



EMANUEL SCHOOL

Sixth Form Entrance Exam

Sample Essay

Time Allowed: 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Please read carefully

Write your first name and family name at the top of a blank sheet of A4.
When you are told to do so turn over this paper.

Read the passages and question carefully.
Plan your response in rough first.
Your final essay should be written on no more than one side of A4 paper.

Consider the following comments and develop a piece of writing presenting your points of view on one or more of the issues.

Your response will be judged on:

- The quality of your ideas and opinions, regardless of the position you take,
- How well your argument is organised and structured,
- How clearly and fluently your views are expressed.

You may find it useful to provide a title for your argument.

The media is the watchdog of society, bringing into the open things that many people would prefer to remain secret.

News is more often than not created by the media rather than simply reported by it.

The media is just the modern form of the age-old need to inquire after, listen to and pass on information.

The pervasive influence of the media has meant that people are no longer able to think for themselves; they just repeat whatever they have read in the paper or heard on television or the radio.