

2022 DSE English
Mock Exam
Paper 2 Sample Essays
全港模擬考試寫作分析
Long Task Q2,3,4,5,7,9

| Paper 2 score cut | |
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| Level 1 | 14% |
| Level 2 | 43% |
| Level 3 | 53% |
| Level 4 | 67% |
| Level 5 | 81% |
| Level 5* | 91% |
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Part B Question 2

Topic Analysis

Learning English through Sport Communication

You are Chris Wong, a student athlete who has just participated in a joint-school sport competition and broken a record in a track event. Write an article in your school newsletter to share how regular sporting and practice shape you a better person in terms of mental and physical development.

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| Your role | a student athlete |
| Situation/ Task Requirements | Write an article in your school newsletter to share ... |
| Sub-topics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduction recapping the winning experience and orientation of the article● Physical benefit of sporting● Mental benefit of sporting● Conclusion |
| Target audience | Student readers of school newsletter |
| Purpose of Writing | Share how regular sporting and practice shape you a better person in terms of mental and physical development. |
| Language and Tone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Non-formal● simple present tense for facts● simple past tense for winning experience |

Q2. Model Essay

Benefits of regular sporting and practice

Recently, I have taken part in a joint-school athletic meet and broken a record in 1500m long run. After winning this competition, many people ask me whether they should give a try in doing regular sports. For me, the answer is definitely an affirmative one. Doing sports has a lot of benefits and most importantly, it helps me to maintain a mentally and physically healthy body.

To begin with, doing regular sports helps me to build up a strong physical body. It is no secret that doing sports helps to keep our body fit and maintain a healthy body. For example, since many sports have regular training in the early morning, you are forced to sleep early so as to wake up on time on the next day. You will then develop a healthy lifestyle. Also, you will pay more attention on your eating habit because you will want to keep your body in the best condition and will gradually develop a healthy eating habit. These will undoubtedly benefit to your physical health.

In my opinion, having a stronger mental health is definitely the most valuable benefits that sports have brought to me. Many researches have proved that sports help to reduce the chance of getting mental health problems like depression. When you start a kind of sports, you will develop friendship with your teammates. Your friendship is one of the biggest supports when you are depressed. Whenever I face any difficulties and challenges, my teammates are always supporting me and we face the ups and downs together. Our friendship helps me to develop a better mental health.

Moreover, going sports teaches me how to deal with stress properly. By participating in different competitions, I have learnt that there is no one who can win in every time. I always put this positive thinking in dealing with my school works. After promoting to F6, I have more assignments and tests to do as to prepare my DSE exam. I may not be able to pass every test with a flying color; however, I will never feel too desperate as I know every fail is a chance for me to learn. By doing regular stress, I learn how to deal with stress properly. It helps me to develop a good mental health.

Doing sports is never a waste of time. It may be true that regular training and practicing are exhausting; however, it is true that it brings you a mentally and physically healthy body. As a secondary student, you should be able to strike a good balance between sports and study. So cannot spare time to do sports is never an excuse. I hope that more schoolmates can start doing sports and hope to see you in next year's athletic meet!

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Part B Question 3

Topic Analysis

Learning English through Drama

Recently, dramas on Youtube or other platforms, like HKTV, are prevailing, and it becomes more and more influential in broadcasting industry. Write an article in a magazine to mention the reasons of this trend, how it is different from traditional TV channel and in what way it is more appealing to audience.

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| Your role | An anonymous person |
| Situation/ Task Requirements | Write an article in a magazine |
| Sub-topics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Reasons of rising of non-conventional TV platform● How are they different from conventional TV channel● Why are they appealing to audience● Conclusion or perspective on the future of both platforms |
| Text-types | Article |
| Target audience | the general public |
| Purpose of Writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● let others understand more about non-conventional TV platform and its recent change |
| Language and Tone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Non-formal● simple present tense for facts● simple future for anticipation of future broadband industry |

Q3. Model Essay

A New Trend: Drama on the internet

In this day and age, there are more forms of entertainment and TV dramas on television are no longer the most prevalent one. People prefer to watch TV dramas on other platforms like Youtube rather than on television. In this article, I am going to explore the reason behind this trend and its specialties which make it different from traditional TV.

