

# **RAFFLES INSTITUTION 2010 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**

## **GENERAL PAPER**

### **PAPER 1**

Thursday

2 September 2010

1 hour 30 mins

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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer one question from Paper 1.

Head each sheet of writing paper with your name, CT group and the name of your GP tutor.

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

There will be two separate sessions for the GP examination. Your answer to Paper 1 will be collected after 1 hour and 30 minutes. After a break, you will be issued with Paper 2, which is also a 1-hour-and-30-minute paper.

Note that 20 marks out of 50 will be awarded for your use of language in Paper 1.

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**This question paper consists of 2 printed pages, including this one.**

## Paper 1

Answer **one** question from this Paper.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

1. How far is modern consumerism a threat to the environment?
2. 'Inequality is a fact of life.' To what extent should we accept this?
3. Is there still a place for public libraries in your society?
4. Consider the significance of silence.
5. 'The media works best when it gives the masses exactly what they want.' Discuss.
6. Is world government a good idea?
7. 'Scientific decisions should be left to scientists.' To what extent do you agree?
8. 'The best way to make children good is to make them happy' (Oscar Wilde). What is your view?
9. 'Not my problem!' Is this a good attitude to have?
10. Is creativity all about breaking rules?
11. 'Our obsession with speed is getting us nowhere fast.' Do you agree?
12. To what extent should government influence education? Discuss with reference to your country.