



PIONEER JUNIOR COLLEGE  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

**GENERAL PAPER**  
**Higher 1**

**8807/2**

Paper 2

**29 August 2014**  
**1 hour 30 minutes**

**ANSWER BOOKLET**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CT Group: \_\_\_\_\_

GP Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, CT group and GP tutor's name in the spaces provided.  
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.  
Do not use staples, paper clip, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions in the Answer Booklet.  
The Insert contains the passage for comprehension.  
(Note that **15** marks out of **50** will be awarded for your use of language.)

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.  
The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each part question.

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Content	/35
Language	/15
TOTAL	/50

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## PAPER 2 (50 marks)

Read the passage 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.

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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 does the word 'insatiable' (line 2) tell you about people's desire to learn English?

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[1]

- 2 Explain what the author means by 'the propagation of English is an industry, not a happy accident' (Line 7).

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[2]

- 3 Why does the writer use 'cannibalism' in line 12? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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[1]

- 4 What does the word 'still' in line 12 suggest about the legacy of the English language?

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[1]

- 5 How do critics attempt to 'promote a neutral form of English' (line 20)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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[3]

- 6 What do you understand by English as a 'second first language' (line 28)?

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- 7 How does the author illustrate 'the lengths people will go to in order to learn English' (lines 39-40)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 8 Why do native speakers find the changes in the English language 'disconcerting' (line 75)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 9 From paragraph nine, what difficulties do non-native speakers have when communicating with native speakers of English? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 10 Suggest two ways in which English can take on 'more local colour' (line 94) in different places where it is used.

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[2]

11 Using material from paragraphs 5-8 only, summarise the strengths and challenges of English becoming the dominant world language and cultural force.

As the language of the world, the English language is

[8]

12 In this article, Henry Hitchings argues for the popularity and importance of the English language despite the challenges it faces as a medium of communication among people. To what extent do you agree or disagree with his views? Relate your opinions to you and your society.

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