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# JURONG PIONEER JUNIOR COLLEGE

## JC2 Preliminary Examination 2025

### GENERAL PAPER

### Higher 1

### Paper 2

**8881/02**

**15 September 2025**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

### ANSWER BOOKLET

#### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name and class in the spaces provided above.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, 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.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question.

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SAQ	/ 15
SQ	/ 8
AQ	/ 12
LANGUAGE	/ 15
TOTAL	/ 50

This document consists of **7** printed pages and **1** blank page.

Answer **all** questions.

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Your answers should be:

- written **in your own words as far as possible**. Where you select the appropriate material from the passage for your answer, you must still use your own words to express it.
- written in **continuous prose**.

**From Passage 1**

**1** What does 'crude' in line 4 suggest about money as a metric of personal worth?

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..... [1]

**2** In paragraph 2, how does the author illustrate that success 'breeds a cycle where the successful are driven by an insatiable need for more' (lines 10- 11)?

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**3** In paragraph 3, give **three** human contradictions that 'success exacerbates' (line 16).

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4 In paragraph 4, how is the liberty promised by success often 'illusory' (line 26)?

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5 Explain the author's use of the word 'very' in line 29?

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6 In what **two** ways is the final sentence an effective conclusion to the author's argument?

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Write your summary in **no more than 120 words**.

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From all the passages

8 Passage 1 argues that ‘success exacerbates human contradictions’ (line 16).

Identify **one** specific idea from Passage 3 which can be used to support this statement. Justify your answer.

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9 Passage 2 states that ‘when we achieve a certain level of success, it can free up our time, energy, and resources’ (line 6).

Identify **one** specific idea from Passage 3 which can be used to undermine this statement. Justify your answer.

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Support your answer with reference to:

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