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General Certificate of Education Advanced Level  
Higher 1

## GENERAL PAPER

Paper 2

**8807/02**

**28 August 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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This document consists of **7** printed pages, **1 blank page** and **1** Insert.

Read the passages in the Insert and then answer **all** the questions. Note that up to fifteen marks

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**[Turn over**

**Kommentar [KKK1]:** Not sure if we need a blank page since it's 8 printed pages? (if the summary goes to the page above it then it wld be 7 pages!)

will be given for the quality and accuracy of your use of English throughout this Paper.

Comments

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

### From Passage 1

- 1 From lines 3–7, what is the author's attitude towards the phenomenon of 'tangping' and how does he convey this?

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- 2 In paragraph 1, explain how the phenomenon of 'tangping' is an apt metaphor for 'our acceptance of mediocrity'. **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 3 In paragraph 2, why does the author call the rejection of excellence 'an act of cowardice'? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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**Kommentar [KKK2]:** Should this be a new page, or fit with the page above?

Being 'okay' is not enough for our societies. We .....

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- 6 Using your own words as far as possible, explain the irony which the author describes in lines 51–52.

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### From Passage 2

- 7 Explain the author's use of inverted commas in line 5–6.

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- 8 What reason does the author suggest in paragraph 2 for why pursuing excellence creates 'huge inequalities' (line 8)? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 9 What negative consequences of pursuing excellence are implied in paragraph 4? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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- 10 How does the author support his argument that 'being good enough does not just apply to our individual lives' in paragraph 4? **Use your own words as far as possible.**

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**From both passages**

- 11** Charlie Bing makes the case that we must strive for excellence, while André Spicer argues that we should embrace being good enough. How far do you agree or disagree with their observations? Support your answer with reference to your own experience and that of your society.

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