



HWA CHONG INSTITUTION
C2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
Higher 1

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GENERAL PAPER

8807/01

Paper 1

26 August 2015

Additional Materials: Answer Paper

1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **one** question.

Note that **20** marks out of **50** will be awarded for your use of language.

Write your name and CT class clearly on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.

Do not use highlighters, correction tape or fluid.

At the end of the examination, put this question paper at the back of your answer and fasten everything securely together.

<p>YOU ARE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL PLANNING, LEGIBLE HANDWRITING AND GOOD PRESENTATION.</p>



Answer **one** question.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

1. What valuable lessons do you think your country could learn from some of its neighbours?
2. 'Do your duty!' Explore both the possible merits and potential drawbacks of always obeying this directive.
3. Should we be extremely excited or seriously alarmed by the rapid progress being made in the fields of robotics and artificial intelligence?
4. 'Rather than broadening our minds, most foreign travel only serves to reinforce our prejudices!' How far do you agree?
5. 'The greatest happiness for the greatest number.' Is this the best principle to adopt as the basis for good government?
6. Do you agree with the criticism that charities are ineffective organisations that usually do more harm than good?
7. 'Mother Nature knows best.' To what extent do you agree with this piece of traditional wisdom?
8. 'Most non-conformists are merely attention-seekers.' How true is this in your society?
9. 'Nothing happens by chance – there is no such thing as luck.' Discuss.
10. 'Parents should decide for themselves how many children they want to have – governments have no business trying to influence their decision.' What are your views?
11. 'There is nothing special about our species – mankind is merely a slightly more intelligent chimpanzee.' Discuss.
12. Do you agree with the view that art and politics should never mix?