To start with, the major reason why TV dramas on the internet are so popular is because of the technology advancement. These days, everyone has a smart phone and more easy to gain access to the internet. Once they access to the Internet, can choose to watch TV dramas from all over the world and they have more choices. For example, recently, people like to watch American dramas on the internet by using their smart phones. Because of the larger variety of dramas on the internet, people tend to watch TV dramas on the internet rather than on television.

TV dramas on the internet and from traditional television have quite a lot of differences. For instance, online TV dramas have more genres. Since traditional TV dramas , which are mostly produced by local broadcasting company, are targeting to the local market. So the dramas are usually about romance and suspense. Yet, watching TV dramas on the internet has no geographical limitation. Some of the dramas may be produced by foreigners so there are properly more genres of dramas for audiences to choose.

For audiences, TV dramas online are more attractive compare to traditional TV in a few ways. Firstly, TV dramas on new platforms have more casts which is more appealing to audiences. As mentioned, some TV dramas online are produced by foreign broadcasting company which they can invite different cast. For example, it is very common to see Korean idols appear in different Korean dramas. This definitely helps to attract audiences.

Moreover, living in a cosmopolitan like Hong Kong, everyone has a hectic schedule and they will only squeeze some time to watch an episode of TV drama. When watching TV dramas on the internet, people can fast-forward or skip some parts in the drama. They do not need to waste time on some parts that they are not interested. They can enjoy the drama with less time. This is why TV dramas on the internet appeal many people.

To conclude, watching TV dramas on the internet is very prevalent and has become a trend in today's Hong Kong. I hope that this can simulate the local broadcasting industry and they can produce more high quality TV dramas so as to survive in this competitive market.

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Part B Question 4

Topic Analysis

Learning English through Social Issues

It is observed that the curriculum of Hong Kong primary schools is now becoming more examination and academic oriented, like that of secondary school, and more drills are involved in primary schools syllabuses. You are Chris Wong, who is a current secondary school student. You are asked to give out a speech to your schoolmates to share your opinion and stance about this phenomenon.

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| Your role | Chris Wong, a current secondary school student. |
| Situation/ Task Requirements | give out a speech to your schoolmates |
| Sub-topics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Greeting and introduction● How exam and academic oriented current primary schools are● Excessive drills● recommendation and summary |
| Text-types | Speech |
| Target audience | Schoolmates who listen to your speech |
| Purpose of Writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● to let others know your stance on current primary school curriculum |
| Language and Tone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● semi-formal (talking about a formal issue, yet, your target audience is your schoolmates)● simple present tense for facts● simple future tense for remedies and expectation |

Q4. Model Essay

Good morning principal, fellow teachers and schoolmates. Today, I'm going to share my opinion on the current curriculum of primary schools in Hong Kong. These days, there's a hot debate on the issue of Territory-wide System Assessment (TSA) and revealed the problem of excessive drills in primary school. I'm strongly opposed to this phenomenon as I believe over exam-oriented curriculum will bring adverse effects to the development of primary school students.

To begin with, current primary school curriculum is over exam-oriented. Primary school students these days have to tackle with many examinations. For instance, they have to sit for the TSA when they are promoted to primary three. Also, two years after sitting for the TSA, they have to prepare for the examination which affects their promotion to secondary school. That's why the teaching syllabus in primary schools will be focused in tackling the examinations only rather than the whole person development of students. It is necessary for the Education Bureau to reform the current curriculum as to prevent primary school students becoming an exam machine.

