



RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Year 6 Preliminary Examination

General Paper

PAPER 2

3RD SEPT 2010
FRIDAY

1 ½ HOURS

NAME _____

CLASS _____

INDEX NO. _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL INSTRUCTED.

Write your class, index number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black ink.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

This Question Paper has 8 printed pages, including this cover page. Candidates are to answer on the Question Paper itself.

Additional Materials: 1 Insert

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
(Note that up to 15 marks will be awarded for your use of language.)

QUESTION	MARKS
1	/ 2
2(i)	/ 2
2(ii)	/ 1
3	/ 1
4	/ 1
5	/ 2
6	/ 1
7	/ 2
8	/ 8
9	/ 2
10	/ 5
11	/ 8
CONTENT	/ 35
LANGUAGE	/ 15
TOTAL	/ 50

Read the passage and answer all the questions

Answer **all** questions ***IN YOUR OWN WORDS*** as far as possible. Little credit will be given to answers which only copy words or phrases from the passage. Up to **15** marks will be given for the quality and accuracy of your use of English throughout this Paper.

Questions on Passage 1

1. Why does the writer assert that “to describe the Brunei royal family as rich is like saying Mount Everest is a pebble” (line 4)? [2]

2. (i) According to the author, how did some people react to the news of the auction by the prince? [2]

- (ii) What criticism is being levelled at this group of people and the prince? [1]

3. Explain what the author means by “...as imperial Rome waxed fat on its conquest” (line 17). [1]

4. What does the author convey by referring to the Roman epicures (lines 22 to 23)? [1]

5. Why is the idea of “luxury as excess” (line 24) frowned upon by Christianity? [2]

6. What is the author’s point in ending the passage with Emerson’s words? [1]

Questions on Passage 2

7. Explain the difference between the old and the proposed new system of capitalism. [2]

- Write your summary in **no more than 120 words**, not counting the opening words which are printed below. **Use your own words as far as possible.** [8]

[illegible]

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9. Explain the tone of the author in the first line of the last paragraph. [2]

From both passages

10. Give the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passage. Give only **ONE** answer, in **a single word** or **a short phrase**. [5]

(a) stupendous (passage 1, line 18)

(b) relish (passage 1, line 41)

(c) conduits (passage 1, line 43)

(d) resurgence (passage 2, line 14)

(e) vindication (passage 2, line 19)

11. Grayling shares his perspective on the true meaning of luxury while Singer reminds us how our quest for luxury has derailed us from embracing sound values. With which of the two authors are you most in sympathy? Do you regard the quest for luxury for you and your society as broadly beneficial or harmful? [8]

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END OF PAPER

Content: 35 m; Language: 15m