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CG / GP Tutor:

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SERANGOON JUNIOR COLLEGE
2009 JC2 Preliminary Examination

GENERAL PAPER
PAPER 1

8806/1

17th August 2009

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.

Answer **one** question.

Write your answer on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

You are expected to hand in your essay plan together with the answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry equal marks.

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

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

PAPER 1

Answer one question from this paper.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.

1. Is it now possible to meet the demands of progress without incurring great environmental costs?
2. 'Correction does much, but encouragement does more.' Discuss.
3. Do major sporting events always contribute to harmony and understanding between people?
4. Examine the claim that in a borderless world, there will be no limits to crime.
5. 'The next few decades will see the increasing dominance of Asia.' Discuss.
6. 'The old should not be marginalised.' What is your view with regard to your society?
7. 'The blurring of gender roles is a cause for celebration.' Do you agree?
8. 'Too much focus has been placed on attaining success in today's world.' Comment.
9. Should we embrace the advances in life sciences readily?
10. 'Meritocracy promotes equality.' Discuss.
11. 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' To what extent do you agree?
12. 'Whilst the Arts may be enjoyable, it is of little practical use.' To what extent is this true in Singapore?

END OF PAPER

- 13 Gandhi: 'Those who say that religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion is.' Do you agree?
- 14 The aim of education is the knowledge not of facts, but of values. Discuss.
15. Mandela: 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' To what extent do you agree?