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SERANGOON JUNIOR COLLEGE  
2008 JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

GENERAL PAPER

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PAPER 2

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1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your **name**, **CG number** and **GP Tutor's name** in the spaces provided on the question paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Answer ALL the questions.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question.

The insert contains the passages for comprehension. This Insert need **not** be handed in.

**(Note that 15 marks out of 50 will be awarded for your use of language.)**

For Examiner's Use	
Content	/35
Language	/15
TOTAL	/50

Read the passages in the insert 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 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 is paradoxical about the public's attitude towards security in paragraph 1?

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[2]

2. What does the writer suggest about the public's perception of terrorists in his comment that "our enemies are far more sophisticated than the stereotype of a bearded jihadist." (lines 11-12)? Use your own words as far as possible.

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3. Explain the writer's comment, "It is not a matter of 'if' but rather 'when' such an event will occur." (line 18-19). Use your own words as far as possible.

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4. What is the writer's tone when he comments, "But what are they suggesting" (line 30) and why?

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5. Who are the "actors" (line 35) that the writer refers to and why does he refer to them as such?

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6. What does the writer's use of the word "so-called" (line 38) suggest? Use your own words as far as possible.

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7. What is meant by the phrase "After all, gentlemen do not read each other's mail" (line 42-43)?

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8. Explain the comment "neglect the forest for the trees" (line 46). Use your own words as far as possible.

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9. Explain the use of the quotation marks around the word, “eccentricities” (line 48).

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10. Explain what is meant by the writer’s claim that “the irony cries strong” (line 68)?

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[2]

11. Give the meaning of the following words and phrases as they are used in the passage. You may write your answer in one word or a short phrase.

curtail (line 4) \_\_\_\_\_

conundrum (line 8) \_\_\_\_\_

enshrined (line 52) \_\_\_\_\_

pre-eminent (line 56) \_\_\_\_\_

impetus (line 65) \_\_\_\_\_ [5]

[illegible]

13. Livingstone argues that it is necessary to put national security ahead of individual rights and privacy. What aspects of his argument do you think are valid and why?

Justify your answer with reference to the passage and give your own opinions and examples.

[illegible]



