

**CATHOLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2009**

**GENERAL PAPER
PAPER 1**

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WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2009

1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **one** question. Write your full name (as it appears in your NRIC) and your Home Tutorial class on **each** sheet of your answer script. At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together with the string provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry equal marks.

(Note that 20 marks out of 50 will be awarded for your use of language.)

Answer one question from this paper.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

1. Can your generation appreciate the fine arts?
2. Would you agree that foreign aid to poor countries is a necessary evil?
3. Progress is more important than tradition. Do you agree?
4. "The essence of happiness lies in the pursuit rather than in its fulfillment." Discuss
5. "What is my life if I am no longer useful to others?" (Goethe) Do you agree that this is the primary value of a human being?
6. "Are we a nation yet? I would not say we are." (MM Lee, 2009) Do you agree that Singapore is truly a nation?
7. "More conversation is not going to lead to more conservation." Is this an accurate depiction of the fight against environmental damage?
8. Discuss the view that too much faith is placed in science.
9. "A weapon of the masses." To what extent do the media empower the people?
10. "Politics is not about money. It is about trying to do right." What do you think?
11. Discuss the value of dissent in your society.
12. "A marriage is a divorce in waiting." Do you agree with this view of marriage today?