



NANYANG JUNIOR COLLEGE

JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2021

Candidate Name: _____ Class: _____ GP Tutor: _____

GENERAL PAPER PAPER 2:

8807/2
Monday 30 August 2021

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.
No Additional materials are required.

ANSWER BOOKLET

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Name, class and GP tutor's name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

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

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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SAQs	/17
Summary	/8
AQ	/10
Language	/15
TOTAL	/50

This answer booklet consists of 7 printed pages including this page

PAPER 2 (50 Marks)

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

*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.*

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1. Explain what the author means by 'thanks to the gift of language, man is destined to be a social and political animal' (lines 1-2). **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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2. Explain how the 'boost in living standards' could enable women to engage in solitary hobbies (lines 9-12). **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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3. In lines 14-17, how does Charles Kingsley present 'tobacco as the ideal accompaniment to the solitary life'?

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4. Explain what the author means when he says that hobbies 'married sociability with solitude' (line 20). **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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5. In paragraph 4, the author states that 'the more civilisation has advanced, the further people have had to go to achieve the sensation of solitude' (lines 23-24). Explain why this might be the case.

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6. In lines 57-60, what distinctions does the author draw between the ways in which hermits in the past and modern hermits isolate themselves?

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7. Why does the author include the information between the double dashes (lines 62-63)?

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8. Explain why the author thinks that the 'blurring' of 'boundaries between solitude and sociability' is disturbing (lines 65-66).

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9. In paragraph 10, how does the author show that 'solitude is both one of mankind's greatest blessings and greatest curses' (lines 75-76)?

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10. Using material from paragraphs 4-7, summarise what the author has to say about how solitude can be involuntary and what effect this can have on people and society.

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.**

Sometimes, solitude can occur not by choice but due to

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11. David Vincent considers how solitude is both a blessing and a curse.

To what extent is solitude a blessing or a curse for your society? In your answer, develop some of the points made by the author and support your arguments with examples drawn from your own experience and that of your society.

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