Other than the over exam-oriented curriculum of primary school, there are also excessive drills in primary school. Since these territory wide exams will affect the ranking of the school, students' results in these exams are especially crucial to the school. It is understandable that schools hope to achieve better results in these exams by giving drills and trainings to their students. However, as educationists, they should know better than anyone that primary students are still in their early stage of development and more exposure to the world is better than sitting in front of the desk, doing endless exercises. Primary schools should reconsider their policy of drills and provide more opportunities for students to acquire knowledge outside classrooms. I truly believe that by having a balanced development, students will definitely perform better in the examinations.

Finally, parents should also hold responsibilities of this lamentable phenomenon. When you walk into a bookstore in Causeway Bay, you can see many parents standing in front of the column of exercise books. Parents also like to send their children to tutorial schools. Can you imagine a childhood of attending tutorial classes after listening to teachers at school for eight hours everyday? I would never want a childhood like this. Therefore, it is important for parents to give less pressure to their children and let their children to have a childhood that is not only full of academic works.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that with the cooperation of the Education Bureau, schools and parents, the phenomenon of excessive drills and over exam-oriented curriculum can be reduced and primary students can have a whole person development. Thank you.

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Part B Question 5

Topic Analysis

Learning English through Debating

As a member of the school Debate Team, you are invited to join an inter-house debate competition on the motion 'Smartphones should not be used at school'. You are the first speaker. Write the speech either for or against the motion.

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| Your role | A student who is the first speaker in a debate competition |
| Situation/ Task Requirements | Write the speech either for or against the motion. |
| Sub-topics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Greeting and state your stance● Argument for or against the motion (depends on what side you have chosen)● Conclusion |
| Text-types | Debate speech |
| Target audience | Audience and the adjudicator of the competition |
| Purpose of Writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● argue for or against whether smartphone should be banned, and elaborate your argument |
| Language and Tone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● persuasive● affirmative● of high certainty (avoid using may, will, maybe) |

Q5. Model Essay

Good afternoon, adjudicators, ladies and gentlemen. Today, we are going to debate the motion ‘Smartphones should not be used at school’. We are on the negative team and we strongly oppose this motion. We have four reasons to support our stance.

Our first point is that smartphones encourage cheating in school tests and examinations. Nowadays, smartphones support a lot of functions, and storing text information is one of them. It is possible for students to save files containing test or examination materials in the phone. When they forget what and how to answer, they can copy from those files immediately. Moreover, many phones are now equipped with dictionaries and even an encyclopedia. They can be good reference materials when students encounter difficulties in tackling the examinations. During the course of tests and examinations, students can send answers to their friends through the short message system (SMS) function in smartphones. Students can search webs for clues because of the easy access to the Internet. Exam papers sometimes cite current issues in the questions and those current issues are usually widely covered on the Internet.

Secondly, smartphones encourage voyeurism and bullying. Photos can be taken, and films be made with just a click of a button. This user-friendliness promotes casual and irresponsible demeanor. Almost everyone is under the spotlight every second. Teachers may also fall victims too. Their verbal slips or blunders are recorded and become the objects of ridicule. Worse more, some may even take photos of girls changing in toilets and changing rooms, which are sometimes used for humiliation and extortion purposes.

Our third point is that mobile phones foster a materialistic attitude and greediness. Smartphone models are like fashions which set trends among the youth. Possession of popular models of phones boost one’s confidence and self-esteem. If smartphones are allowed, students will be eager to show off their latest model and prized possession. At the same time, they become easy preys for campus thieves.

Our fourth point is that smartphones negatively affect students’ studies. The built-in MP3 players are great distractions. For example, students will listen music in class. The wide variety of entertainment like video games, music, movies and other applications are also available on smartphones. Some cheeky students may even download clips of sex and violence, which are indecent and disgusting, and share them with classmates. It offsets all the sound and moral virtues instilled by the school.

All in all, if mobile phones are allowed at school, there’ll be immense harm to both school and students. Therefore, we strongly oppose this motion.

Thank you.

