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# **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

## **Question-Answer Book**

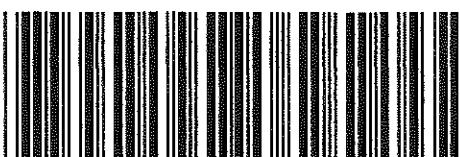
11:00 am – 1:00 pm (2 hours)  
(for both Parts A and B)

## **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 and stick barcode labels in the spaces provided on Pages 1, 3 and 5.
  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. Additional supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number, mark the question number box and stick a barcode label on each sheet and fasten them with string INSIDE this book.
  8. No extra time will be given to candidates for sticking on the barcode labels or filling in the question number boxes after the 'Time is up' announcement.

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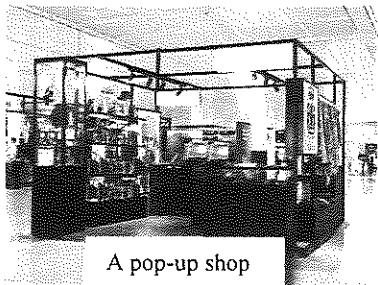


## PART A

For question 1, write about 200 words in the space provided on pages 2-4.

- ① You work for Planet Smart, a company that sells eco-friendly products.  
Your company wants to set up a pop-up shop inside a shopping centre for three months to promote your products to new customers.

Complete the application form below.



### Pop-up Shop Application Form

Company Name: **Planet Smart**



#### A. Company Profile (Introduce your company):

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#### B. Best-selling Product (Describe one of your products that customers love):

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**SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER SHEET FOR PART A**

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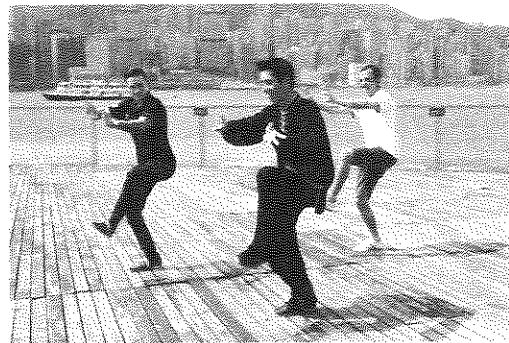
## PART B

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

While tai chi is a popular activity in Hong Kong, it is less known in some parts of the world.

Write an article for *International Travel* magazine introducing the benefits of tai chi to tourists.



### ③ Learning English through Popular Culture

Anime Expo, Hong Kong's biggest anime, manga and video game exhibition, was held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre last weekend. As a school reporter, you attended the event and interviewed some people dressed in cosplay.

Write an article for your school magazine.



#### ④ Learning English through Debating

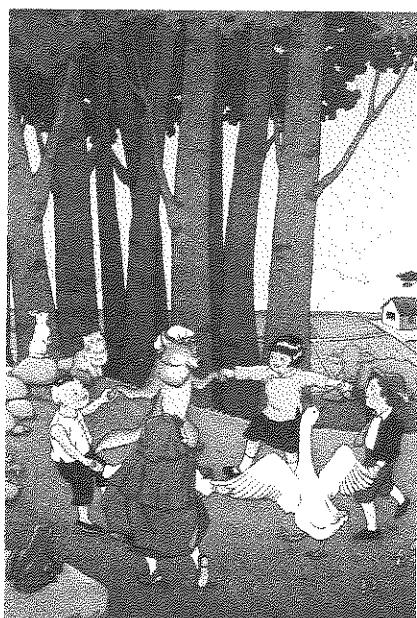
The following topic was discussed at a debate workshop:

*Some employers use cameras and computer software to monitor what employees are doing in the workplace. How do you think this affects productivity and job satisfaction?*

Write an essay about the pros and cons of monitoring employees in the workplace.



#### ⑤ Learning English through Short Stories



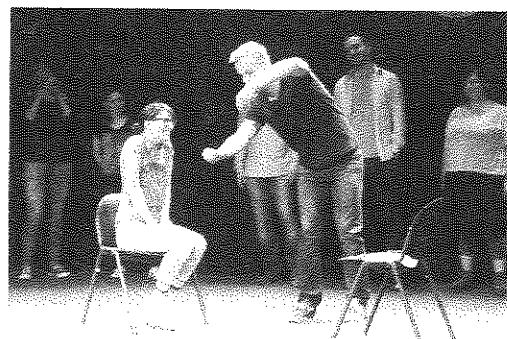
Fairy tales and fables teach us how to find love, survive family conflicts, defeat the rich and powerful and live happily ever after.

Write an essay to explain how reading these kinds of stories has taught you important lessons about life.

#### ⑥ Learning English through Drama

In your drama class, you and your classmates had to perform a 10-minute comedy sketch without a script or any preparation time. It was your first time doing improvisation.

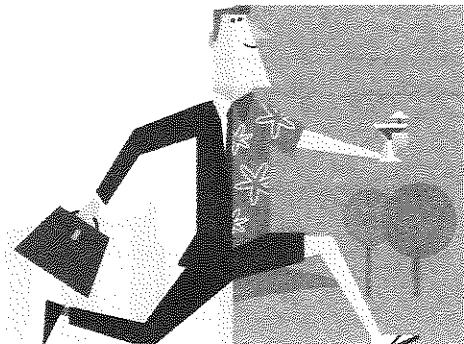
Write a diary entry about this experience.



## ⑦ Learning English through Social Issues

A survey found that the majority of Hong Kong people in their 60s would like to have the option to work past the retirement age of 65. In contrast, there is a growing number of young people whose goal is to retire in their 30s or 40s.

Write a news article for the *Hong Kong Daily* about these different views towards retirement.

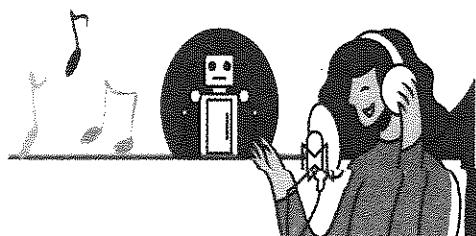


## ⑧ Learning English through Poems and Songs

Contestants in a song-writing competition complained when a song created by artificial intelligence (AI) software won first prize.

Write a letter to the editor on whether computer-generated songs should be allowed to compete in such competitions.

## Best Song Writer



## ⑨ Learning English through Workplace Communication



You work for *Restaurant Business* magazine. You interviewed a restaurant owner about his/her experiences of running a business during the pandemic.

Write a feature article for the magazine.

Sources of materials used in this paper will be acknowledged in the *HKDSE Question Papers* booklet published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority at a later stage.

**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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**SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER SHEET FOR PART B**

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