

Road to HKDSE

Writing Notes 2 (One-sided Argumentative Essays)

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A. 歷屆試題

	題目	考核重點
1	<p>HKDSE English Practice Paper Q6 (Letter to the government)</p> <p>Learning English through Sports Communication</p> <p>There is talk of <u>certain schools removing PE lessons from the curriculum so students can concentrate more on academic subjects</u>. Write <u>a letter to the Secretary of Education expressing your views</u> on the proposal.</p>	<p>a. Write <u>a letter</u> to the Secretary of Education</p> <p>b. Expressing your <u>views</u></p>
2	<p>HKDSE English 2012 Q2</p> <p>Learning English through Sports Communication (forum post)</p> <p>You have been following <u>an online debate</u> in <i>Health and Fitness eMag</i> about the value of doing <u>virtual sports</u> (such as those played on a Wii) <u>versus real sports</u>. Write <u>your view</u> on the topic and post it on the <u>online forum</u>.</p>	<p>a. Virtual sports vs real sports</p> <p>b. Write your <u>view</u> on the <u>online forum</u>.</p>
3	<p>HKDSE English 2012 Q3</p> <p>Learning English through Drama (forum reply)</p> <p>You have been <u>surfing a website</u> on the <u>use of drama techniques in education</u>. You have seen the following topic on <u>an online forum</u> and are now <u>writing your response</u>.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Many teachers incorporate drama into their lessons as they feel it has various <u>educational benefits</u>. However some parents are against this as they feel that <u>learning cannot take place through drama</u>. What is your <u>opinion</u>? Please <u>share your experience of learning through drama</u> with us!</p> </div>	<p>a. Learning cannot take place through drama</p> <p>b. Writing your <u>response</u> on an <u>online forum</u></p> <p>c. What is your <u>opinion</u>?</p> <p>d. Share your experience</p>

4	<p>HKDSE English 2014 Q4</p> <p>Learning English through Social Issues (Letter to the Editor)</p> <p>Some people believe that <u>filming movies in the city centre</u> should not be allowed. Others support it. Write <u>a letter to the editor</u> of the Hong Kong Daily <u>giving your opinions</u>. Provide <u>three reasons</u> to support your point of view.</p>	<p>a. Filming movies in the city centre</p> <p>b. Write <u>a letter</u> to the editor</p> <p>c. Giving your <u>opinions</u></p>
5	<p>HKDSE English 2014 Q5</p> <p>Learning English through Debating (Letter to the principal)</p> <p>Learning English through debating Currently, only <u>a small number of students in your school have access to school lockers</u>. As the chairperson of the Student Union of your school, you have collected the views of students from different classes on this issue. <u>Write a letter to</u> Ms Lee, your <u>school Principal</u>, to <u>persuade her to change the policy on lockers</u>.</p>	<p>a. A <u>small number of students</u> in your school have access to school lockers</p> <p>b. Write a <u>letter</u> to your <u>school Principal</u></p> <p>c. <u>Persuade her to change the policy on lockers</u></p>
6	<p>HKDSE English 2015 Q5</p> <p>Learning English through Debating (Letter to the editor)</p> <p>Many parts of Hong Kong's harbour front are still undeveloped. Some suggest <u>using these areas for housing and commercial use, while others argue that such areas should be left as open space for public use</u>. <u>Write to the editor of the Hong Kong Daily</u> stating your opinion <u>either for or against</u> leaving these areas open for public use. Justify your point of view with <u>three reasons</u>.</p>	<p>1. Write to the editor of the <i>Hong Kong Daily</i></p> <p>2. Stating your opinion on whether undeveloped areas in the harbour front should be used for housing and commercial purposes or left open for public use</p> <p>3. Provide three reasons</p>

B. 框架

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Paragraph 2 (論點一)	1. <u>標題句</u> 2. 詳細解釋 (<u>普遍情況、個別例子、比較</u>) 3. <u>總結句</u>
Paragraph 3 (論點二)	1. <u>標題句</u> 2. 詳細解釋 (<u>普遍情況、數據、個別例子、比較</u>) 3. <u>總結句</u>
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C. 範例

標題	Total smoking ban is essential
<p>Paragraph 1</p> <p>(介紹)</p>	<p>1. <u>帶出題目</u></p> <p>Example: <u>In recent years</u>, the issue of total smoking ban has <u>caused controversy</u> in our society.</p> <p>2. <u>介紹正反觀點</u></p> <p>Example: <u>As for</u> the business sector and investors, they believe that a territory-wide smoking ban in all entertainment venues is <u>detrimental to</u> their business. <u>However</u>, others <u>think that</u> if entertainment venues such as mahjong parlours are exempted, public health will be <u>jeopardized</u>.</p> <p>3. <u>清楚表明你的立場</u></p> <p>Example: <u>In my opinion, it is urgent for</u> the government <u>to</u> implement total smoking ban in Hong Kong. <u>In the following</u>, I will explain my arguments.</p>
<p>Paragraph 2</p> <p>(論點一)</p>	<p>1. <u>標題句</u></p> <p>Example: <u>To start with, we should note that</u> the importance of health outweighs the economic impact of imposing a total ban on smoking.</p> <p>2. <u>詳細解釋 (普遍情況、個別例子、比較)</u></p> <p>Example: <u>It is apparent that</u> smoking is harmful to our health. As we all know, smoking could <u>result in</u> a few nasty side-effects, such as bad skin as well as poor breath and fitness. If we are smokers, we will frequently pant after doing intense exercise. <u>More importantly</u>, smoking can cause lung cancer and heart disease, which <u>lead to</u> death. <u>According to scientific research</u> in recent years, second-hand smoke is <u>even</u> more toxic and <u>fatal</u> than first-hand smoke.</p> <p>3. <u>總結句</u></p> <p>Example: <u>Therefore</u>, preventing smokers from killing themselves and others, <u>including</u> both customers and staff, is an urgent public health issue.</p>