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Part B Question 7

Topic Analysis

Learning English through Popular Culture

You read an editorial entitled ‘Popular culture has a lot of positive effects on the community’. Yet, you disagree with the writer’s points of view. Write a letter to the editor showing disagreement for the editor’s ideas by giving examples of negative effects you have found. Begin your letter ‘Dear Editor’, and sign it ‘Chris Wong, Tai Wo’.

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| Your role | Chris Wong, Tai Wo, who disapprove pop culture |
| Situation/ Task Requirements | Argue against the statement of the editor |
| Sub-topics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduction and recapping the source of the editorial● Stance and supporting argument● recommendation and summary |
| Text-types | Letter to the editor |
| Target audience | the general public and the editor |
| Purpose of Writing | to disapprove over obsession with pop culture |
| Language and Tone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● semi-formal (as you are discussing an important and big issue, yet, your target audience is public with variation on English level)● simple present tense for facts |

Q7. Model Essay

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my opposition against the editorial titled ‘Popular culture has a lot of positive effects on the community’ dated 4 August 2010. In my opinion, popular culture, which is reflected in pop music, gossip magazines and the mobile phone craze, adversely affects Hong Kong’s community in many ways.

Listening to pop music is part of daily life of many Hong Kong people. However, it does not help promote people’s mental development. Today, most lyrics of pop songs are about romance: falling in love, breaking up and having a third party in a relationship. This gives a false concept to people that having a romantic relationship is the most important thing in life. The reality is that most songs are far from being meaningful, while some other lyrics even contain foul language and carry unhealthy messages. I admitted that there are good songs with positive and encouraging messages, but there are just very few. This inevitably will have negative effects on people’s values and their attitude on getting along with others.

While pop music rarely has educational value, gossip magazines even pollute people’s minds. Gossip magazines put their main focus on reporting pop stars’ and celebrities’ private lives or love scandals as to cater readers’ curiosity. The exposure of Andy Lau’s secret marriage and the rumor of Kay Tse receiving plastic surgery are just the tip of the iceberg. Lamentably, this fosters a gossiping and voyeuristic culture in society. Moreover, many popular magazines are not written in proper Chinese but in colloquial Cantonese. Public, especially young people are easily affected to write in the same way, which is not acceptable in school and workplace. Unfortunately, people nowadays can barely write proper Chinese but tend to write slang and Cantonese. This in long run will lower the language skills of the public as a whole and hinders the development in Hong Kong .

Talking about communications, smartphones become necessities of many people nowadays. Yet, the portrait of mobile phones as fashion by smartphones companies promotes materialistic values in society. Instead of a tool of communication, a smartphone is regarded as a new means of showing identity. The newer and the more expensive your smartphone is, the more trendy and fashionable you look. So who will not want a latest iPhone model ? What is more serious, people tend to spend hours chatting or text messaging with others on the phone but they never want to talk with their family. What an unhealthy phenomenon!

It is necessary for government and the community to pay more attention to the popular cultures. They are very significant and have been permeating today’s society their world, and slowly leading the community to a path heading for disasters. Our community needs more positive and rational messages to counteract the tide of depraved popular cultures. The earlier we act, the bigger difference we can make for our community.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong,

