

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

# **MOCK TEST 13 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

# **Question-Answer Book**

(2 hours for both Parts A and B)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. There are two parts (A and B) in this paper. Candidates should attempt Part A and ONE question from Part B.
- 2. After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1.
- 3. For Part B, you should put an 'X' in the corresponding question number box on Page 8 to indicate the question you are going to attempt.
- 4. Write your answers in the space provided in this Question-Answer Book. Answers written in the margins will not be
- 5. 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 not specified by the question, you may use names such as Mary, Peter. Mr Smith, Ms Young, etc. You may lose marks if you do not follow these instructions.
- 6. Rough work should be done on the rough-work sheets which will be collected separately. These will not be marked.
- 7. Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number and mark the question number box on each sheet.
- 8. No extra time will be given to candidates for filling in the question number boxes after the 'Time is up' announcement.

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## **PART A**

For question 1, write about 200 words in the space provided on pages 3–5.

1. A recent article in a newspaper examined the advantages and disadvantages of children attending learning centres outside of their normal school hours.

Write to the editor of the newspaper expressing your views on the following:

- why learning centres are beneficial to some students; and
- why there should be a balance between academic learning and free time.

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#### **PART B**

For questions 2–9, choose **ONE** question and write about 400 words in the space provided on Pages 8–11. Indicate which question you are going to attempt in the question number box on Page 8.

## 2. Learning English through Sports Communication

You are the captain of the school football team. A number of team members have been breaking some of the rules set for the players such as turning up on time for practice, wearing the correct kit, listening to the captain's instructions and taking team meetings seriously. You have decided to write an email to all team members about why it is important to follow these rules.

Write the email.

## 3. Learning English through Workplace Communication

As part of your work experience placement at a local company, your teacher has asked you to write a report about your time as an intern; what duties you were given, what you learnt and skills you think are beneficial to have in an office environment.

Write the report.

## 4. Learning English through Debating

In preparation for an upcoming competition, you have been asked to write a speech answering the following question;

'Should young children have their own smartphone?'

Write the speech.

#### 5. Learning English through Social Issues

Your school is running a writing competition entitled 'Youth Volunteers are Important for Society'. You want to write an article about positive volunteer experiences for teenagers highlighting the benefits to young people in joining such causes, and some of the problems faced by charities in trying to attract young volunteers.

Write the article.

## 6. Learning English through Short Stories

As chairperson of your school's Book Club, you have been asked to write an email to the school principal about an upcoming event overseas. The event has been organized to bring young people together who have a shared interest in reading and writing and will include seminars by famous authors, writing workshops and the opportunity to purchase books at a discounted price.

Write the email proposing that the Book Club attend this event giving reasons why and asking for help in funding the trip.

## 7. Learning English through Popular Culture

You recently read about your favourite shop, selling pop culture merchandise, closing down because of losing business to online competition. You have been inspired to write a story based on this for a writing competition.

Write your short story.

#### 8. Learning English through Poems and Songs

You wish to become a professional singer and would like to get some advice from your favourite local singer.

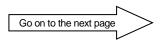
Write a letter to your idol telling them why you would like to sing professionally and what sort of advice you hope they can give you.

## 9. Learning English through Drama

You have watched a play in which the protagonist wins millions of dollars from the lottery. It has made you think about the things you would do with so much money and why. You go home and write in your diary about this.

Write the diary entry.

## END OF QUESTIONS FOR PART B



## FOR PART B ONLY

Put an 'X' inside the question number box to indicate the question (Q.2 – Q.9) that you have chosen.

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