

**ANGLO-CHINESE JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. Is foreign intervention in a country's affairs ever justified?
2. How far do you agree that monitoring and keeping up with trends are a meaningless pursuit?
3. 'Higher living standards cause people to lose sight of the important things in life.' Do you agree?
4. 'Migrants are a threat to the security and stability of a country today.' Comment.
5. 'Propaganda is all around us; no one knows the truth anymore.' Discuss.
6. Is it worth spending large sums of money on the arts in your society?
7. 'Instead of empowering humanity, technology has enslaved humanity.' To what extent do you agree?
8. Will there ever be equality for women in sport?
9. 'Environmentalism needs heroes in order for it to be successful.' Do you agree?
10. 'Despite its current popularity, the future of e-commerce is not bright.' To what extent is this true?

11. 'The reward is in the risk.' To what extent should people in your country take risks?
12. 'Schools have always either neglected or stifled entrepreneurship.' Should schools change to focus more on entrepreneurship?

**ANDERSON JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

- 1 How desirable is city living?
- 2 How far does education in your society prepare students for their careers?
- 3 In times of economic hardship, should a country still invest in the Arts?
- 4 'The global demand for food can only be met at the expense of the environment.'  
To what extent do you agree?
- 5 Is it ever justifiable for the State to intervene in business practices?
- 6 Discuss the importance of museums.

- 7 Should there be any age restrictions for employment?
  
- 8 'Technology has corrupted the beauty of language.' Is this a fair comment?
  
- 9 To what extent should the government be blamed for poverty within a country?
  
- 10 Consider the view that female athletes are less recognised than male athletes in professional sports.
  
- 11 'Countries will benefit more from cooperation than competition today.' How far do you agree?
  
- 12 'Graciousness is of little value today.' How far is this true for your society?

**CATHOLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

- 1 Can fantasy books and films offer anything more than an escape from reality?
  
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the world today?

- 3 To what extent can increased spending on the Arts be justified in your society today?
- 4 Can international peace and stability really be attained today?
- 5 How far do you agree that courses offered in higher education should meet the practical needs of your society?
- 6 'Entrepreneurship is about solving problems rather than making profits.' What is your view?
- 7 Consider the view that women are natural leaders.
- 8 'Despite our rapid technological advancements, we have not improved our lives.' Do you agree?
- 9 'Opportunities for the disabled still fall short of what they should be.' To what extent is this the case in your society today?
- 10 Should we always tell the truth?
- 11 'Democracy has failed the people.' Is this a fair assessment of the world today?
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**DUNMAN HIGH SCHOOL**  
YR6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1 'Sport and politics should not mix.' To what extent do you agree?

2 'People in the Sciences contribute more to society than those in the Arts.' Is this true?

3 Is there any point in fighting for animal rights?

4 Should the State have unlimited power to deal with the increasing threat of terrorism?

5 In your society, how effectively do schools prepare the young for the demands of the economy?

6 'The media promote a sense of fear in people which is unnecessary and undesired.' Discuss.

7 Does travel offer anything more than an escape from reality?

8 'Advances in medical science bring more harm than good.' Do you agree?

9 'Children in your society are victims of their parents' ambitions.' Discuss.

10 'The only way to eliminate crime is to eliminate poverty.' What are your views?

11 Consider the view that design is aesthetically satisfying but of little practical use.

12 'A preoccupation with the self is the curse of modern life.' To what extent do you agree?

**HWA CHONG INSTITUTION**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. 'Strong threats always work better than gentle persuasion.' What are your views?
2. 'In a severely over-populated world, it is irresponsible for any family to have more than two children.' Do you agree?
3. Is it fair to say that only people who have something to hide should be worried about losing their privacy?
4. How far do you agree with the view that advances in military technology actually make the world a safer and more peaceful place to live in?
5. 'If you don't like it here, then get out!' Is this an acceptable response to either fellow citizens or foreign residents who criticise your country?
6. Should we welcome or resist the idea of robots replacing human beings in the workplace?
7. Why are countries so reluctant to cooperate in tackling global environmental problems and what can be done to solve this problem?
8. 'No matter how much scientific progress we make, there will always be more questions than answers.' What are your views?
9. How do you explain society's growing fascination with super heroes? Do you regard this as a healthy or harmful trend?
10. 'Most government campaigns are a complete waste of time and money.' Discuss with reference to your own country.
11. How far do you agree with the view that one of the main problems with the world today is a lack of strong leadership?

