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**GENERAL PAPER**  
**Higher 1**

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Paper 2

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

**ANSWER BOOKLET**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CT Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Index Number: \_\_\_\_\_ GP Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, index number, CT group and GP tutor's name in the spaces provided.

Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

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.)

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| Language           | /15 |
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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.

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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.

1a. Explain what the author means by ‘courage becomes the ladder on which all other virtues mount’ (line 3) as it is used in the passage. [2]

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1b. Explain, in your own words as far as possible, how the reference to Helen Keller in Paragraph 1 substantiates the above metaphor. [2]

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2a. What is the ‘human condition’ (line 17) that the author is referring to? [1]

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2b. Explain why the author used the word ‘horror’ to describe this condition. [1]

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3. In Paragraph 3, the author disapproves of the Vain's definition of courage. Explain two ways by which he shows his opinion. [2]

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- 4a. What does the author imply about the future of those who avoid fear when he paints the scenario 'Five... ten years... total safety and security' from lines 57 to 60? [1]

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- 4b. What is his tone in the description? [1]

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5. Identify two phrases in Paragraph 7 that contrast with the word 'recklessness' (line 74).

(i) ..... [1]

(ii)..... [1]

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. [5]

a) unflinchingly (line 2).....

b) expounded (line 35).....

c) naysayers (line 67).....

d) vanguard (line 68).....

e) palpable (line 73).....

7. Using material from paragraphs 3 to 6, summarise (a) why moral courage is lacking and (b) how people without courage behave. You must ensure you have points for each category.

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Write your summary in no more than 110 words not counting the opening words below. Use your own words as far as possible. [9]

One reason why moral courage is lacking is.....

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8. The author supports the view that having courage is a balance between taking risks and being cautious.

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How far have the people in your society shown courage? Support your answer with examples, making relevant references to the passage.

[9]

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