

TEMASEK JUNIOR COLLEGE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS 2008

GENERAL PAPER

8806/01

Paper 1

8 September 2008

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, CG, GP tutor's name and question number 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 **one** question.

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

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

Answer **one** question.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

- 1 Examine the importance of reading widely in today's society.
- 2 How effective is the education system in your country in preparing young people for the future?
- 3 Should the mass media always tell the truth?
- 4 To what extent should the State be involved in medical science?
- 5 'The pursuit of happiness will remain what it is – a pursuit.' Comment.
- 6 'The future depends on what we do in the present.' (Mahatma Gandhi) Discuss.
- 7 To what extent should we care about what happens in another country?
- 8 'Young people today have never had it so good.' Is this true of youth in your country?
- 9 'Sports serve society by providing vivid examples of excellence.' What is your opinion?
- 10 Do you agree that technology has made the world more dangerous than ever?
- 11 'In today's globalised world, there are more issues that divide rather than unite us.' What are your views?
- 12 'Leisure time is becoming increasingly scarce today and yet it is becoming increasingly necessary.' Discuss.