between five to seven different jobs in their lifetime. Are you excited or disturbed by such a prospect?
6. 'Given the ever-increasing pace of globalization, it is imperative that governments make every effort to instil a strong sense of patriotism in their citizens.' How far do you agree?
7. 'Unless governments have the courage to make extremely unpopular decisions today, we will all suffer tomorrow.' To what extent does this apply to your own country?
8. 'Any scientific research which has the potential to bring about catastrophic consequences should be banned immediately'. What is your view?
9. What should be the roles and responsibilities of newspaper journalists and why do they often fail to fulfil them?
10. 'Too many people today loudly insist on their rights whilst totally ignoring their responsibilities.' How true is this in your own country?
11. Discuss the claim that social media has been the ruination of the younger generation.
12. Do you agree with the view that comics and cartoons are strictly for children?

**IJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. 'There is little need to pay attention to less developed countries.' Discuss.
2. 'The world today is obsessed with fear.' Discuss.
3. How far should people be individualistic?
4. To what extent do foreign news and foreign entertainment media have a positive impact on your society?
5. Can surveys and polls ever be useful?
6. 'Choice is power.' Discuss.
7. 'Professional sports are a waste of time.' What is your view?
8. How far should businesses help the disadvantaged?
9. 'The Arts are only for the educated.' Discuss.

10. How far are traditional values critical to the survival of your society?
11. 'Big corporations are the main cause of ecological problems.' Do you agree?
12. To what extent does technology have an impact on democracy in today's world?

**MI General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. Should parents always be held accountable for the faults of their children?
2. We are too greedy for our own good. Is this reflective of your society?
3. Should people only work for passion?
4. Should animals be kept as pets?
5. Censorship is a tool for oppression. Do you agree?
6. Discuss the value of innovation in your society.
7. Wastage is the biggest threat to the environment. Do you agree?
8. Should we continue to allow for genetically modified food?
9. How far do you agree that social media activism is ineffective?
10. Should the state intervene in the private affairs of its citizens?
11. Can we ever close the gap between the rich and the poor?
12. The young always sacrifice the future for the present. Do you agree?

**MJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. 'Books are always more powerful than their screen adaptations'. What is your view?
2. Is there any point in having routines in an uncertain world?
3. Should we be concerned with charity when individuals are accountable for their own welfare?
4. Do you agree that the key to good governance is the courage to make unpopular decisions?
5. To what extent has technology stifled creativity in your society?
6. Is nuclear energy the answer to the energy crisis?
7. How far should we rely on statistics when making decisions?
8. 'More attention should be given to the arts, not sports.' Discuss this view with reference to your society.
9. How effective are international efforts in addressing conflicts?
10. Consider the appeal and value of superheroes today.
11. Are religious leaders still relevant today?
12. Consider the view that fashion is aesthetically pleasing, but of little practical use.

**NJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. 'Leadership is more about popularity than ability.' What do you think?
2. Is there still a place for privacy in today's world?
3. Discuss the view that too much faith is placed in scientific progress.
4. 'The advancement of a country is defined by its commitment to the Arts.' Is this a fair comment?
5. Truth is more dangerous than lies. Discuss.
6. How far should the government dictate the personal affairs of its citizens in your society?
7. To what extent do advertisements promote gender stereotypes?
8. 'Photography is no longer about art and more about self.' Do you agree?
9. To what extent has your society achieved inclusiveness?
10. 'Mathematics is more practical than history.' Discuss.
11. 'Protection of the environment is the most serious challenge we face nowadays.' What do you think?
12. 'The ills of the modern world arise from apathy.' Do you agree?

**NYJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. Is there any value in preserving dialects in your society?
2. 'It is the choices we make that matter, not the circumstances we are born into.' To what extent do you agree with this statement?
3. Should we embrace the advances of life sciences so readily?
4. 'Businesses should not be expected to look beyond their own needs.' What is your view?
5. Does the world today give us any reason to be optimistic about the future?
6. In the digital age, do newspapers and magazines still have a place in modern society?
7. Should countries host major sporting events when the basic needs of their own people are not being met?
8. 'Too much faith has been placed in modern medicine.' Do you agree?
9. Discuss the claim that the arts are not for everyone.
10. 'The key criterion for good government is how well the needs of the disadvantaged are met.' Is this a fair assessment?
11. Is obedience always desirable?
12. 'The pursuit of wealth is as much a good thing as a bad thing.' Do you agree? Discuss this view with reference to your society.

**PJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. Does architecture truly reflect the character of a country?
2. 'Charity begins at home.' Is this still practised today?
3. To what extent does religion play a significant role in the lives of people?
4. 'Happiness is much sought after in modern society, but it remains elusive.' Is this true in your country?
5. 'How a country is run should only be left to politicians.' What is your view?
6. 'Technology no longer serves people; people serve technology.' Discuss.
7. 'Creativity can never be taught.' Is this true?
8. 'The fear of punishment does not make society better.' Do you agree?
9. To what extent has capitalism undermined people's freedom?
10. Is nuclear energy really the answer to declining resources and environmental problems?
11. 'Competition should be embraced and not feared.' To what extent is this evident in your society?
12. Consider the view that the Internet could, and should, be regulated?

**SAJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. To what extent should politics be left to the politicians?
2. Should immigration be embraced?
3. 'Economically rich, but culturally poor.' How far is this true of Singapore?
4. 'Young people today are better educated than their parents, but no wiser.' Is this a fair statement?
5. To what extent should technology be used to enhance the human body?
6. Can cities ever be environmentally friendly?
7. 'Privacy is given too much importance today.' Do you agree?
8. Consider the view that the pleasurable things in life are bad for you.
9. Is it true that the aged are always a liability?
10. 'Photography has lost its value today.' Do you agree?
11. Does being pragmatic take the joy out of living?
12. 'Win at all costs.' Is this a true reflection of sports today?

### SRJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1

1. 'For the sake of the planet, tourism should be discouraged.' Discuss.
2. To what extent are international agreements really effective?
3. Is censorship losing its relevance in the modern world?
4. 'Hosting major international sporting events creates more problems than benefits.' Do you agree?
5. Can breaking the law ever be justified?
6. Discuss the claim that your society pays more attention to the Sciences than the Arts.
7. How far should the state interfere in the life of individuals?
8. 'Technological advancements have reduced the problem of poverty.' To what extent is this true?
9. 'You are what you eat.' How far do you agree?
10. 'We have sacrificed too much for economic progress.' Is this true of your society?
11. 'Violence is the only effective weapon available to people who are oppressed.' Do you agree?
12. How important is it for people to understand other cultures?

### **TJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. 'Censorship has no place in the arts.' What is your view?
2. Consider the claim that too much faith is placed in technology.
3. 'The study of history is losing its significance in the modern world.' Is this a fair comment?
4. How important are small businesses to your society?
5. Should we ban the use of animals for sport and entertainment?
6. 'Food security is an increasingly pressing issue in the world today.' Discuss.
7. Should governments provide free healthcare?
8. 'Advertisements should not be allowed to target children.' Discuss.
9. Is there any point in bothering about privacy when very little is private these days?
10. 'It is important to pay more attention to the criminal than the crime.' Do you agree?
11. To what extent can small countries make their presence felt in international affairs?
12. 'Power attracts the worst and corrupts the best.' How far do you agree with this statement?

### **TPJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1**

1. Is gender still a relevant concept in today's world?
2. Balanced reporting is an impossible task. Discuss.
3. The more society advances, the less satisfied it becomes. To what extent is this true?
4. Capital punishment is unbecoming of a civilised society. Discuss.
5. Is multilingualism vital in the world today?
6. Environmental concerns will always play second fiddle to progress. How far is this true in your country?
7. To what extent does science rob man of their sense of humanity?
8. Poverty is not a problem for the rich to solve. Is this a fair comment?
9. Sportsmen get more recognition than they deserve. To what extent do you agree?
10. Is religion increasingly irrelevant in today's world?
11. Is there any value in preserving historical sites in your society?
12. 'Popular opinion is always the right opinion.' Discuss.



### VJC General Paper Prelim Paper 1

1. 'True democracy is not just about having the right to vote.' Do you agree?
2. How effective have global efforts been in resolving the problem of international conflict?
3. Is poverty largely to blame for environmental problems today?
4. 'The world would be a better place if there were no religion.' What is your view?
5. 'The solution to the problem of crime is education.' Discuss.
6. Is it possible for businesses to do well and at the same time do good?
7. 'We have a love-hate relationship with advertising.' Comment.
8. 'The key to mankind's survival lies in scientific research.' Discuss.
9. Is tolerance always a virtue?
10. How far should societies aim to preserve traditional art forms in today's modern world?
11. 'Victim of its own success.' Is this an apt description of the challenges facing your society?
12. Assess the value of the study of History today.