



MERIDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE  
Preliminary Examination  
Higher 1

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## GENERAL PAPER

**8807/1**

**Paper 1**

**16 September 2013**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Writing Paper

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### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your **full name**, **civics group** 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 correction fluid or correction tape.

Answer **one** question.

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

Write the **question number** on all the work you hand in.

At the end of the examination, fasten your work **securely** together.  
You do **not** need to submit this Question Paper with your Answer Script.

All questions carry equal marks.

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Answer **one** question.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

1. To what extent does social media pose a challenge for governments?
2. Consider the view that less attention should be given to the pursuit of efficiency in your society.
3. 'The more we progress, the more we need the humanities.' Do you agree?
4. Do you agree that efforts to regulate population size are necessary and effective?
5. Examine the claim that we are living in an age of uncertainty.
6. How effective are international efforts to combat transnational crime?
7. Does the preservation of historical landmarks in your society justify the vast sums of money that are spent on it?
8. Do polls and surveys serve any useful purpose?
9. Does science really give us greater control over our lives?
10. Consider the view that travel is fun but of little value to the tourist.
11. To what extent does your society encourage entrepreneurship among young people?
12. To what extent does technology have a negative impact on written or spoken language?