LIBERAL STUDIES  PAPER 1

Question-Answer Book

(SAMPLE PAPER)

This paper must be answered in English
8.30 am – 10.30 am (2 hours)

1. This paper consists of three questions. Answer ALL questions.

2. Write your Candidate Number and stick a barcode label in the spaces provided on the cover.


4. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. Do not write in the margins.

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## Data-response Questions

**Answer all the questions in this paper.**

1. Consider the following information:

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<td>Are you crazy? You’ve already pierced holes for six rings in your ears. And are you going to have your tongue pierced? Do you really want to put your life at risk?</td>
<td>Risk my life? You’re exaggerating!</td>
<td>Where’s your common sense? There are so many blood vessels in your tongue. After it’s been pierced, how can the wound heal if it has a metal object in it?</td>
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<td>Jade: There’s far more bacteria living in your mouth than on your ears. Once a girl had got her tongue pierced and her wound was so seriously infected that she couldn’t talk because her tongue swelled up. Later, the infection spread to her stomach and caused festering. She was only saved being hospitalised for a week.</td>
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(a) (i) Identify one example used by Jade to support her stance on tongue piercing. (2 marks)

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(ii) Identify one value orientation reflected by Jade’s stance. (2 marks)

- Safety is a primary value orientation reflected by Jade’s stance, as she is concerned about the potential complications of tongue piercing, such as infection and festering.

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(b) According to what Chelsey says, identify and explain one factor for maintaining her relationship with her boyfriend. (4 marks)

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(c) A parent association, out of concern for the health of adolescents, suggested that tongue piercing should be regulated by law. However, some adolescents considered that such legislation would restrict their freedom. Do you agree with the parent association’s view or the adolescents’ view? Explain. (10 marks)

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2. Consider the following information:

**Source 1**

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<td>December, 2004</td>
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<td>December, 2002</td>
<td>1026</td>
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<td>1040</td>
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<td>December, 1998</td>
<td>544</td>
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Source: Hong Kong University Public Opinion Programme website

**Source 2**

Some people in Hong Kong are still afraid of their own motherland, a convenor remarked frankly during a forum entitled ‘Implementation of “one country, two systems” and Hong Kong People’s National Identity’. China has made a lot of progress in various aspects during the past twenty years, yet it is not realistic to expect all problems to be solved at once, he maintained.

The convenor admitted that historical issues explain the unwillingness of some Hong Kong people to identify themselves as Chinese citizens. He believed that it is only a matter of time before they do. While as ‘one country, two systems’ remains unchanged for 50 years, ‘one country’ will last forever and ‘two systems’ will eventually vanish. Therefore, Hong Kong people should accept the fact that Hong Kong has long been reunified with her motherland.

Source: Adapted from an article on a website on 5th May 2006

(a) According to Source 1, what have the changes been in the national identity of Hong Kong people since China resumed the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong? (8 marks)
(b) In the light of Sources 1 and 2, are the changes in the national identity of Hong Kong people as shown in Source 1 in line with the spirit of ‘one country, two systems’? Explain. (12 marks)
3. Consider the following information:

**Source 1**

In March 2007, the Agricultural Department of Guangdong Province inspected 1,680 vegetable samples collected from 91 production zones (including farms supplying vegetables to Hong Kong) and 27 wholesale markets for samples containing pesticide residues in excess of the prescribed standards. The pass rate of vegetables from the production zones was 84.4%, and that of the wholesale markets was 89.1%.

Source: Guangdong Agricultural Information website

**Source 2**

After consulting authorities on the Mainland, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region now requires all imported vegetables to be accompanied by identification labels and information on pesticide use. Vegetable samples collected from trucks will be inspected for pesticide residues in the Man Kam To Food Control Centre.

70 out of 200 trucks bringing vegetables to Hong Kong daily from the Mainland are sampled for inspection by the Centre. However, greengrocers said they were unable to tell which vegetables from uninspected trucks are authorised by the Mainland authorities.

Source: Adapted from Food and Environmental Hygiene Department information and a report in a local newspaper dated 14th April 2007
Source 3

Accredited Vegetables

are produced from accredited vegetable farms authorised by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and randomly checked by the Vegetable Marketing Organization. They are sold at designated vegetable stalls ‘Accredited Retailers’ in wet markets.

Source: Vegetable Marketing Organization Poster
(a) Identify and explain the problems in relation to Hong Kong as revealed in Source 1. (3 marks)

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(b) Referring to Sources 2 and 3, identify and explain the ways in which the vegetable inspection arrangement can deal with the problems you mentioned in (a) and in what ways it cannot. (10 marks)

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(c) Referring to Sources 1, 2 and 3 and based on your knowledge, identify and explain two factors which facilitate the emergence of ‘accredited vegetables’. (6 marks)
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Extended response questions
Answer one question only.

1. Study the following information adapted from a report in a local newspaper dated 12 March 2007:

What is the Way Forward for China’s Energy Development?

During the meetings of the National People’s Congress and the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, Premier Wen Jiabao emphasised the importance of conserving the environment in the course of economic development. He called for the use of pollution-free or low-pollution energy sources when possible. For example, the reliance on coal as the major energy source will result in many pollution and mine safety problems, therefore it should be replaced with renewable energy sources aimed at reducing pollution.

(a) Referring to the above information, why did Premier Wen Jiabao propose ‘low-pollution, high-safety’ as the way in which energy should be developed? Explain. (8 marks)

(b) Referring to the above information, how feasible is the viewpoint of Premier Wen Jiabao on the direction of energy development in China? Explain. (12 marks)
2. Consider the following two cartoons:

Cartoon 1

The gap between rich and poor is widening. You're playing online games again? I should cut your cable, no kidding.

Cartoon 2

Hong Kong witnessed a surge in domestic violence last year ...

(a) In the light of the above cartoons, what positive methods can adolescents use to deal with conflicts with parents on the issue of playing online games? Explain. (8 marks)

(b) ‘Low socio-economic status is the main cause of domestic violence in Hong Kong.’ Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer in the light of the above cartoons and according to your knowledge. (12 marks)
3. Consider the following information adapted from an article in a local newspaper dated 22nd December 2006:

As Christmas draws near, many young people on the Mainland are joyfully embracing the atmosphere of this Western festival. Christmas has gradually become a prime time for consumption.

However, ten academics from leading universities, including Peking University and Tsinghua University, have recently posted a plea entitled ‘Our views on the question of “Christmas” – to shun collective cultural unconsciousness and preserve the integrity of Chinese culture’. They demanded that ‘Chinese people stand against cultural expansionism from the West’ and asked people not to follow the trend of celebrating Christmas.

In recent years, Western festivals such as Christmas, Halloween and Valentine’s Day have become fashionable following the promotion by businessmen. These Western festivals have been far more popular among youngsters than the traditional Chinese ones, such as the Dragon Boat Festival and the Chung Yeung Festival, etc.

Here are some of the viewpoints on Christmas expressed by the ten academics:

- the celebration of Christmas implants a foreign culture into the hearts of children who do not have any powers of discrimination
- businessmen should try to explore commercial opportunities offered by traditional Chinese festivals, such as celebrating the birthday of Confucius
- Chinese people should stop ‘adoring Western things’, and return to Chinese cultural traditions

(a) Referring to the above information, in your opinion, what is the relationship between the popularity of Western festivals among youngsters on the Mainland and China’s economic reforms? Explain. (10 marks)

(b) ‘The main reason why Western festivals are becoming popular on the Mainland is the result of attaching little importance to traditional Chinese festivals.’ Do you agree with this statement? Explain. (10 marks)
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