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Myths about the HKDSE

What happens to the answer scripts after the exam?

Cheung Ting:

The marking was unfair. I must complain about it.

Principal Tam:

Who wants to complain?

Ace, Shing Ngai, Cheung Ting& Ming:

Principal Tam.

Principal Tam:

Who is complaining now?

Cheung Ting

I am.

Principal Tam:

Before filing a complaint, you should know the facts first.

Cheung Ting:

I think my script was marked by a marker who held different views from me.

Principal Tam:

Really? Let's trace where your answer scripts went after the exam.

Answer scripts collected in exam centres will be first delivered to...

Shing Ngai:

The paper recycling centre!

Ace:

I know. Answer scripts will be delivered to the Tsuen Wan Scanning Centre.

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Scanning Centre

Ace:

Images of the scanned scripts will be saved in a secure database.

Then, the scripts will be distributed to markers via an Onscreen Marking (OSM) system.

Principal Tam:

Your answer scripts are anonymous and are randomly distributed to different markers. Except for teachers from the same school as the candidates, your answer scripts can be marked by any markers.

Cheung Ting:

But if my answer script is marked by a marker who dislikes my response, I might be given very low marks. Don't you think so? Principal Tam, do you think so?

Principal Tam:

Do you know there is more than one marker involved in marking your answer scripts?

Principal Tam:

OSM has been fully implemented in the HKDSE.

Double marking is adopted in some subjects. markers will only mark one of the questions and every question will be marked by two markers. If the mark discrepancy of the two markers is bigger than the tolerance limit, the script will be automatically passed on to a third marker by the OSM system. If mark discrepancies still exceed the tolerance limit, the script will then be marked by the Chief Examiner or Assistant Examiner(s) to ensure it is marked as objectively as possible. In other words, every question is marked by at least two or even four markers at most.

Ace:

The marking mechanism ensures that your results will not be affected by personal views, leniency or strictness of the markers.

Principal Tam:

Moreover, before markers proceed to mark the scripts they would first hold a meeting to standardise the marking standard. Markers undergo training and testing before they can start marking. During the marking process, checkmarking is conducted by the Chief Examiner to ensure that consistent standards are adopted by all markers. It is not possible for markers to mark a script based on their own subjective views.

Shing Ngai:

In other words, your performance in the exam is actually poor.

Principal Tam:

Don't be silly.

The result proved that her performance deserved a level 4 and it has nothing to do with luck.

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For details about the HKDSE marking procedure, please visit the HKEAA website:

www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/HKDSE/assessment/marketing/marketing_procedure_for_written_papers/

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