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NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE
Senior High 2 Preliminary Examination
Higher 1

General Paper

Paper 2

8881/02

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.
Additional Materials: Insert

1 hour 30 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your registration number, GP class and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions.

The Insert contains the passage for comprehension.

Note that up to **15** marks out of **50** will be awarded for your use of language.

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

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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 According to paragraph 1, why do human beings collect things?

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2 In paragraph 2, why does the author state that 'it is no surprise...that collectors often repeat the process...to re-experience that moment of discovery' (lines 11-12)?

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3 What does the author mean by saying that the collector is 'not merely an accumulator but also a curator of knowledge' (lines 18-19)?

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- 4 In paragraph 4, give **three** similarities the author makes between humans' and animals' reasons for collecting.

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- 5 Explain the author's use of the em-dash in 'but they speak to broader human desires—for status, for identity, and for permanence' (lines 37-38).

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

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From all the passages

- 7** Passage 1 states that 'the art of collecting offers insight into what we value, how we think, and who we are' (lines 42-43).

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

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- 8** Passage 2 argues that 'psychologically, hoarding is often linked to depression, anxiety, and chronic distress' (line 15).

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

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How far do you agree that collecting as a hobby offers more advantages than disadvantages?

- the ideas and opinions from **at least** one of the reading passages
- examples drawn from your own experience and that of your society.

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