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**GENERAL PAPER**

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Paper 2

**23 August 2024**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your class, index number and name 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 and **1** Insert.

Answer **all** questions.

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 how the first paragraph supports the author's assertion about people rejecting the 'stress and burnout traditionally baked into work culture' (line 6)?

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- 2** What is the author's purpose in describing individuals settling for mediocrity as 'white noise' (line 19)?

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- 3** From lines 23–27 in paragraph 3, explain two ways in which the author uses language to emphasise the importance of the pursuit of excellence.

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- 4** According to the author in paragraph 3, what would happen if we choose to embrace mediocrity?

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- 5 In paragraph 5, how were American and Japanese car manufacturers different in the way they manage their production process?

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- 6 Identify **two** ways in which the final paragraph provides an effective ending to the author's argument.

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### From Passage 2

- 7 Summarise what the author says about the harms of pursuing excellence and the reasons for living a life which is good enough.

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

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**From all the passages**

- 8 Passage 1 states that 'only through hard work can we attain a successful life' (line 16).

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

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- 9 Passage 2 states that embracing a good enough life 'allows us to be able to become absorbed in projects that mean something to us' (lines 24-25).

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

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**10** The reading passages cover a range of views about the pursuit of excellence.

## How far should we strive for excellence in life?

Support your answer with reference to:

- 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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