12. 'Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play ... it is war minus the shooting.'  
(George Orwell) How far do you agree with this view of professional sport?

**INNOVA JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

- 1 Consider the view that advancements in artificial intelligence will result in more divides.
- 2 Can fiction ever be truthful?
- 3 'There is no place for politics in sport.' Do you agree?
- 4 'We need less, not more, choice.' How true is this today?
- 5 'There is no value in visiting museums today.' Discuss.
- 6 'There is now a greater need for the family.' How true is this of your society?
- 7 Should poorer countries address environmental issues when the basic needs of their own people are not being met?
- 8 Has technology really increased our productivity?
- 9 How valuable is selflessness in today's world?
- 10 'Far too little attention is given to the Arts in education today.' How true is this?
- 11 To what extent are human rights important for people in your society?

12 Discuss the claim that young people are doing nothing good despite being better informed.



**JURONG JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. How important is tradition in your society today?
2. Discuss the claim that Singapore is not doing enough to promote creativity among young people.
3. Consider the view that the best way to fight poverty is to improve the lives of women.
4. Should celebrities be held to higher standards of moral behaviour?
5. To what extent can small countries influence global affairs?
6. 'Music does nothing other than entertain.' Do you agree?
7. Discuss the view that too much faith is placed in green technology.
8. 'Businesses should always seek to maximise profits at all cost.' Is this attitude still applicable today?
9. How effective are international efforts in tackling global health threats?
10. 'Promises should never be broken.' What is your view?
11. 'Censorship does more harm than good.' How far is this true today?
12. 'People should be more concerned about the food they eat and where it comes from.' To what extent do you agree?



**MILLENNIA INSTITUTE**  
**PU3 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016**

- 1** Should the government aim to achieve consensus when making national policies?
- 2** To what extent should people pay attention to the protection of the environment in countries other than their own?
- 3** Do personal opinions discussed on the internet really influence society?
- 4** In your society, how important is it for people to have a common understanding of the past?
- 5** In any kind of work, is it more important to reward people for their results rather than their effort?
- 6** In countries with ageing populations, how far should immigration be encouraged?
- 7** 'Living a life based on principles is all that matters.' Should this view be taken seriously?
- 8** Reading has become less of a private pastime and more of a social activity. Do you agree?
- 9** Is too much being asked of the men in modern family life?
- 10** Dialogue, rather than deterrence by force, is a better way to prevent conflicts between countries. Do you agree?
- 11** How important is personal responsibility in preventing the outbreak of diseases in your society?
- 12** Has space research made any difference in our lives beyond technological

**MERIDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. Should a government restrict the opinions of people given that it is increasingly difficult to do so?
2. An education in the arts should be encouraged as much as the sciences. Discuss this in relation to your society.
3. 'History holds us back rather than spurs us forward.' To what extent is this true?
4. How effective are your society's efforts in going green?
5. Are professional athletes nothing more than mere entertainers?
6. 'The more technology advances, the more schools lose their relevance.' Is this a fair comment?
7. Consider the view that we have not done enough to address the problem of human exploitation.
8. Have we gone too far with animal rights?
9. 'There is greater value in reading fiction than keeping updated with current affairs.' Do you agree?
10. 'No risk, no reward.' Is this good advice for young people in your society today?
11. Consider the view that celebrities could, and should, tackle global issues.
12. 'Myths have no place in the modern world.' Do you agree?

**NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
**JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016**

- 1** 'In today's world, style is more important than substance.' What is your view?
- 2** Consider the view that small countries cannot exert any real influence in world affairs.
- 3** Should scientific research using animals ever be permitted?
- 4** 'The liveability of a city depends on how well its arts scene is developed.' Is this true of your society?
- 5** 'It is increasingly easy for women to make their mark on the world today.' Do you agree?
- 6** 'Good governance is simply about meeting the demands of the people.' What do you think?
- 7** 'Humanity is fighting a losing battle against environmental degradation.' Discuss.
- 8** Is it really possible for your society to achieve inclusiveness?
- 9** 'Only the rich can afford to be ill.' To what extent is this true?
- 10** 'There is not enough international cooperation to solve the problem of migration.' How far do you agree?
- 11** 'Contemporary films are usually entertaining but rarely meaningful.' Do you agree?
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**NANYANG JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. 'Science and business should be kept separate.' What is your view?
2. 'If the arts are regulated, they lose their value.' Do you agree? Discuss with reference to one of the following: performing arts, or visual arts.
3. 'Governments have no right to interfere with family matters.' Discuss with reference to your society.
4. Examine the view that government surveillance does not really contribute to greater security.
5. 'There is opportunity in every crisis.' Do you agree?
6. 'Negotiation, not the use of force, is the way to resolve political conflicts.'  
Discuss
7. 'There is no point in preparing for the future when we do not know what the future brings.' How far do you agree?
8. To what extent is it justified to use animals in scientific experiments?
9. 'It is more difficult to be a parent today.' Discuss.
10. To what extent do multi-national corporations worsen the levels of inequality in the world?

11. How far are young people today loyal to their country? Discuss with reference to your society.

12. 'People in the public eye should not be easily forgiven.' Do you agree?

**PIONEER JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. Discuss the value and appeal of science fiction.
  
2. 'A shrinking world results in more, not fewer problems.' Discuss.
  
3. 'Festivals and rituals still have an important role.' Is this true in your society?
  
4. Is crime a result of poor governance?
  
5. 'It is impossible to balance individual rights with the collective needs of a society.' To what extent is this true?
  
6. Is there a necessity for marriage in this time and age?
  
7. Consider the view that cities are developing at the expense of the environment.



8. Is it true that the world will be an increasingly difficult place for the disadvantaged?

9. Can a national identity ever be forged in multi-cultural societies?

10. 'Profits must be the sole focus of businesses.' Do you agree?

11. 'The job of raising children is made difficult with the prevalence of technology.'  
Comment.

12. 'In the world of modern science and technology we live on the brink of a disaster.' Do you agree?

**RAFFLES INSTITUTION**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. 'Traditions are increasingly irrelevant in today's world.' Do you agree?

2. 'Governments are powerless to deal with the conflicts of today.' Discuss.

3. 'The progress of a society is sustained by the sciences rather than the arts.' How far do you agree with this statement?

4. To what extent should the movement of people across borders be restricted in the modern world?

5. Consider the view that films should educate, rather than simply entertain.
6. In times of economic difficulty, should a country still be concerned with environmental conservation?
7. 'Modern technology always improves the quality of people's lives.' Discuss.
8. How far is the elimination of prejudice a realistic goal in your society?
9. Does competitive sport always contribute to greater harmony and understanding?
10. Examine the extent to which one country's intervention in another country's problems is justified.
11. 'In the modern world, religion divides more than it unites.' Discuss.
12. In your society, how far are young people prepared for the challenges of tomorrow?

**RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
YR6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. 'Greed, not need, is largely to blame for the increase in crimes today'. Comment.
2. To what extent does the media reflect what is wrong with society today?
3. 'It is just as important to unlearn as it is to learn.' Do you agree?
4. 'Without money, conservation is just conversation.' How far do you agree with this view?
5. 'Too much attention has been paid to the elderly at the expense of the young.' How far is this true of your society?
6. 'Tourism impoverishes us.' Do you agree?
7. 'We cannot change the world for the better unless we first change ourselves.' Comment.
8. 'People should have privileges in proportion to their intelligence.' Comment.
9. 'Poverty is not the fault of the poor.' Discuss.
10. Does nostalgia have a place in your society?
11. Do you agree that censorship is the greatest obstacle to progress?
12. 'Science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.' Discuss.

**ST ANDREW'S JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. 'A society that does not value the Arts lacks identity.' Do you agree?
2. Does global aid really improve the lives of those who need it the most?
3. Is social media to blame for our ignorance?
4. Can your society do without the elite?
5. 'Increasing life expectancy is always a desirable goal.' Do you agree?
6. 'A civilised society is characterised by tolerance.' Discuss.
7. 'Technology has imprisoned rather than liberated us.' Is this a fair comment?
8. Is education for girls the cure for poverty?
9. To what extent should immigration be blamed for social ills today?
10. 'It is increasingly difficult to tell right from wrong today.' How far do you agree?
11. 'Businesses should be concerned with environmental protection.' How realistic is this position?
12. 'Politics should not be the business of the common man.' What is your view?

