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## GENERAL PAPER

Paper 2

**8881/02**

**20 September 2023**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name and civics group on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions.

The Insert contains the passages 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 or part question.

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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 Explain the author's use of the phrase 'dispiriting descent' (line 1).

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- 2 According to the author in lines 10–15, what happens when politicians take office after receiving funding from 'wealthy individuals and corporations'?

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- 3 Explain how lines 18–21 support the author's assertion about democratic politicians being 'averse to imposing near-term pain for long-term gain' (lines 16–17).

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- 4 Using paragraph 4, identify **three** ways in which democracy divides society.

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- 5 From lines 36–39, explain **two** ways in which the author uses language to criticise voting as a way of ‘choosing the leaders a society needs most’.

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**6** Summarise the reasons why democracy is important.

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

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**From all the passages**

- 7** Passage 1 states that 'There is reason to be sceptical of voters' ability to vote well as they are in the dark about many facts' (lines 31–32).

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 states that 'Democracy gives rise to a political system that adapts to changing conditions in society, thus helping societies thrive' (lines 17–18).

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

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- 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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