<p>Paragraph 3 (論點二)</p>	<p>1. <u>標題句</u></p> <p>Example: <u>In addition</u>, total smoking ban can improve the safety in entertainment venues.</p> <p>2. <u>詳細解釋 (普遍情況、數據、個別例子、比較)</u></p> <p>Example: In Hong Kong, <u>it is common to find</u> these venues in the old buildings in old districts like Sham Shui Po and Yau Ma Tei. <u>As everyone knows</u>, abandoned cigarettes often lead to fire. <u>In case of</u> a fire, smoke can spread to different areas rapidly. <u>To make the matters worse</u>, the evacuation routes of old buildings are sometimes blocked by rubbish. <u>If</u> a serious fire breaks out, customers of entertainment venues will not be able to escape from the scene and heavy casualties will result.</p> <p>3. <u>總結句</u></p> <p>Example: <u>Hence</u>, it is <u>essential for</u> the government <u>to</u> adopt total smoking ban.</p>
<p>Paragraph 4 (駁論)</p>	<p>1. <u>反方觀點</u></p> <p>Example: <u>Despite</u> the arguments above, many people still emphasize that territory-wide smoking ban will significantly reduce the number of customers in entertainment venues and <u>exacerbate</u> the unemployment problem.</p> <p>2. <u>讓步, 承認對方的觀點有一定的合理性</u></p> <p>Example: <u>Undeniably</u>, the ban will <u>adversely affect</u> the business of these venues.</p> <p>3. <u>反駁句</u></p> <p>Example: <u>Nevertheless, we should remember that</u> the health cost of smoking is tremendous.</p> <p>4. <u>詳細解釋 (普遍情況、數據、個別例子、比較)</u></p> <p>Example: <u>According to</u> a research done by Hong Kong University, the annual cost of treating the diseases <u>related to</u> smoking is over 5 billion dollars. <u>As aforementioned</u>, smoking <u>is a culprit of</u> chronic diseases like lung cancer and heart disease. <u>Since</u> most people in Hong Kong consume public medical services, the cost of treating smokers will pose a huge financial burden to our government.</p> <p>5. <u>總結句</u></p> <p>Example: Considering the cost and benefits, territory-wide smoking ban should definitely be implemented <u>for the sake of</u> the welfare of our whole society.</p>
<p>Paragraph 5 (總結)</p>	<p>1. <u>重申立場, 歸納所有論據</u></p> <p>Example: <u>In conclusion</u>, the government should <u>implement</u> total smoking ban as it can <u>safeguard</u> the health of the general public and prevent fire disasters. While it will <u>engender</u> short-term economic pain, the <u>colossal</u> long-term cost of smoking will be <u>minimized</u>.</p> <p>2. <u>對未來的展望</u></p> <p>Example: <u>Therefore</u>, the government should not hesitate anymore. It should adopt the measure as soon as possible.</p>

HKDSE English 2014 Q4 (One-sided argumentative essay)

Learning English through Social Issues

Some people believe that filming movies in the city centre should not be allowed. Others support it. Write a letter to the editor of the Hong Kong Daily giving your opinions. Provide three reasons to support your point of view.

上款	Dear Editor
Paragraph 1 開場白	<p>1. 寫信目的</p> <p>I am writing to express my views on movie filming in the city centre.</p> <p>2. 概述相反觀點</p> <p>In view of the recent hot debates on this <u>controversial</u> issue, I understand that there are still many concerns and worries about it.</p> <p>1. 明確表明觀點</p> <p>However, after considering the interests of citizens, our city's development and the need of promoting our local culture, I believe it is advisable for the government to <u>give the green light to</u> the idea.</p>

<p>Paragraph 2</p> <p>論點1</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>To commence with, many Hong Kongers are movie <u>fanatics</u> and they would like movies to be filmed in the city centre, which is symbolic and meaningful to them.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋</p> <p>Apparently, watching a story taking place in a location <u>familiar to</u> them is a fascinating idea. Sad to say, the local cinemas are dominated by foreign movies like Hollywood films and Korean films. The reason why local movies are <u>lagging behind</u> is that the sites where their filming is carried out are not realistic and attractive enough to draw attention of the local audience.</p> <p>To enable local movies to <u>capture the hearts and minds</u> of Hong Kong people, allowing movies to be filmed in the city centre is necessary <u>without a shadow of doubt</u>. When films are shot at <u>distinctive</u> local <u>landmarks</u>, like the IFC Tower in Central and the Clock Tower in Tsim Sha Tsui, local residents will be more eager to watch them.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>Having a strong sense of belonging to the city, many Hong Kongers will proudly tell the foreigners that our city has our own films too!</p>
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<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>論點2</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>It is also worth noting that allowing filming in the city centre can boost the movie industry and <u>consolidate</u> the sustainable development of the Hong Kong economy.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋</p> <p>As everyone knows, Hong Kong is a <u>cosmopolitan</u> city recognized as a significant international financial centre. Other than the financial industry, however, Hong Kong's development in other industries <u>leaves a lot to be desired</u>. Arguably, the <u>overemphasis</u> on finance is <u>detrimental to</u> the sustainable development of Hong Kong.</p> <p>For the sake of <u>diversifying</u> the local economy, it is essential for the cultural industry to be promoted. While the government may find it difficult to conserve the cultural heritage owing to limited land supply, it should do its utmost to <u>facilitate the growth</u> of the film industry. Through promoting Hollywood movies can the USA earn billions of dollars every year. In the same vein, the Hong Kong government should <u>accelerate the development</u> of the local movie industry by allowing filming to take place in the city centre.</p> <p>4. 總結句</p> <p>In the long run, the Hong Kong economy will benefit <u>immensely</u> from the <u>blossoming</u> movie industry.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>論點3</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Furthermore, local movies filmed in the city centre can attract the attention of foreigners and <u>promote the development</u> of tourism.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋</p> <p>Through watching our movies, foreign people will be able to <u>capture the breathtaking scenery</u> of our city centre, ranging from the <u>magnificent</u> night view of the Victoria Harbour to the <u>dazzling</u> street culture of Mong Kok. Besides, they can <u>have a glimpse of</u> the lifestyle of Hong Kong people. When local movies featuring the beautiful places of Hong Kong are <u>circulated</u> overseas, more and more foreigners <u>will be galvanized</u> to visit Hong Kong so that they can understand more about our city, stimulating our tourist industry and bringing enormous economic benefits to us.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>Through allowing movies to be filmed in the city centre, not only will Hong Kong enjoy sustainable economic growth, our local culture and custom will also be promoted.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 5</p> <p>駁論</p>	<p>1. 承接上文</p> <p>As aforementioned, filming movies in the city centre can stimulate the development of tourism and sustain local economic growth.</p> <p>2. 相反觀點</p> <p>Some people may <u>put forward the idea</u> that filming movies in the city centre would create <u>disturbance</u> for citizens, affecting the normal operation of our city.</p> <p>3. 讓步</p> <p>Undeniably, this may be true in some cases.</p> <p>4. 反駁句</p> <p>Nonetheless, we should recognize that the effects are temporary.</p> <p>5. 詳細解釋</p> <p>It is worth remembering that the shooting of local movies are often carried out for short <u>duration</u>, for example, for one to two weeks. More importantly, as a responsible government and citizens who truly love Hong Kong and <u>safeguard the interests</u> of Hong Kong, they should <u>place</u> the city's long-term prosperity <u>at the top of the priority list</u>. If filming is allowed in the city centre, the movie industry and hence the tourist industry will become the pillars of the Hong Kong economy, sustaining our economic development in the long run.</p> <p>6. 總結句</p> <p>Surely, the tremendous economic benefits brought by filming in the city centre will significantly <u>outweigh</u> the short-term pain suffered from by local citizens.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 6</p> <p>結論</p>	<p>1. 總結論點</p> <p>Judging from the above aspects, it is crystal clear that allowing filming in the city centre does more good than harm to Hong Kong.</p> <p>2. 諒解市民疑慮</p> <p>While I understand that the government has to <u>strike a balance between</u> development and citizens' interests, everyone can <u>rest assured</u> that promoting our filming industry will benefit citizens in the long run. It is definitely going to be a blessing for all.</p> <p>3. 對未來的期盼</p> <p>So why still hesitate? Let's <u>take swift action</u> now to allow filming movies in the city centre. I am looking forward to seeing the <u>blossoming</u> of the local movie industry and watching local movies that can showcase the beauty of Hong Kong to the world.</p>
<p>下款</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Yours faithfully,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chris Wong</p>

