

ST ANDREW'S JUNIOR COLLEGE

JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION



Name: _____ ()

Civics Group: _____

GENERAL PAPER

8807/02

Paper 2

Friday, 26 August 2016

1 hour 30 minutes

ANSWER BOOKLET

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, Civics Group and register number on all the work you hand in.

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

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, 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, 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. Which word in paragraph 1 suggests that the news is a distraction?

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2. In paragraph 1, what are the two traits of the news that are likened to 'breathing and blinking'? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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3. Explain the irony in lines 3-7.

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4. Why does the author end paragraph 1 with three dots (...) (line 7)?

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5. What does the author find surprising in lines 8 to 10? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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6. According to the author in paragraph 3, what are the similarities between our responses to the news and to religion? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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7. In paragraph 3, why does the author refer to the news as an ‘assumption-laden perspective’? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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8. Why does the author use the examples of *Romeo and Juliet* and Vincent Van Gogh in paragraph 4?

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9. What does the phrase ‘cocooned in classrooms’ (line 33) suggest about our education in school?

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10. How do the two conclusions about India and women in paragraph 9 support the author’s point in paragraph 10?

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12. In this article, Alain de Botton writes about how we respond to the news. How far are his views reflective of your society?

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