Tai Wo

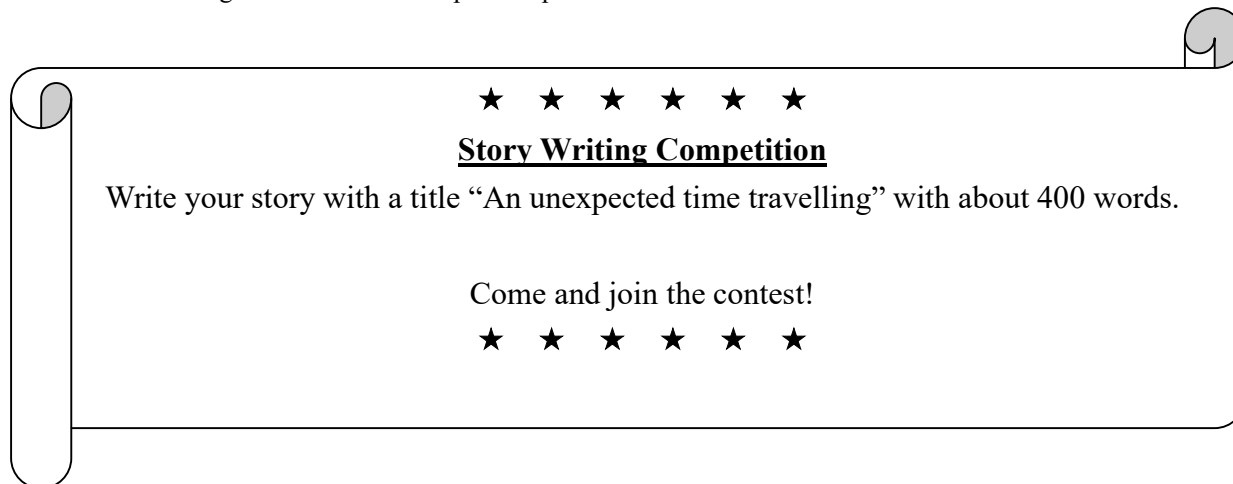
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Part B Question 9

Topic Analysis

Learning English through Short Stories

You have read a magazine and saw a competition poster on it.



Write a short story to join this competition.

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| Your role | An anonymous contestant of a story writing competition |
| Situation/ Task Requirements | Write a story on the topic of “An unexpected time travelling” |
| Text-types | Story (narrative) |
| Target audience | the judge |
| Purpose of Writing | Write an impressive story to win the competition |
| Language and Tone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Non-formal● Fascinating and intriguing, with optimal extent of exaggeration● simple past tense● simple present tense in dialogue |

Q9. Model Essay

“Bang!”, I was woken up by a loud bang. I woke up and found that I wasn't in my bedroom as usual.

“Where am I?” I was confused but my curiosity drove me to get out of the bed to find out what was going on.

I walked down stairs and see if anyone was here. I walked into the living room and was shocked. It seemed that I had backed to the 40s. I saw a calendar on the table and I walked closely and would never believe what I saw: I had travelled back to the 1940! As I recalled what I had learnt in history lesson and remembered at this time, the Second World War had not yet ended. Out of curiosity, I decided to go out and have a look of 1940.

When I walked on the street most of the shops were closed and found no one on the street. Just at the time when I decided to give up and go back to the house, I saw a bakery was open. Because of my starving stomach, I walked into the shop without hesitation. Inside the shop, a old lady was taking a nap on a rocking chair. I walked around the shop and saw many different kinds of cakes and pies. “Would you like to try one?” Came a voice from behind. I turned around and saw the old lady had wakened up. She was a Caucasian who was in her late 60s. She had a pale face and wrinkles on her forehead. I was given a piece of raspberry pie and a cup of hot chocolate.

“Why are you strolling around on the street alone? It is very dangerous.” The old lady asked me.

” Although it sounds unbelievable, I actually come from the future.” I explained to her.

“ I believe in you kids. Then can you share with me how the future looks like ? Has this war ended? “ She asked me and I could see sorrow in her eyes. I then told her what I had learnt in my history lesson, starting the beginning of the war to the end of the war.

“Germany will surrender in May 1945 and Japan will also surrender in August 1945. Japan will then occupied by the US and the head of the government will be Mac...Mac...” I couldn't recall the name of the leader of Japanese government in occupational period. I closed my eyes, trying to recall the name.

“ It's MacArthur !” I suddenly remember and opened my eyes and I found that I was lying on my bed. I realized it was my dream and there was no time travelling in reality. I saw the history notes on my table and remember I am going to have a history test tomorrow. It seems that I have already done a revision in my dream already!

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