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Organization	6/7	6/7
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HKDSE English 2014 Q4 (One-sided argumentative essay)

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Some people believe that filming movies in the city centre should not be allowed. Others support it. Write a letter to the editor of the Hong Kong Daily giving your opinions. Provide three reasons to support your point of view.

上款	Dear Editor
Paragraph 1 開場白	<p>1. 寫信目的</p> <p>I am writing in support of filming movies in Hong Kong.</p> <p>2. 概述相反觀點</p> <p>Recently, there has been news about the local citizens having conflicts with people filming movies in Central. They claim filming movies causes disturbance to their lives, and thus they believe that filming movies in the city centre should be prohibited.</p> <p>3. 明確表明觀點</p> <p>Yet, after considering both the <u>merits and demerits</u> of filming movies in Hong Kong in the long run, it is my conviction that it should be allowed.</p>

<p>Paragraph 2</p> <p>論點1</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>To commence with, filming movies in the city centre can attract more tourists to come to Hong Kong.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋</p> <p>This is simply because during the filming process, the environment of the city centre will be utilized as the background of the films, which will then be circulated in different countries worldwide, including Britain, Australia, the USA and Japan thanks to globalization. Not only do people in these countries gain a better understanding of Hong Kong, they may also <u>flock to</u> Hong Kong owing to the <u>dazzling</u> local culture. A forceful illustration is that if the movies filmed spot the local food culture such as stinky tofu, egg puffs and fake shark fin soup in Mong Kok, they may find the food appealing and would like to visit Hong Kong. Apparently, filming movies in the city centre is conducive to promoting Hong Kong's local culture to people from all over the globe. As a consequence, more tourists would swarm to Hong Kong, boosting its tourism <u>by leaps and bounds.</u></p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>With <u>the ripple effect</u> on all walks of life, local economic development can be stimulated and the quality of life of Hong Kong people can be improved.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>論點2</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Another point to be noted is that allowing movies to be filmed in the city centre is beneficial to enhancing Hong Kong's reputation and image internationally.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋</p> <p>Echoes of the Rainbow, which is a movie filmed in Wing Lee Street, was awarded an honourable prize at the 2010 Berlin Film Festival. After that different media groups such as New York Times, BBC and Yahoo News reported the news worldwide. As a result, Hong Kong has gained popularity internationally. With this in mind, it doesn't take much to realize that if the movies filmed in the city centre are awarded prizes, Hong Kong can <u>grab the world's attention</u> as it once did.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>This, without doubt, can promote Hong Kong as a cosmopolitan city, enhancing its image and reputation.</p>
<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>論點3</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Alongside boosting Hong Kong's prestige, in no way should we overlook another benefit – local citizens can broaden their horizons about movies.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋</p> <p>As we all know, local citizens rarely have chances to watch movie filming in Hong Kong. Movies, be it the local ones or the international ones, are usually filmed overseas. Nevertheless, if there is an <u>once-in-a-lifetime</u> opportunity that movies can be filmed in the beautiful city centre, Hong Kong <u>indisputably</u> should <u>grasp</u> this <u>precious chance</u>. Consequently, Hong Kong's citizens can gain an insight about how movies are filmed. What is more worth noticing is that they can witness the <u>breathtaking</u> scenes of the movies through their eyes instead of the eyes of the camera and they can witness renowned movie stars including Angelina Jolie, Emma Watson and Jay Chou!</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>Under this line of thinking, it is an incontestable truth that allowing movies in the city centre enables local citizens to broaden their horizons and widen their perspective.</p>

<p>Paragraph 5</p> <p>駁論</p>	<p>1. 相反觀點</p> <p>Those opposing my stance may claim that filming movies in the city centre causes severe disturbance to the local people, such as traffic jams and the closure of shops.</p> <p>2. 讓步 + 反駁</p> <p>However reasonable this argument seems to be, we should think about the following questions: Is the inconvenience temporary or permanent? Do people enjoy watching famous stars acting? Do the opportunities that movies are filmed in the city centre always exist? What I believe is that the long-term benefits significantly outweigh the short-term pain of filming movies for one to weeks.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>For the sake of Hong Kong's long term development and citizens' interests, filming movies in the city centre should definitely be allowed.</p>
<p>Paragraph 6</p> <p>結論</p>	<p>1. 總結論點</p> <p>All in all, taking all aspects into consideration, it is my firm conviction that filming movies in the city centre should be allowed. We should bear in mind: It is the movies filmed in the city centre that can attract tourists to flock to Hong Kong and benefit the economy; it is the movies filmed in the city centre that can boost Hong Kong's reputation and image internationally; it is the movies filmed in the city centre that can enable local citizens to broaden their horizons.</p> <p>2. 對未來的期盼</p> <p>After all, this is a <u>precious opportunity</u> that cannot be missed by Hong Kong.</p>
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HKDSE English 2014 Q5 (Letter to the principal)

Learning English through debating Currently, only a small number of students in your school have access to school lockers. As the chairperson of the Student Union of your school, you have collected the views of students from different classes on this issue. Write a letter to Ms Lee, your school Principal, to persuade her to change the policy on lockers.

