

**RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**YEAR 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION II 2016**

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**GENERAL PAPER**

Paper 2

**8807/02**

**August 2016**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your class, index number and 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 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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**[Turn over]**

Read the passage 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.

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.

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1. What are the purposes of the author's opening statement?

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2. According to the author in paragraph 1, why is getting married 'a rather complicated business'? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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[3]

3. In paragraph 1, what does the comparison of marriage to employment reveal about people's attitude towards marriage?

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[1]

4. According to the author in paragraph 2, what are the differences between marital success and marital disaster? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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5. Why does the author call contemporary marriage 'a bitter contract' (line 17)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

[2]

6. **Using your own words as far as possible**, explain the paradox which the author describes in lines 32-34.

[1]

7. Why does the author use the word 'mere' in line 43?

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8. In paragraph 10, why does the author compare cohabitation to a 'test drive'?

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9. How does the metaphor in the concluding sentence in paragraph 11 illustrate the writer's point in paragraph 1?

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[1]

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10. Using material from paragraphs 6 to 9, summarise what the author says about how to keep marriage relevant today.

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.**

To keep marriage relevant today, \_\_\_\_\_

[8]

11. Kangetge Nao challenges the traditional definition of marriage and proposes alternatives to keep marriage relevant. How far would you agree with her claims? Relate your opinions to your own society.



