

PAPER 2

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

## 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 marked.
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. You have read the following post on an online forum.

**PJ      Today, 10.32 a.m.**

I am extremely frustrated. Typhoon signal number 8 was hoisted while I was on my way to work this morning, so I turned around and went back home. However, about three hours later, the signal was lowered and I had to set off again to the office. What was the point of issuing the signal only to lower it a few hours later?

Write a reply to the post on the forum.



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## **PART B**

For questions 2–9, choose **ONE** question and write about 400 words in the space provided on pages 8–12. Indicate which question you are going to attempt in the question number box on page 8.

### **2. Learning English through Sports Communication**

You are a keen football player and have been told by your coach that you have the potential to become a professional player. You discovered a training course which can help you achieve this dream, but the fee is too high and your family cannot afford it. Your coach has suggested that you approach the school for support.

Write a letter to your principal asking for sponsorship to attend the training course and giving reasons why you should receive this support.

### **3. Learning English through Workplace Communication**

You work for a local IT company which has a shared kitchen area for staff in the office. You find that the food you leave in the refrigerator is sometimes taken, and there are often dirty dishes and rubbish left in the area.

Write an email to your manager, Mr Wu, highlighting these issues, explaining why such behaviour is unacceptable and suggesting ways to improve the situation.

### **4. Learning English through Social Issues**

It is the summer holiday and you have decided to volunteer with a charity group which works overseas with poor communities in Asian countries. However, your parents are displeased with your decision.

Write an email to your parents, who are on an overseas trip, addressing their concerns and explaining why you have made this decision.

### **5. Learning English through Debating**

You will be taking part in a debate competition. The motion is ‘The Hong Kong government should rent out land to animal shelters and sanctuaries for free’.

Write a debate speech for OR against this motion.

6. **Learning English through Popular Culture**

Many people in Hong Kong enjoy ‘yum cha’ on a regular basis. There are both positive and negative aspects to this popular part of our local food culture.

Write a blog post discussing the pros and cons of participating in this Chinese tradition regularly.

7. **Learning English through Drama**

You have recently watched a filmed performance of a stage play on television. The play highlights different problems faced by young people in Hong Kong. You find the play very inspiring and wish that more people would support it.

Write an article for your school magazine about why you think this play deserves more attention.

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

You recently joined a local choir and have enjoyed attending various concerts and competitions. Some of your classmates have made some negative comments about your new hobby, saying that it is an activity for the elderly and choirs are boring.

Write an essay about the benefits of being in a choir and why other young people would benefit from taking up this hobby.

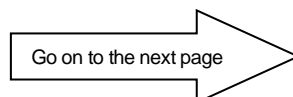
9. **Learning English through Short Stories**

You are entering a short story competition on the topic of ‘Things you find at the beach’. Your story should describe the events leading up to the image below.



Write your story.

**END OF QUESTIONS FOR PART B**













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