上款	Dear Ms Lee,
Paragraph 1 介紹	<p>1. 寫信目的 + 代表機構</p> <p>I am writing to <u>venture my opinion</u> on the policy on lockers on behalf of the Student Union.</p> <p>2. 概述問題</p> <p>Recently, we have collected the views of schoolmates of different classes on the issue of allowing only few schoolmates to have access to school lockers. After analyzing the views collected, it can be concluded that most schoolmates are opposed to such a policy.</p> <p>3. 表達期望</p> <p>We hope that the school can change the policy on lockers owing to convenience and fairness.</p>

<p>Paragraph 2</p> <p>理據1</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>To commence with, changing the policy on lockers can bring convenience to all schoolmates.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋</p> <p>Every day, all schoolmates need to carry <u>a large pile of</u> textbooks, the weight of which is too heavy even for an adult, <u>let alone</u> a teenager with underdeveloped muscles. Regarding junior form students, they have multiple Physical Education lessons and Home Economics lessons every week. The tools, the materials and the uniform involved result in schoolmates carrying two to three handbags, in addition to their schoolbags. Other than the great inconvenience caused to junior form schoolmates, their senior form <u>counterparts</u> also suffer. With a view to preparing for the HKDSE, many senior form students have to attend supplementary lessons at school and extra lessons at tutorial centres. We can imagine how clumsy it is for a teenager to carry a heavy school bag and two environmentally-friendly handbags packed with teaching materials and rush to the MTR station nearby after school. Apparently, the burden that schoolmates shoulder is unbearable.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>Changing the policy on lockers will definitely making going to school more convenient for schoolmates and alleviate the aforementioned problems.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>理據2</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>In addition to convenience, <u>impartiality</u> is essential, if not indispensable, concerning the locker policy.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋</p> <p>Due to the fact that only the athletes representing the sports teams of the school can have access to school lockers, they are considered superior in other schoolmates' eyes. According to the views collected, many schoolmates <u>aired their grievances</u> about the <u>favouritism</u> of teachers towards the athletes regarding their <u>exclusive right</u> to use the school lockers. Not being equally treated, many students have developed <u>a sense of inferiority</u> and <u>hatred</u> towards the elite athletes. Not only will this phenomenon jeopardize normal schoolmates' self-esteem, the harmonious atmosphere of the school will be destroyed given the great <u>discontent</u> towards the athletes.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>In a bid to <u>rectify</u> the above problems, changing the policy on lockers to allow access by all schoolmates is crucial as it can uphold the fairness and equality in our school.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>駁論</p>	<p>1. 相反觀點</p> <p>Some teachers may claim that changing the locker policy will lead to <u>chaos</u> when all students gather around lockers for taking out various textbooks and materials <u>prior to</u> the <u>commencement</u> of lessons.</p> <p>2. 讓步</p> <p>Undeniably, it may take our schoolmates some time to get their textbooks from the lockers.</p> <p>3. 反駁句</p> <p>Nevertheless, we should recognize that this will <u>not necessarily</u> lead to chaos as long as students are disciplined.</p> <p>4. 詳細解釋</p> <p>With the <u>courteous</u> attitude of all of our schoolmates, we believe they are self-disciplined enough to line up in an orderly manner when getting their <u>personal belongings</u> from the lockers. On condition that the lockers are designed systematically according to schoolmates' class numbers and the location of their seats, the whole process will be smooth. It is also worth remembering that there is a 10-minute <u>interval</u> between each lesson. Evidently, the adequate time available for our students will prevent chaos.</p> <p>5. 總結句</p> <p>Therefore, changing the school policy on lockers will not disrupt the normal operation of our school.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 5</p> <p>結論</p>	<p>1. 總結理據</p> <p>To conclude, equal access to lockers can provide our schoolmates with convenience and ensure that every student is treated impartially regardless of their capabilities.</p> <p>2. 期望改變政策</p> <p>Hence, we sincerely hope that the school can address the concerns of schoolmates by changing the policy on lockers and create a more favourable environment for all of us.</p>
	<p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p><i>Chris Wong</i></p> <p>Chris Wong</p> <p>Chairperson of the Student Union</p>

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上款	Dear Editor,
Paragraph 1 介紹	<p>1. 陳述正反觀點</p> <p>Tung Chung, Kwun Tong, Central, Sai Kung, to name but a few – these places all <u>bear a striking resemblance of</u> their undeveloped harbour front. Recently, a controversy has been stirred up on whether the harbour front should be open for public use or used as commercial buildings or housing, and some even <u>contend</u> that <u>utilizing</u> the harbour front for commercial and residential purposes is more beneficial to Hong Kong.</p> <p>2. 明確表達立場</p> <p>After considering both the benefits and drawbacks, it is my firm conviction that leaving the harbour front as public use is a more sensible choice in the long run.</p>
Paragraph 2 論點一	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>To commence with, leaving the harbour front for public use can preserve the natural environment.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>Nowadays, Hong Kong has long been <u>stigmatized</u> as a concrete jungle, suggesting that <u>undue emphasis has been laid on</u> commercial development and housing provision in Hong Kong. On the other hand, the fact that Hong Kong has a myriad of natural <u>“hidden gems”</u> in the harbour front is not recognized by most local people. By leaving the harbour front for public use, these precious elements of the environment can be exposed to the public, adding spice to this metropolis. With the harbour front left open, the <u>mudskippers</u> can continue to thrive in the mud of Tung Chung</p>

coast; **with the harbour front left open**, the **mangroves in Tai O** can display their tenacity when they are facing desiccation and flooding on the same day; **and with the harbour front left open**, the **black-faced spoonbill** can escape from the destiny of extinction. It is leaving the harbour front for public use that can preserve the biodiversity of Hong Kong. On the contrary, flattening the harbour front for commercial and residential development could do nothing but demolish the habitat of the precious organisms, causing some of them to become extinct.

3. 總結句

Under this line of thinking, it is evident that leaving the harbour front for public use should prevail.

