



A division of St. Francis Methodist School

## Curriculum Description for Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' Level

### **GENERAL PAPER H1/ 8806**

The syllabus and examination are intended for all candidates who follow the General Paper course of study at subsidiary level at the GCE A level examination. It underscores maturity of thought, independent thinking and the proficient use of language.

The syllabus aims to enable candidates to understand better the world in which they live by fostering a critical awareness of continuity and change in the human experience, demonstrate their understanding of the nature of knowledge by appreciating the interrelationship of ideas from across disciplines, broaden their global outlook while enabling them to remain mindful of shared historical and social experiences both within Singapore and regionally, develop maturity of thought and apply critical reading and creative thinking skills, develop the skills of clear, accurate and effective communication, develop the skills of evaluation of arguments and opinions and promote extensive and independent reading and research.

The candidate will be expected to demonstrate a broad and mature understanding of a range of subject matter from the humanities and culture as well as science and technology, including some issues of significance to Singapore. This includes the ability to acquire knowledge and understanding of diverse topic areas through extensive reading and independent study, \_comprehend the text in detail and as a whole, infer relevant information, summarise information, evaluate information, make observations of patterns and relationships and apply understanding and interpretation in a task derived from the text(s).

The candidate will also be expected to be able to use the accepted conventions of spelling, punctuation and grammar, use a variety of linguistic styles and expressions appropriate to the context, task, and audience, use and demonstrate understanding of a range of vocabulary and present information clearly.

Candidates are tested on two papers. Paper 1 and Paper 2 will be taken at separate sittings within the same day.

#### **Paper 1 (50%)**

This is a 1 hr 30 minute essay paper comprising 12 questions on issues drawn across disciplines, of local interest and national concern. The candidate writes an answer of 500-800 words to any one question.

#### **Paper 2 (50%)**

This is a 1 hr 30 minute comprehension paper of one or two passages, requiring the candidate to answer a range of questions.