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## RAFFLES INSTITUTION 2010 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

### GENERAL PAPER PAPER 2

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1 hour 30 mins

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Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional material: 1 insert.

### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, CT group and GP tutor's name in the spaces at the top of this page.

Write in dark blue or black ink in the spaces provided on the question paper.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

The insert contains the passages for comprehension.

**(Note that 15 marks out of 50 will be awarded for your use of language.)**

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Content	/35
Language	/15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/50</b>

This question paper consists of **8** printed pages and an insert.

Read the passages in the Insert and then answer **all** the questions which follow below. Note that up to fifteen marks will be given for the quality and accuracy of your use of English throughout this Paper.

Note: When a question asks for an answer **IN YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE** and you select the appropriate material from the passages 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 passages.

### **From Passage 1**

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- 1 What does the word 'hailed' (line 7) suggest about Obama's response to Internet freedom?  
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.....[1]
  
- 2 What are the two opposing views found in paragraph 2? *Use your own words as far as possible.*  
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.....[2]
  
- 3 Why does the author call the cyberskeptics' concerns 'shortsighted' (line 17)? *Use your own words as far as possible.*  
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.....[3]

- 4 'And when dictators fight back against it, they're pushing against a wall of water' (lines 30-31). Explain the metaphor. *Use your own words as far as possible.*

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- 5 Why does the author use capital letters in 'Hermit Kingdom' (lines 45-46)?

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- 6 Give the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passage. You may write your answer in one word or a short phrase.

*From Passage 1:*

(a) agenda (line 5) .....

(b) futility (line 44) .....

(c) leery (line 49) .....

(d) agitate (line 54) .....

*From Passage 2:*

(e) beneficent (line 47) .....[5]

**From Passage 2***For  
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- 7 'He told Chinese leaders that they stood "on the wrong side of history"' (line 7). What was Bill Clinton implying about authoritarian regimes? *Use your own words as far as possible.*

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- 8 What evidence is there that 'the decline of autocrats has been proven false' (line 8)? *Use your own words as far as possible.*

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- 9 What does the author imply when he uses the phrase 'deafening silence' (line 56)? *Use your own words as far as possible.*

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Support your answer by referring to what you have read in both passages and to the situation in your society.

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