

**TEMASEK JUNIOR COLLEGE
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2015**

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GENERAL PAPER

8807/02

Paper 2

27 August 2015

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and GP tutor's name on all the work that you hand in.

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Answer **all** questions.

The Insert contains the passage for comprehension.

Note that up to **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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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.

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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.

- 1 Why is the promise of continual human progress and improvement 'alluring' (line 8)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 2 What is the author's intention in asking a series of questions in lines 9–11?

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- 3 Why are the words 'failures', 'errors', 'fallacies' and 'naiveties' (line 15) in inverted commas?

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- 4 What is the author suggesting about the nature of philosophy in the last sentence of paragraph 2?

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- 5 Explain what the author means by saying that 'failure reveals just how close our existence is to its opposite' (lines 24–25). **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 6 Why does the author use the phrase 'the most self-aware or enlightened excepted' (lines 40–41)?

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- 7 Explain the author's use of the word 'may' in line 63.

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- 8 Why does the author argue that 'we will be virtually perfect and essentially dead' (lines 71–72) if science solves all our problems? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 9 What does 'biological failure' (line 81) refer to **and** why have we 'pretended not to see it' (line 83)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 10 What is the author's intention in comparing Tolstoy's Ivan in paragraph 9 with Bergman's Block in paragraph 10?

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- 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.**

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