



NANYANG JUNIOR COLLEGE
JC 2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2008

Name: _____ CT: _____ GP Tutor: _____

GENERAL PAPER
PAPER 2:

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1 hour 30 minutes

ANSWER BOOKLET

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Name, Class, and GP Tutor's Name in the spaces at the top of the page.

Answer all questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

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PAPER 2 (50 Marks)
[Note that 15 marks out of 50 will be awarded for your use of language]

NOTE: When a question asks for an answer IN YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE and you select the appropriate material from the passage 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.

Read the passage and then answer the following questions below.

From Paragraph 1

1. What does the word 'axiomatic' (line 1) tell you about the author's conclusion on 'the old calculations of hard power'?

[1]

From Paragraph 2

2. What does the phrase 'all-too-familiar' (line 14) reveal about the author's attitude towards the current measure of India's status in the world? *Justify your answer in your own words as far as possible.*

[2]

From Paragraph 3

3. What do the 2 examples of the US losing the Vietnam War and the Soviet Union's defeat in Afghanistan illustrate about the effectiveness of military dominance? *Use your own words as far as possible.*

[1]

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From Paragraph 4

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4. Explain how soft power differs from hard power? *Use your own words as far as possible.*

[2]

From Paragraph 6

5. What is the intention of countries setting up the likes of British Councils and Confucius institutes?

[1]

From Paragraph 9

6. (a) Explain what the author means by 'family problems are usually hidden behind the veil' (lines 63-64).

[1]

(b) Why is the use of the above metaphor culturally appropriate?

[1]

From Paragraph 12

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8. Identify the word that conveys what the author thinks about the use of soft power as the means of guaranteeing national security.

[1]

From Paragraph 12

9. Explain what the metaphor 'one arrow in a nation's security quiver' (lines 84-85) means. *Use your own words as far as possible.*

[2]

10. Now that you have studied the whole article carefully, look again at the opening headline.

How is the phrase 'SOFT POWER' ironic or contradictory?

[2]

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