

ST. ANDREW'S JUNIOR COLLEGE
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

GENERAL PAPER
PAPER 1

8005/1

Monday

25 August 2008

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:
Writing paper

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, civics group and index number in the spaces provided on the answer paper.

Answer **one** question.

Write your name on the separate writing paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper for a question, fasten the sheets together.

If you are unable to answer a question, send in a blank sheet giving your name, civics group, index number and the number of that paper.

INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES

All questions carry equal marks.

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

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Answer **one** question from this Paper

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

- 1 How far do you agree that loneliness is a major problem in city life?
- 2 Corporations can no longer afford to focus solely on profits. Do you agree?
- 3 How far do you agree that the harshest punishment is the least effective?
- 4 Effective communication in the technological age requires the written word more than the spoken one. Comment.
- 5 Should fairy tales still be taught to children?
- 6 Scientific research and applications which are exploitative should not be allowed. Do you agree?
- 7 “The heart cannot be taught where its home is.” How effective are your government’s efforts in creating a sense of rootedness among Singaporean youths?
- 8 Examine the claim that art should be accessible to all.
- 9 The new media challenge social and political boundaries. How far is this true in the modern world?
- 10 “First come, first served.” How far has this served your country’s needs?
- 11 Can spending on space research ever be justified when it has little practical use?
- 12 “Only the educated are free.” Discuss.

