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GENERAL PAPER
PAPER 2
ANSWER BOOKLET

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Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Date: 2 September 2010

Time: 1015 - 1145 hrs

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, civics group and the name of your GP tutor in the spaces provided at the top of this page.
Write in dark blue or black pen in the spaces provided on the Question Paper.
Do not use paper clips, highlighters, correction fluid or tape.

Answer **ALL** questions.

You may attach additional pieces of writing paper if necessary.

Staple the passages to the back of this answer booklet at the end of the examination.

There are 12 questions in this paper.

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
TOTAL	/50

This answer booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

Read the passages 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.

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.

Questions on Passage 1

- 1 Give two arguments from paragraph one which support the view that military power might be less relevant in the future. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 2 "...it is this consideration that leads rational actors to purchase expensive insurance" (line 34). Who or what are the "rational actors" being referred to here? What is the nature of the "expensive insurance" they buy?

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- 3** Summarise Yarger’s reasons for arguing that military power is still of crucial importance in the world today. Use material from paragraphs 2-4 of the passage. Write your summary in no more than 150 words, not counting the opening words which are printed below. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

Yarger argues that military power is still of crucial importance in today's world because.....

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- 4 “Military strength provides a degree of security that is to political and economic order as oxygen is to breathing: little noticed until it begins to become scarce” (lines 40-41). Explain carefully how this analogy effectively conveys the writer’s argument. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 5 “As much as Kim Jong Il may enjoy watching Disney cartoons and eating fast food, Mickey Mouse is not going to persuade him to trade his nuclear weapons for a Happy Meal” (lines 45-47). What point is the writer making here? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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Questions on Passage 2

- 6 What two reservations about the effectiveness of military power does the writer express in the last sentence of paragraph one? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 7 “If you are able to attract others, you can economise on the sticks and the carrots” (line 19). Explain carefully what Professor Nye means here. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 8 What does the writer believe is America's current weakness where soft power is concerned and what does he believe America needs to do to rectify this problem? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 9 "Today, even China, that most combative and cranky of nations, has gone soft by marketing Confucius as a cultural icon" (lines 39-40). Why does the author include the word "even" here? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 10 Give two advantages of soft power compared to hard power suggested in the last sentence of the passage. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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11 Vocabulary

Give the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passages. Write your answer in one word or a short phrase.

a) seminal (Passage 1, line 2).....

b) ignominiously (Passage 2, line 4).....

c) assets (Passage 2, line 25).....

d) leverage (Passage 2, line 32).....

e) prestige (Passage 2, line 37)

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- 12** Harry Yarger argues that hard power is far more important than soft power in today's world whilst Shashi Tharoor disagrees.

Which writer's arguments do you find more persuasive and why? To what extent and how effectively does your country employ both types of power?

Refer to relevant material from both passages, as well as your own knowledge and opinions to support your points.

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