

NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

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Preliminary Examination

H1 GENERAL PAPER

Paper 1

Additional Materials: Paper

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20 August 2008

1 hour 30 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your **name**, **registration no.** and **GP tutor's code** on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
Do not use 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.

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Answer **one** question.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

1 'A nation's right to sovereignty takes precedence over human rights.' Do you agree?

2 'Modern man's drive to excel has had more negative effects than good ones on both himself and his society.' Discuss.

3 Is history merely the story told by the winners?

4 A brand is now an idea: corporations sell a whole identity as part of brand marketing. Do you see anything wrong with this?

5 'Life in Singapore is an example of the benefits of urban life.' Is this your experience?

6 'The best way to alleviate poverty in developing nations is for richer countries to invest heavily in them.' Discuss this view.

7 'Science is our only hope for solving all our environmental problems.' How far do you agree?

8 Can art and technology truly complement each other?

9 'Raising a sport to international levels is the responsibility of the government.' How far do you agree?

10 'We overestimate the power of reason and analytical thinking.' Discuss.

11 'The sole purpose of any multi-national company is to maximise returns to its shareholders.' Do you agree?

12 Young Singaporeans are criticised for being too materialistic and self-absorbed. What do you think?

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Hard work is the key to success. Is this still true in today's globalised world?

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is no such thing as privacy in modern society. Discuss.

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War is solely driven by fear, not ambition. Comment.

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"Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord, find harmony." (Albert Einstein) To what extent is this advice relevant to today's world? **(Conformity)**

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The world would be a better place if everyone knew their place in society. Do you agree with this view?

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The modern woman has paid too high a price for perceived equality. Do you agree?

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It is only through education that we can eradicate terrorism. Comment. **(Terrorism)**

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"Always tell the truth." Is this really good advice?

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It is a fact of life that science and religion will always come into conflict. Is this true?

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Modern advertising has evolved into a new genre of fiction. Discuss. (Media – Advertising)		
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“The aim of science is not to open the door to infinite wisdom, but to set a limit to infinite error.” (Bertolt Brecht) Does this statement still apply to current attitudes toward science?		
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It is impossible to enjoy free speech in today’s society. Is this true?		
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Ethnicity is meaningless in a borderless world. Discuss.		
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How important is a knowledge of Singapore’s heritage and history to our further development as a nation?		
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Movie adaptations never do justice to the written word. Comment.		
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“All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players” (William Shakespeare). To what extent is this a true reflection of life? (Aspects of Modern life)		
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discriminated against in today's world, and what, if anything, should be done to address the issue?

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War is solely driven by fear, not ambition. Comment. **(War)**

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Young people nowadays are forced to grow up too fast. Do you agree?

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Education must encompass more than critical thinking and originality. Comment.

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***How far do you agree that insecurity is the soul of Singapore's domestic security policy?**

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(Gender Issues)

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In the light of recent health alarms, is globalization more a curse than a blessing?

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Young people in Singapore today lack independence.

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Discuss with reference to Singapore.

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In an era of global abundance, poor countries have only themselves to blame for their plight. Is this a fair statement? **(Nation-State Issues)**

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"Reward and punishment are the only effective regulators of human conduct." To what extent is this claim valid in modern society?

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