<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>論點二</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>It should also be noted that the harbour front can provide a channel for citizens to escape from the hustle and bustle of life.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>Treating work as the <u>be all and end all</u> of their lives, most Hong Kongers, if not all, are often drained in their hectic lives. With the harbour front left open for public use, they can <u>recharge their batteries</u>, thus effectively relieving their tremendous pressure. With the harbour front left open for public use, people can <u>be engrossed in</u> the stunning view of sunrise when walking along the coast in Sai Kung in the early morning; people can blow off some steam by swimming along the beach on Lantau Island. With this in mind, it is clear that leaving the coastal area for public use can provide relaxation for Hong Kongers. On the contrary, utilizing the harbour front for commercial and residential purposes <u>sacrifices</u> the magnificent view in the coastal area, as only a minority of <u>affluent tycoons</u> can enjoy the <u>privilege</u> of such <u>absorbing</u> view.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>Isn't it ludicrous that we have to limit our choice of relaxation to the rich, when there is desperate demand for the harbour front ordinary people in society?</p>
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<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>駁論</p>	<p>1. 陳述反方觀點</p> <p>Naysayers may criticize my stance, contending that there has long been a dearth of land in Hong Kong for commercial and residential buildings. Therefore, there is a pressing need for utilizing the harbour front.</p> <p>2. 承認反方觀點的合理性 + 反駁句</p> <p>Though this argument is reasonable at the first glance, it is fundamentally flawed.</p> <p>3. 詳細解釋</p> <p>In fact, there are many alternatives to come to grips with the shortage of land, reclamation and urban renewal included. Is it a must that we have to sacrifice the precious harbour front to rectify the deep-rooted problem? In addition to this, the destruction of the natural environment is beyond retrieval and will provoke backlash from the public. The storm of controversy sparked by the construction of an artificial beach in Long Mei is a case in point. Is it really worthwhile if we pay a much higher cost of protecting the environment in the future if we opt for momentary benefit in the short run?</p> <p>4. 總結句</p> <p>Thus, it is apparently clear that the government should leave the harbour front for public use.</p>
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Paragraph 5 總結	<p>1. 重申立場, 歸納所有論據</p> <p>All in all, in no way should we allow the harbour front to be developed with commercial buildings and residential buildings. It is leaving the harbour front for public use that can preserve the environment. It is leaving the harbour front for public use that does not <u>inflict irreparable damage</u>.</p> <p>2. 對未來的展望</p> <p>It is to be hoped that our invaluable harbour front can be <u>preserved</u> in a way that is beneficial to the environment as well as all of us.</p>
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上款	Dear Editor,
Paragraph 1 介紹	<p>1. 陳述正反觀點</p> <p>HOS flats or an open plaza for relaxing gatherings? Lucrative skyscrapers or a great area for Tai chi and mass dance? Another IFC or a place for enjoying Hong Kong's harbour front? Given that many parts Hong Kong's harbour front are still undeveloped, some suggest using these areas for housing and commercial use. While some <u>heap praise on</u> the idea, believing that the increased housing and office supply can <u>drive down</u> property prices and office rent, some oppose it for such areas should be left as open space for public use.</p> <p>2. 明確表達立場</p> <p>After careful consideration of the issue as a whole, it is my firm conviction that developing these areas into public open space is desirable, if not essential.</p>
Paragraph 2 論點一	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>To commence with, leaving the harbour front as open space can slow down Hong Kongers' living pace, hence improving their health.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>In this city of hustle and bustle, people work from day till night in order to earn a living, causing them to forget the importance of leisure and rest. Owing to the little public open space in the city, people are buried in a community filled with flats and offices and have little chance to relax and</p>

	<p>exercise. With public open space in the harbour front, people will find it more convenient to have a place for leisure. Some of them, attracted by the mesmerizing harbour view, simply can pay a visit to the open space for a chat with friends, which allows people to put down their work for a while and breathe in some fresh air. Some of them may even participate in the various activities available in the open space, such as mass dance and Tai Chi. Take mainland China as an example. It is easy for us to find people dancing joyfully in some public open space along with music with catchy beats. This is known as “Plaza Dance”, whose participants include children, off-work adults and the elderly. Therefore, it is patent that some residents in Hong Kong will be able to enjoy themselves in these activities, allowing them to exercise a bit and <u>stretch their muscles</u>. Conversely, leaving the harbour front for housing and commercial use further highlights the city’s <u>undue emphasis</u> on money and work. Continuing to bury their heads in <u>piles of</u> work, people will be in lack of leisure, rest and exercise, thus exacerbating their health.</p> <p>4. 總結句</p> <p>As we can see, leaving the harbour front as open space allows Hong Kongers to enjoy better health by providing them more opportunities of <u>recharging their batteries</u>.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>論點二</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>It should also be noted that the idea of having open space in the harbour front can maintain Hong Kong’s competitiveness as an attractive tourist destination.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>Hong Kong is famous for its stunning harbour view. Instead of purchasing products in high-end shopping arcades, which are <u>ubiquitous</u> around the globe, it is the magnificent scenery of Victoria Harbour that captures the heart and mind of millions of tourists. Through leaving the harbour front as open space can visitors have the perfect spot for watching the fascinating harbour and the <u>glistening skyscrapers in Central and Tsim Sha Tsui</u>. It is also worth noting that foreigners, who often <u>place strong emphasis on</u> work-life balance, will definitely appreciate the city’s provision of open space for playing sports and enjoying a family picnic. On the contrary, the construction of a high density of residential and commercial buildings in the harbour front will disappoint the tourists, leaving them the impression that Hong Kong is a hectic concrete jungle in lack of leisure and recreation. With a view to pursuing spiritual relaxation, many tourists may <u>opt for</u> tourist destinations ranging from Phuket to Maldives, which are renowned for their picturesque beaches</p>
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and serenity. In the long run, Hong Kong's tourist industry will decline, leading to the loss of employment opportunities and economic stagnation.

4. 總結句

Evidently, for the sake of the sustainable development of our tourism, leaving the harbour front as open space should **prevail over** constructing residential and commercial buildings.

