

**TEMASEK JUNIOR COLLEGE
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2013**

CANDIDATE'S NAME

CLASS

GP TUTOR'S NAME

GENERAL PAPER

8807/02

Paper 2

16 September 2013

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.
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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and GP tutor's name on all the work that you hand in.
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Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue, correction fluid or correction tape.

Answer **all** questions.
The Insert contains the passage for comprehension.
Note that up to **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 and phrases from the passage.

- 1 Explain why Huxley's scenario is 'no laughing matter' (line 6).

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- 2 What is the author implying about Internet users when he compares them to 'exuberant monkeys' (line 11)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 3 What does the expression 'an endless digital forest of mediocrity' (line 12) suggest about content produced on the Internet?

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- 4 From the examples in lines 14 – 15, suggest **two** reasons why the author uses the word 'amateur' (line 13) to describe the publishing efforts of Internet users.

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- 5 Explain what the author means when he describes the blog as being at 'the heart' (line 16) of the experiment in self-publishing.

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- 6 (a) In what way are the YouTube videographers 'poor fools' (line 49)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 6 (b) What is the author's intent in calling these videographers 'poor fools'?

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- 7 What does 'playing to our gullibility' (line 80) imply about the users of the democratised media? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 8 What does the author's use of the word 'peddle' (line 91) suggest about the blogs of multinational companies? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 9 Explain James Callaghan's quote in lines 98 – 99.

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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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