



NANYANG JUNIOR COLLEGE

JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2013

Candidate Name: _____ Class: _____ GP Tutor: _____

8807/2

GENERAL PAPER

Paper 2:

1 hour 30 minutes

ANSWER BOOKLET

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Name, class and GP tutor's name 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 the 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.

SAQs	/17
Summary	/ 8
Application Qn	/10
Language	/15
Total	/50

PAPER 2 (50 Marks)

Read the passage in the insert and 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 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. What does the word 'frivolous' (line 3) suggest about the story found in the children's English Language test?

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2. Why were the parents surprised by their inability to agree on a common answer to the multiple choice question that followed the story (lines 3-6)?

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3. How would students benefit if 'standardised testing' (line 10) were removed from the education system? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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4. What is the similarity and difference between the 17th-century Puritans (line 15) and modern helicopter parents (line 18)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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5. Explain what the author means by 'neither black nor white, but something too troublingly colourful' (lines 20-21). **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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6. Explain the author's use of capital letters in 'Precious Time' (line 21).

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7. According to the author in paragraph 4, why do today's parents urge their children to read, and why do they 'anxiously' (line 23) do so? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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8. What is the author hinting at by her use of the phrase 'old uneasiness' (line 31)?

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9. Explain the irony in the last sentence of paragraph 6.

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10. What answer does the author give in paragraph 10 to her opening question in line 1?

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11. Using material from paragraphs 8-10 only, summarise what the author has to say about the benefits of reading fiction.

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 benefits of reading fiction are
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12. In this article, Laura Miller makes a number of observations about reading fiction. How applicable do you find her observations to yourself and your own society?

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