



**HWA CHONG INSTITUTION**  
**JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**  
**Higher 1**

CANDIDATE  
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**GENERAL PAPER**

**8807/01**

Paper 1

**1 September 2014**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Paper

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer **one** question.

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

**Write your name and CT class clearly on all the work you hand in.**

**Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.**

**Do not use highlighters, correction tape or fluid.**

<p><b>YOU ARE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL PLANNING, LEGIBLE HANDWRITING AND GOOD PRESENTATION.</b></p>
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**At the end of the examination, put this question paper at the back of your answer and fasten everything securely together.**

Answer **one** question.

**Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.**

1. Do you agree that, as long as no one suffers from extreme poverty, we need not be concerned about income inequality?
2. 'All fashion is sheer foolishness – it engages creativity without purpose and encourages imitation without discrimination.' Discuss.
3. Can the vast amounts countries spend on weapons be justified?
4. Consider the view that imposing international sanctions on a country is usually ineffective.
5. Most young people today can be expected to have between five to seven different jobs in their lifetime. Are you excited or disturbed by such a prospect?
6. 'Given the ever-increasing pace of globalization, it is imperative that governments make every effort to instil a strong sense of patriotism in their citizens.' How far do you agree?
7. 'Unless governments have the courage to make extremely unpopular decisions today, we will all suffer tomorrow.' To what extent does this apply to your own country?
8. 'Any scientific research which has the potential to bring about catastrophic consequences should be banned immediately'. What is your view?
9. What should be the roles and responsibilities of newspaper journalists and why do they often fail to fulfil them?
10. 'Too many people today loudly insist on their rights whilst totally ignoring their responsibilities.' How true is this in your own country?
11. Discuss the claim that social media has been the ruination of the younger generation.
12. Do you agree with the view that comics and cartoons are strictly for children?