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## TEMASEK JUNIOR COLLEGE JC 2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2010

**GENERAL PAPER**

**8806/02**

**PAPER 2**

**13 Sep 2010**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.  
Additional Material: 1 Insert

### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, CG and GP tutor's name in the spaces at the top of the page.  
Write in dark blue or black pen.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions.  
The Insert contains the passages for comprehension.  
**Note that 15 out of 50 marks will be awarded for your use of language.**

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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This document consists of **7** printed pages and **1** blank page.

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Read the passage in the insert and then answer **all** the questions which follow below. Note that up to fifteen marks will be given for the quality and accuracy of your use of English throughout this Paper.

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**NOTE:** When a question asks for an answer **IN YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE** and you select the appropriate material from the passages for your answer, you must still use your own words to express it. Little credit can be given to answers which only copy words or phrases from the passage.

### From Passage A

- 1 “set free for the day, blinking and smiling with surprise at all this light and space, poor mole-people above ground at last” (lines 7 – 9). What does this imply about city life? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 2 In what way are cities “monstrous parasites” (line 17)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 3 Explain, **in your own words as far as possible**, why “cities are a complete contradiction” (line 31) to the success of human evolution.

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- 4 What is meant by the phrase “urban graveyard effect” (line 49)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 5 Explain the irony of city living. Use material from lines 52 – 56 for your answer.

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### From Passage B

- 6i Explain the meaning of “the city has had its day” (line 1).

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- 6ii** What are the reasons cited by those who say that the city “has had its day” (line 1)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 7** What is the tone intended by the author when he included “Starbucks” (line 13) in his list of “everything” (line 12)?

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- 8** Why does the writer mention a series of examples in lines 46 to 48?

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- 9** Give the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passage. Write your answer in one word or a short phrase.

**From Passage A**

- (a) severed (line 12) ..... [1]
- (b) powerfully (line 20) ..... [1]
- (c) brutal (line 50) ..... [1]

**From Passage B**

- (d) absorbed (line 22) ..... [1]
- (e) epitome (line 50) ..... [1]

- Write your summary in **no more than 120 words**, not counting the opening words which are printed below. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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In your answer, assess some of the issues raised by both writers and support your views with examples drawn from your own observations and experiences.

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