



## Upper secondary Week 6

# **PAPER 2 TECHNIQUES** **PART 2**



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On very hot days in the tropics, it is very common sight to see locals and

tourists alike strolling along the beach and enjoy a nice refreshing coconut

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drink. In some places, it is a novelty for a handler to get his monkey to climbing

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up a coconut tree, pluck several coconuts and throw it to the ground. A vendor

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will then skillfully cut the coconut and slice up the top before inserting a straw

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and selling it to eager thirsty customers. Every bit of the coconut can be used

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to the extent that it has been called a “Tree of Life”. It produces drink, fibre,

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food, fuel, utensils and has also been making into musical instruments. It is a

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known fact that when intravenous solutions were in short supply during World

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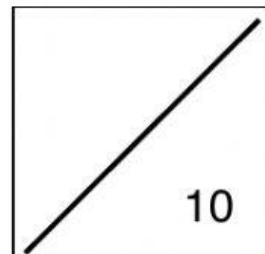
War II, coconut water was used as a substitutes. From a botanist’s point of

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view, the coconut palm is not a tree although it has no bark, no branches or

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secondary growth.



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During times of war, soldiers have been known to dig tunnels to get from one

place to another without being detected. Today, we move from one place and 1. \_\_\_\_\_

another via car and train yet we does not think too much about it. But if you 2. \_\_\_\_\_

were to look at it carefully, it is quite an engineering feat to constructs tunnels 3. \_\_\_\_\_

without the earth caving in on the constructed area. As the definition, think of a 4. \_\_\_\_\_

tunnel as a tubes that has been hollowed through soil or stone. In addition to 5. \_\_\_\_\_

being a conduit for vehicles, tunnels also help carry cables for public utilities 6. \_\_\_\_\_

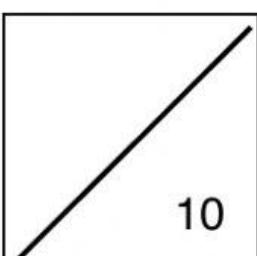
and telecommunications. Tunnels are made by excavating the earth and the 7. \_\_\_\_\_

cross section looks like a continuous arch. The entrance or openings to the 8. \_\_\_\_\_

tunnel is known as the portal, the top portion is referring to as the roof or 9. \_\_\_\_\_

crown while the bottom halved is known as the invert. Tunnel engineers must 10. \_\_\_\_\_

be familiar with physics and how differing forces produces equilibrium.



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When one talks about sports, we usually picture athletes who are in the

prime of their life participating in either individual nor team sports. They look

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good and strive to be in the pinnacle of their chosen profession. On the other hand,

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the major of us are known as 'armchair warriors' who prefer

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barking commands at the athletes on television from the

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comfort of their sofas. Most male armchair warriors sport paunches and beer

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bellies and the most strenuous exercise that they did is to move from their

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seat to the refrigerator to get a beer. With the government's push for a

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healthier society, Singaporeans are encouraged to ask for more vegetables and

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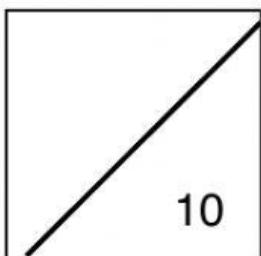
fewer salt at the hawker centres. This will hopefully help them in making more

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nutritious food chooses when they eat out with their families. The next step

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is to get them to exercise more regularly.



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One of the most exciting forms of recreational 'running' to have emerged

amongst youngsters is 'Parkour'. It is a forms of creative urban running with a

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difference whereby runners have to navigate obstacles along their routes

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through acrobatic moves like leaping over walls and gaps as well in performing

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basic ground rolls and precision jumping. It is general accepted that Parkour

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originated in France when its practitioners turn the urban landscape into their

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personal obstacle courses and playgrounds. Yet, it was inspired by the founder's

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observation of the athleticism of the indigenous people in African who had no

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trainer except Mother Nature. He was also a fans of Bruce Lee and merged his

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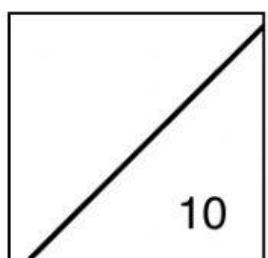
concept of 'being fluid, be adaptable and being able to evolve' into the core

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training philosophy of Parkour, which is also knew as 'Free running', an extremely high

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adrenalin activity.



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Whenever we read storybooks about knights and castles, one creature always

seems to be associated with this medieval period and that are the dragon. This

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mythical creature appear in both Western as well as Eastern cultures but

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no one can be certain that it actually existed. The closest one gets to a dragon

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nowadays is the existence of Komodo dragons. They can be founded on the Lesser

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Sunda Islands of Indonesia and had lived there for millions of years. They

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can grow up to three metres in length and weight about 130 kilograms,

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among the heavier of lizards on earth. These Komodo dragons have long,

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flat heads with rounding snouts and scaly skin along with bowed legs and

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muscular tails but they are relatively agile predators. However, while you

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compare the stereotyped pictures of the Western and Eastern dragons with the

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modern Komodo dragon, there is very little resemblance.