<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>駁論</p>	<p>1. 陳述反方觀點</p> <p>Critics may counter my stance and pinpoint that utilizing the harbour front for housing and commercial development can boost the supply of flats and offices and pull down property prices and rents, alleviating local citizens' financial burden.</p> <p>2. 承認反方觀點的合理性</p> <p>At first glance, this argument seems to be valid. But in fact, it <u>is divorced from reality</u>.</p> <p>3. 反駁句</p> <p>It should be noted that the soaring property prices should not be attributed to the shortage of flats and offices.</p> <p>4. 詳細解釋</p> <p>According to newspaper reports, there is a large amount of vacant flats and offices in our city. The truth is that local people and investors from the mainland are <u>stockpiling</u> property for <u>speculation</u> proposes, driving up their prices. To <u>lessen</u> the financial burden of the public, the government should <u>penalize</u> speculators by introducing “triple stamp duty” and reserve a significant portion of flats for local people’s residential purposes similar to Singapore. In order to satisfy citizens’ housing demand in the long run, the government can also develop land in Southern Yuen Long and Tuen Mun, which are known for their large areas of idle flatland. In other words, there are many other ways to mitigate the problem of skyrocketing property and office prices instead of developing residential areas and commercial areas in the harbour front.</p> <p>5. 總結句</p> <p>In light of the public demand for leisure and the sustainable development of the tourist industry, it is of paramount importance for the government to leave the harbour front for public use.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 5</p> <p>總結</p>	<p>1. 重申立場, 歸納所有論據</p> <p>To sum up, the idea of building more flats and offices <u>pales in comparison with</u> that of leaving the harbour front as public open space. It is the open space in the harbour front that can relax citizens' mind and it is the open space in the harbour front that can sustain the prosperity of our tourism.</p> <p>2. 對未來的展望</p> <p>It is to be hoped that the government can take the long-term development of Hong Kong into consideration and transform our beautiful harbour front into a paradise of tranquility and recreation!</p>
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標題	Don't leave your hometown, youngsters
<p>Paragraph 1</p> <p>介紹</p>	<p>1. 交代背景</p> <p>Hong Kong <u>prides</u> itself <u>on</u> being a <u>prosperous</u> and an <u>affluent</u> city, but to many young people, it is actually a place where they cannot even find a job. As the number of unemployed graduates has <u>spiralled</u> recently, it has been suggested that they could look for opportunities in other Asian cities.</p> <p>2. 明確表達立場</p> <p>Although the suggestion may sound <u>palatable</u>, personally I do not support it.</p>

<p>Paragraph 2</p> <p>論點一</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>To commence with, it is difficult for local young graduates to find suitable jobs in Asian cities.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>True, to many fresh graduates, especially those not equipped with a university degree, it is such a formidable task to look for a job in Hong Kong due to the cut-throat competition here. However, is finding a decent, well-paid job in other Asian cities such a cushy task? Those who answer “yes” should not hesitate to take a glimpse of the high youth unemployment rate in Japan and its economic problems. Korea, another seemingly possible destination, is a country whose economy relies heavily on the tourist industry. In Korea, teenagers may not be able to find a suitable job they want so effortlessly.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>I am worried that going to Asian cities to instigate new opportunities may not bring young graduates a rosy future, but instead create more uncertainties and hindrance to their long-term development.</p>
<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>論點二</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Apart from the difficulty in getting a suitable job there, youngsters may not want to work in other Asian cities as they are unfamiliar with them.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>To them, Hong Kong is their cozy home where they are raised and nurtured. It is natural and understandable that some of them would like to develop their careers in the place which they know well. It is undeniable that they might learn to be more independent and tough if they work alone in other Asian cities. However, this may not be what they long for – some of them may not be willing to leave their families and friends just for work. After all, work is an intrinsic part of our lives but it is certainly not everything.</p>

<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>論點三</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Besides the aforementioned reasons, let's look into the issue from another point of view: is it <u>conducive to</u> Hong Kong's long-term development if the jobless leave and join the labour force of other Asian cities?</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>If the talented work in other countries, they cannot make contributions to the <u>betterment</u> of our society. The qualities they possess – the <u>savvy</u> they acquire and the practical skills they learn in Hong Kong – will become haven-sent gifts to other Asian cities. Then, how can Hong Kong compete with Singapore and Shanghai, which are catching up in terms of economic development? How can Hong Kong <u>retain</u> its position as a <u>renowned</u> business <u>metropolis</u>? How can we develop new ideas and make improvement without the group of <u>vibrant</u>, creative and <u>diligent</u> adults?</p>
<p>Paragraph 5</p> <p>駁論</p>	<p>1. 陳述反方觀點</p> <p>Some people believe that if unemployed youngsters could find opportunities in Asian cities and move to work there, there will be less <u>discontent</u> in our society.</p> <p>2. 承認反方觀點的合理性 + 反駁句</p> <p>This argument is seemingly valid, but in reality <u>preposterous</u>.</p> <p>3. 詳細解釋</p> <p>If everyone is prepared to leave the city for work after graduation, I am worried that citizens' sense of belonging to Hong Kong will be greatly weakened. They may no longer regard Hong Kong as their <u>cozy</u> home, but <u>merely</u> a town where they study temporarily. This surely <u>poses a threat to</u> us, with our unity and bond being ruined. Then, how can we support each other and <u>surmount</u> every obstacle together?</p>

<p>Paragraph 6</p> <p>總結</p>	<p>1. 重申立場, 歸納所有論據</p> <p>I believe that encouraging young people to look for chances in other Asian cities is not a <u>panacea</u> to the youth unemployment problem in Hong Kong. It is just putting the cart before the horse.</p> <p>2. 對未來的展望</p> <p>I hope local employers in Hong Kong will give youngsters more opportunities when possible, so that they will have a chance to make contributions to the place where they belong to.</p>
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標題	<p style="text-align: center;">Why stay in Hong Kong when there are opportunities elsewhere?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">By Chris Wong</p>
<p>Paragraph 1</p> <p>介紹</p>	<p>1. 交代背景</p> <p>Have you ever wondered where you will work once you graduate? It may not be a worry to you at all at the moment, but it is certainly nothing new that many local graduates are complaining about the lack of employment opportunities here.</p> <p>2. 明確表達立場</p> <p>I support the suggestion that those who fail to get a job in Hong Kong could look for opportunities in other cities in Asia, and I would like to justify my stance in terms of the current situation, the attractiveness of other cities and feasibility.</p>

<p>Paragraph 2</p> <p>論點一</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Their claim, to commence with, is not <u>groundless</u>. It is true that the city lacks opportunities for young people, in particular fresh graduates.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>Since the 1980s, Hong Kong has been <u>transforming into</u> a knowledge-based economy and an international financial centre. So far, so good. The problem is, in spite of many commentators' suggestions that the HKSAR government should take measures to <u>diversify the economy</u>, Hong Kong at present is still reliant heavily on the "Four Pillars" and such industries as Information Technology and biotechnology are either <u>immature</u> or neglected. What are the implications for local graduates? Well, you should not have any difficulty in developing your career if you <u>engage in</u> those dominant and prosperous industries, but if you do not excel in or are interested in being an i-banker or an accountant, it is pretty sure you will face a hard time seeking a job alone. That is why despite the low overall unemployment rate, many graduates are unable to <u>land a job, not to mention</u> a <u>decent</u> one. In addition, under globalization, Hong Kong faces fierce competition from cities and regions all over the world. A company can simply hire a foreign graduate instead if it finds you relatively less competitive. It may even move the whole production lines to other regions and <u>render</u> workers specializing in a particular stage of production unemployed.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>Thus, seeking jobs in other cities is probably a must for quite a number of graduates.</p>
<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>論點二</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>In contrast, other cities in Asia offer more opportunities for our graduates.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>For instance, unlike Hong Kong, Taipei is a hub of technology and IT talents or workers who specialize in, say, the production of semiconductors, can easily secure a job there. Not only do many Asian cities have a more diversified economy, but <u>entrepreneurship</u> is also valued there, compared to Hong Kong. Take Singapore as an example. A vibrant start-up culture can be</p>

