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General Paper

8806/02

Paper 2

29 August 2012

1 hour 30 minutes

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1) Write your **name**, **CT class** and **GP tutor's name** clearly in the spaces at the top of this page.
- 2) Write in dark blue or black pen in the spaces provided in the answer booklet.
- 3) Do not use paper clips, highlighters, correction fluid or tape.
- 4) Answer **ALL** questions.
- 5) You may attach additional pieces of writing paper if necessary.

There are **12** questions in this paper.

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

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

You are reminded of the importance of legible handwriting and good presentation.

Staple the passage to the back of this answer booklet at the end of the examination.

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Read the passage 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.

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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 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.

Questions on Passage 1

- 1 How does the second sentence of the passage support the author's initial statement? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 2 Identify two words in the third sentence which indicate the author's attitude towards the predictions of Nostradamus. Explain what each word tells us about his opinion.

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- 3 Why would average standards of living have 'surged' first in Europe(line 21)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 4 Explain the metaphor 'a magazine of magic bullets' (line 29) and show how the author extends this image in the rest of the sentence. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 5 Suggest one way in which new media tools would be of particular value to 'marginalised groups' (line 38).

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- 6 'At the risk of sounding clichéd.' (line 44) Explain why the author says this. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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Questions on Passage 2

- 7 Using material from paragraphs 2-5 of Passage 2, summarise the author's reasons for being pessimistic about the future of mankind.

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.**

The writer is pessimistic about the future of mankind because

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- 8 'Our most shameless sacrifice on the altar of capitalism has been Mother Nature.' (line 16) What is the author's purpose in describing our treatment of Mother Nature in this way? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 9 Why does the author place the word 'investing' (line 30) in inverted commas?

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- 10 Suggest one reason why the author ends the passage with a description of mankind playing Russian roulette.

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- 11 Give the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passage. Write your answer in one word or a short phrase.

Passage 1:

- a) obsolescence (line 16).....
- b) herald (line 27).....
- c) disdain (line 37).....

Passage 2:

- d) state-of-the-art (line 2).....
- e) insatiable (line 7)

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- 12** Polly Panglin and Jeremy Finnister have very different views regarding the future of Mankind. Which writer's arguments do you find more persuasive and why? On balance, do you think that the attitudes and actions of your generation are improving mankind's prospects for the future or making them worse?

Refer to relevant material from both passages as well as your own knowledge and opinions to support your views.

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