



TAMPINES MERIDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE

JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

CANDIDATE
NAME

CIVICS GROUP

H1 GENERAL PAPER

8807/02

Paper 2

29 August 2022

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your **full name** and **Civics Group** in the spaces at the top of the page.

Write in dark blue or black ink on both sides of the paper.

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

Answer **all** questions.

The Insert contains the passage for comprehension.

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

At the end of the examination, submit your Question Paper. You do not need to submit the Insert. The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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This document consists of **6** printed pages and **1** insert.



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 and phrases from the passage.

From Passage 1

- 1 In what way is the quote in lines 1 – 3 an effective introduction to the author's argument?

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- 2 In paragraph 1, what are the characteristics of optimism? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 3 By including the word 'counterproductively' in line 34, what is the author implying about 'the media's excessive focus on bad news' (line 33)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 4 In paragraph 5, what reasons does the author give as to why 'Optimism is a slow march towards incremental betterment' (line 49)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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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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6 Explain what the author means by stating that ‘in preparation, one should assume the worst in order to hope for the best’ (lines 5 – 6).

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- 7 How does the author illustrate the idea that 'everyone, however outwardly normal, is flawed' (line 8)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 8 What are the differences between 'boring and extremely steady politicians' in pessimistic societies and 'eloquent but reactive ones' (line 16)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 9 In paragraph 4, explain why paternalistic societies are willingly accepted by pessimists. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 10 Why has the author written 'bright future' (line 36) in inverted commas?

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- How important is it to be optimistic or pessimistic for you and your society? Support your answer with examples drawn from your own experience and that of your society.

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