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C2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
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GENERAL PAPER

Paper 2

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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1 hour 30 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, CT Group and index number on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen in this Question Paper.

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

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.

You are reminded of the importance of legible handwriting and good presentation.

Please submit your Question Paper and Insert separately at the end of this examination.

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This document consists of a Question Paper with **6 printed pages**.
An Insert with **2 printed pages** is attached to this Question Paper.

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Read the passages and then answer all the questions which follow below. Note that up to fifteen marks will be given for the quality and accuracy of your use of English throughout this paper.

NOTE: When a question asks for an answer IN YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE and you select the appropriate material from the passages for your answer, you must still use your own words to express it. Little credit can be given to answers which only copy words or phrases from the passages.

From Passage 1

1. In paragraph 1, what distinction does the writer make between modern researchers and scientists like Newton and Archimedes? ***Use your own words as far as possible.***

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2. Explain what 'with jaundiced eyes' (line 5) reveals about modern researchers' opinion of serendipity's impact on 'meaningful revelations' (line 6). ***Use your own words as far as possible.***

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3. How does the use of language in lines 7-9 paint those who do not leverage serendipity in a negative light? ***Use your own words as far as possible.***

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4. In paragraph 3, how does our use of search engines substantiate the writer's belief that serendipity no longer plays any real part in our lives? ***Use your own words as far as possible.***

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5. Explain how lines 20-21 support the writer's assertion in line 19. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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6. From paragraph 5, explain three criticisms the writer has of 'those who place their faith in serendipity' (line 26). **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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7. Identify one way in which the final paragraph provides an effective ending to the writer's argument.

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From Passage 2

8. How does the writer support his assertion that 'serendipity is the provider of opportunities to achieve greatness' (line 5)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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9. According to the writer in lines 7-10, how does the Ovarian Lottery demonstrate that serendipity should not be underestimated? ***Use your own words as far as possible.***

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10. Using material from paragraphs 3 to 5 only, summarise the reasons for the decline in the belief in serendipity and the negative consequences of this decline.

Write your summary in **no more than 120 words**, not counting the opening words which are printed below. ***Use your own words as far as possible.***

Fewer people believe in serendipity as.....

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Candidate to declare Word Count: _____ words

From both passages

11. Tess Lamare argues that a belief in serendipity is no longer relevant while Simon Chan is of the view we need to restore a belief in serendipity. How far do you agree or disagree with their observations, relating your arguments to your own experience and that of your society?

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