observed in the Lion City. You need not be an employee provided that you have some innovative ideas that may revolutionize our way of life. You may even be able to start your own business if an investor deems your proposal sound and workable. In other words, you are creating opportunities for yourself, so to speak. Some might argue that it is unnecessary and perhaps even counterproductive to seek jobs in other Asian cities. If you can't even get a job in your city, do you consider yourself to be so competitive as to be hired by employers in other cities, not to mention the fact that you are put at a disadvantage compared to the locals owing to cultural differences? I beg to differ. Admittedly, there is no guarantee that you will land a job elsewhere, yet what our graduates is another opportunity. Why not explore more possibilities if staying home isn't going to do you any good? Perhaps your talent is not recognized and appreciated in Hong Kong. Who knows? Try it, and at least you won't regret.

<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>論點三</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Apart from the comparison between Hong Kong and other Asian cities, feasibility is also a major consideration.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>Doubting if our graduates are capable of adapting to the lifestyles of other cities? I can assure you that we should never underestimate the abilities and potential of local graduates. For a start, language skills give our students an edge over other competitors. I have witnessed the language proficiency of many of my classmates in English and Putonghua, which is, in my opinion, stunningly fantastic. This can no doubt be attributed to the colonial rule of the British government and the handover in 1997. As an international city, Hong Kong has nurtured graduates with the so-called “global vision”. Seldom have I heard of someone who knows nothing about international affairs, for example, the Paris terrorist attack last year. Most local graduates have a certain, if not high awareness of the things taking place all around the world. Having lived in a cosmopolitan metropolis since birth also endows us with cultural tolerance among our graduates. Despite the news that some locals are dissatisfied with the uncivilized behaviour of a few mainland tourists, most Hong Kong people, generally speaking, are rational and open to other cultures, and seldom, if at all, discriminate against others based on race or sexual orientation.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>That is why I believe our graduates are capable of adapting to the cultures and social norms of other Asian cities pretty well, given their willingness to respect the local traditions and customs.</p>
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HKDSE 2016 Q3**Learning English through Workplace Communication**

Many Hong Kong graduates complain about the lack of employment opportunities in the city. It has been suggested that graduates who fail to find a job in Hong Kong could look for opportunities in other cities in Asia. Do you support this suggestion? Write an article for your school magazine expressing your views. Give three reasons to support your views. Provide an appropriate title for your article.

標題	Working in other Asian cities grants you success
<p>Paragraph 1</p> <p>介紹</p>	<p>1. 交代背景</p> <p>Recent studies conducted by Ming Pao have suggested that the recent economic downturn has made local graduates struggle to find jobs in Hong Kong. The same study also demonstrated that the economic boom in certain places <u>has spawned</u> more job opportunities. Cities such as Shanghai, Singapore, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur are home to <u>a myriad of</u> job opportunities in different fields, <u>inclusive of</u> the hotel business, retail business, finance business, you name it.</p> <p>2. 明確表達立場</p> <p>College graduates from Hong Kong, who specialize in these fields, should seize these valuable opportunities as they are not only beneficial to their career, but also to their life.</p>

<p>Paragraph 2</p> <p>論點一</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>The <u>capability</u> of university graduates is why they are advised to find jobs in other Asian cities.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>Developing countries in the region, including Malaysia and Indonesia, are <u>longing for</u> overseas professionals to help them develop the countries in different aspects, be it logistics or finance. In Hong Kong, the provision of degree or applied learning courses based on the <u>aforementioned</u> fields is <u>prominent</u>, and hence Hong Kong graduates are highly competitive in this regard and are able to <u>thrive</u> should they find jobs in those fields. Additionally, the proficiency of English and Mandarin possessed by the majority of graduates also <u>gives rise to</u> their competitiveness. English language, which <u>is incorporated into</u> the New Senior Secondary curriculum, makes communication in foreign cities like Singapore convenient, demolishing the communication barriers between the two places. We have a lot to expect from the city whose English proficiency is high. The ability to speak Mandarin also eases communication in mainland cities which are <u>swiftly</u> growing, like Beijing and Guangzhou. Even these places are far superior to Hong Kong in terms of job opportunities, and if graduates have the ability, they should consider these options.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>論點二</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Security of employment is another important factor that makes working in other Asian cities attractive.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>The growing economy, the expanding market and the improving working environment enable other cities in Southeast Asia to provide an insane number of job opportunities. In contrast, the market in Hong Kong is so saturated that hardly could one find a job. The vast number of jobs in Asian cities allows Hong Kong graduates to find a job easily. The growing wages in the region also appeal to local graduates. With cities in Southeast Asia shifting their focus to high value-added industries instead of the mass production industries, the pay in these countries is extremely rewarding and is bound to increase. Who would not want to work stably while earning a lot?</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>Working in other Asian cities is therefore recommended for Hong Kong graduates especially when they have the abilities.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>論點三</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Other than <u>monetary incentives</u>, working in other Asian cities can also <u>expose</u> local graduates <u>to</u> foreign cultures.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>Studying in Hong Kong, graduates rarely have time to experience other cultures besides those existing in Hong Kong. <u>Devoid of</u> adequate opportunities, the development of Hong Kong graduates' global vision is likely to be <u>hampered</u>. Working in other Asian cities, they are almost limited to staying and living in that specific city, and through this experience can they broaden their horizons. During holidays, they can participate in various local festivals by which they can deepen their understanding of the city's culture. Living in a city where everyone speaks a different language from yours, say Malay, Thai, Japanese and Korean, they are granted chances to learn and master foreign languages, which makes them even more competitive and their stay more enjoyable. Enjoying local cuisines, they could as well experience in person the huge differences between the lifestyles in Hong Kong and other cities. Even places as close as Taiwan and Macau have cultures which are <u>distinct</u> from that in Hong Kong.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>It could be seen that without a doubt, working in other Asian cities could be beneficial to the long-term development of graduates.</p>
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Paragraph 5 總結	<p>1. 重申立場, 歸納所有論據</p> <p>Unemployment is certainly the last thing we want to see after graduating from school or college. Having a multitude of advantages, working in other Asian cities seems to be <u>the best bet</u> if graduates have difficulty finding jobs locally.</p> <p>2. 對未來的展望</p> <p>I am sure that they will have their lives greatly enriched if they make the right choice!</p>
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HKDSE 2016 Q4**Learning English through Debating**

It has recently been reported that some parents in Asian countries are installing apps on their children's mobile phones that monitor their activities to ensure that they use these devices responsibly.