**SERANGOON JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. 'Better to be a pet than a child.' Is this true of your society today?
2. 'We have become too reliant on medical technology today.' Do you agree with this statement?
3. 'Migrants are an inconvenient necessity.' Is this true?
4. 'Environmental conservation, not poverty alleviation, should be the priority of developing countries.' Comment.
5. Should freedom of speech be protected no matter the cost?
6. 'Modern methods of transport have brought the world closer together.' How far is this beneficial?
7. To what extent is poor governance responsible for the increasing insecurity in many countries today?
8. How far should a criminal's age determine the nature of the punishment?
9. 'International cooperation has no place in this competitive world.' Discuss.
10. Is the term 'spoilt generation' a fair description of today's young in your society?

11. Is national identity still important when the world is becoming increasingly globalised?
12. 'Public money should not be wasted on supporting the Arts.' Discuss this view in the light of your society today.

**TEMASEK JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

- 1 Do you agree that good parenting is increasingly challenging in your society today?
- 2 'The internet makes it more difficult for governments to govern today.' How far do you agree with this statement?
- 3 Discuss the view that competitive sport brings out the worst in people.
- 4 To what extent does technology complicate rather than simplify our lives?
- 5 Is education the most powerful tool we can use to make the world a better place?
- 6 'Developed nations hold the greatest responsibility in protecting the environment.' Comment.
- 7 Consider the claim that the media today misinforms more than it informs.
- 8 Is there still a place for loyalty today?
- 9 How far is your society prepared for its most pressing issues?
- 10 'Music is enjoyable, but is essentially a frivolous pursuit.' Is this a fair comment?

- 11 Examine the view that an interconnected world is a more dangerous world.
- 12 'The price of progress has been too high.' To what extent is this true of your society?

**TAMPINES JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

- 1 How far is education the solution to inequality?
- 2 Discuss the claim that gender distinction has no place in the modern world.
- 3 To what extent is it true that the more one pursues happiness, the less happy one will be?
- 4 Consider the view that ensuring law and order is more important than protecting rights.
- 5 'Too much knowledge is a dangerous thing.' Is this true of developments in science and technology in the modern world?
- 6 'The Golden Years.' Is this an accurate description of ageing in your society?
- 7 The key to managing environmental issues lies with corporations. How far do you agree with this statement?
- 8 'The arts liberate but science enslaves.' Discuss.
- 9 'Soft power trumps military might.' To what extent is this true of the globalised world?
- 10 Does the local media still have a role in your society today?



11 'The truth will set you free.' Do you agree?

12 To what extent should we look beyond the interests of our own society when helping the poor?

**VICTORIA JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016

1. How far should the government be involved in the private lives of its people?
2. Is science and technology advancing too quickly for the good of mankind?
3. 'There has never been a better time for the elderly in your society.' Discuss.
4. Should countries encourage migration today?
5. To what extent can education solve the problem of poverty?
6. 'Not enough has been done to tackle discrimination in the world today.' Do you agree?
7. 'Much appeal but little value.' Is this an apt description of tourism in the modern world?
8. 'The value of sports is overrated.' Is this true today?
9. Are ethical practices the key to a successful business?
10. 'Clothes make a man.' Do you agree with this view?
11. Is the library redundant in today's world?
12. Is it fair to say that the arts do nothing to solve the problems of your society?

**YISHUN JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
**JC2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2016**

1. 'The needs of the disadvantaged are well taken care of today.' To what extent is this true of your society?
2. 'The increasing focus on superheroes is detrimental to the development of children.' Discuss.
3. Does literature offer anything more than an appreciation of the language?
4. Should there still be any concerns over gender issues when people are more educated?
5. To what extent has science and technology had a negative impact on people's values?
6. Consider the argument that the main goal of sports is self-interest rather than the greater good.
7. How prepared are societies today for an economic crisis?
8. Discuss the view that given the global energy crisis today, green energy should be the solution.
9. How far is it possible for people to address current realities?
10. How liberal should governments be?
11. To what extent do visual arts promote national identity in your society?

12. 'The world today does not give us any reason to be optimistic about the future.'  
How far do you agree?