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NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

SH2 Preliminary Examination

**GENERAL PAPER**

Paper 1

**8806/01**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, 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 **one** question.

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

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

**PAPER 1**

Answer **one** question.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

- 1 The ideal of a true childhood in which a child is protected from potentially harmful outside influences is no longer realistic. Do you agree?
- 2 Should all charity be given freely?
- 3 To what extent are the problems of income inequality being addressed in your society?
- 4 Is the pursuit of nuclear technology desirable in today's world?
- 5 Far too much attention is given to the glamour of sport, rather than real achievement. Do you agree?
- 6 Discuss the importance of photography in our lives today.
- 7 To what extent does the media influence how we perceive world events?
- 8 Alternative lifestyles are an escape from the pressures of modern life. Do you agree?
- 9 Do art and culture play a significant role in the daily lives of people in Singapore?
- 10 History is a vast early warning system that we have too often ignored. How true is this?
- 11 To what extent is religious extremism the greatest threat to the world today?
- 12 Damage to the environment is an inevitable consequence of worldwide improvements in the standard of living. Discuss.