



HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL MOCK EXAMINATION 2008

USE OF ENGLISH AS-LEVEL

SECTION B

WRITING

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1. You have 1¼ hours for this paper (which is allocated 18% of the total subject mark).
2. It is suggested that you spend some of the time on planning and proofreading.
3. Write legible and make neat corrections wherever necessary.
4. DO NOT USE YOUR REAL NAME IN ANSWERING ANY OF THE QUESTIONS. If names are provided in the question, you must use those names. If no name is provided and you still wish to use a name to identify yourself, then use 'Chris Wong'. If you need to use names for other characters in the composition, you should use names such as Mary, Peter, Wai Yee, Mr Smith, Ms Young, etc. You may lose marks if you do not follow these instructions.
5. Write about 500 words on ONE of the topics.

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

1. Recent statistics demonstrate that domestic violence is on the increase in Hong Kong. Write an article for the local newspaper explaining why some men use violence against their partners and why women choose to stay in an abusive relationship. End your article with measures that can be considered to help the victims of domestic violence.
2. In terms of modern infrastructure and facilities, Hong Kong can really live up to her name as a world-class cosmopolitan city. Nonetheless, many people have criticized that Hong Kong is rather “thin” on preserving and restoring historical sites and interesting back alleys. In order to preserve a part of Hong Kong’s heritage in the city centre, some people have suggested that we renovate the historical buildings and backstreets of areas such as Wan Chai and Sheung Wan.

Write an essay weighing the pros and cons of this suggestion. Conclude the essay by offering your own view. Also provide a title for the essay.

3. The Principal has decided to offer Putonghua classes in school because he believes learning the language is very important for high school students. As the Chairman of the Student Association, you have been asked to write an article in your school newspaper, encouraging them to take Putonghua courses held in your school. Be sure to give reasons why you think it is absolutely essential for high school students to pick up Putonghua.
4. Back in 2001, citizens of Hong Kong joined hands to celebrate Beijing’s successful bid for the 2008 Olympic Games. And now, seven years later, not only do we re-live that success, we are now an integral part of it as well. However, like any other controversial issue, there are indeed some skeptics in the community who openly voice against our involvement. Write an essay either SUPPORTING or OPPOSING Hong Kong hosting equestrian events for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

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