Write a letter to the Young Post stating whether you agree with these parents' actions or not. Justify your position with three reasons.

上款	Dear Editor,
Paragraph 1 介紹	<p>1. 交代背景</p> <p>The phenomenon that Asian parents are installing apps on their children's smartphones to monitor their activities in order to ensure these youngsters use these devices responsibly has aroused much concern. <u>Advocates proclaim</u> that parents can <u>in turn</u> protect their children from using these gadgets uncontrollably. Yet, <u>skeptics</u> insist this is <u>detrimental to</u> teenagers' <u>sense of empowerment</u> and harms their privacy.</p> <p>2. 明確表達立場</p> <p>While people's view is <u>divergent</u>, I support the idea these parents' actions are reasonable and advisable. In this letter, I am writing to explain my viewpoint.</p>

<p>Paragraph 2</p> <p>論點一</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Of all the reasons why I agree to the Asian parents' action, none are as significant as the fact that it prevents children from using their smart gadgets for an unreasonably long period.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>It is universally known that teenagers these days <u>lack self-restraint</u>. Given that the cyber world is full of attractive information, adolescents <u>are attached to</u> their smart devices. Have you ever seen kids around you sticking to their smartphones for the whole MTR trip without having a look of the beautiful scenery outside the train? I am sure everyone has experienced it before. With this in mind, it is the parents' responsibility to help teenagers develop a proper usage of phones. By installing these monitoring apps, parents can get information about the time their <u>beloved</u> sons and daughters spend on the hand-sized gadgets. With the information, adults can have a meaningful chat with the young generation and <u>voice their concern</u>. Perhaps the <u>duos</u> can set up rules together after that. It prevents teenagers from being mastered by the mobile phones – they should master them instead. As a result, parents can adjust their children's <u>exposure to</u> the phones and the young kids can develop an ideal habit of using them. They can therefore spare more time for other essential elements, be it doing sports, developing their artistic potential or volunteering.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>Judging from this, it is reasonable for Asian parents to install these apps in their children's phones.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>論點二</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Apart from preventing children being engulfed by the evil smart devices, never should we overlook the fact that install apps can deter children from acting improperly on the Internet.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>In this technological era, the new generation loves using smartphones to visit social networking sites. Unfortunately, they may do something improperly, such as cyberbullying. If parents don't have the power to monitor children's usage of their phone, it is unlikely for them to figure out what their children have done online. With the help of the apps on adolescents' phones, parents will notice it immediately once the adolescents begin their act. In this sense, youngsters may think twice before acting inappropriately. This prevents them from going astray due to irrational thoughts, helping them to develop their morality. Preventing the young generation acting improperly is also remunerative in terms of their future career – an increasing number of international companies like Google check the job seekers' online comments. In other words, preventing youngsters from behaving poorly on the Internet can safeguard their future career development.</p> <p>4. 總結句</p> <p>So, why don't we take these benefits into consideration and support the caring parents' action?</p>
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<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>論點三</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>On top of keeping children away from acting inappropriately on the Internet, installing apps on their mobile phones is also crucial to protecting them from unhealthy information, which is <u>readily available</u> on the Internet.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>In this day and age, people can upload any information to the Internet freely. By browsing the web, teenagers are likely to be exposed to stuffs that may <u>distort their value judgment</u>. Take the game apps as an example. Recently, some app-designing companies have introduced a game requiring players to decide the way to help a girl to carry out plastic surgery. In the game, the main character has tried to have a plastic surgery to improve her appearance. Teenagers may be led to believe that physical appearance is the only way to define the beauty of a person and ignore the inner beauty. Judging a book from its cover is not advisable. If we allow them to <u>immerse in</u> a virtual environment which is filled with these distorted values, what will they become? How will our future be? It is also <u>omnipresent</u> to see phone apps containing sex scenes. Parents should definitely install apps to monitor their children's usage of phones.</p> <p>5. 總結句</p> <p>In an attempt to protect them from the dangerous cyber world, it is both <u>conducive</u> to the teenagers themselves and the future of our society.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 5</p> <p>總結</p>	<p>1. 重申立場, 歸納所有論據</p> <p>For the reasons above, encouraging parents to install apps on their children's phones for monitoring their activities is vital for preventing them from being addicted to it and hurting others on the Internet. This can also separate the vulnerable youngsters from the dangerous virtual world.</p> <p>3. 對未來的展望</p> <p>It is hoped that the young generation can be wise mobile phone users and make full use of the benefits they can derive from these smart devices so that they can carry these advantages over to their careers in their life.</p>
<p>下款</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Yours faithfully, Chris Wong</p>

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上款	Dear Editor,
Paragraph 1 介紹	<p>1. 寫作目的</p> <p>I am writing to express my opinion about some parents' installation of monitoring apps on their children's mobile phones.</p> <p>2. 交代背景</p> <p>"Tiger moms", "wolf dads", "helicopter parents" – to name but just a few – these are all terms describing Asian parents who make every <u>endeavour</u> to monitor or control the behaviour of their children. Recently, it has been reported that some parents in Asian countries are installing apps on their children's mobile phones that monitor their activities to ensure their responsible use of these devices. While some <u>deem</u> it reasonable and sensible, some see it unreasonable and absurd.</p> <p>3. 明確表達立場</p> <p>After <u>meticulous</u> consideration, it is my conviction that such an act is <u>by no means</u> beneficial to the children and the family.</p>
Paragraph 2 論點一	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>To commence with, the installation of monitoring apps will hamper children's development of self-discipline.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>Living in this technological era, it is public knowledge that self-discipline is of crucial significance for there are much more temptations in society than before. Knowing how to distinguish between right and wrong is thereby indispensable, especially for easily <u>swayed</u> young minds. Admittedly,</p>

	<p>through installing the apps and <u>paying heed to</u> every act of teens on their electronic gadgets can parents produce <u>a deterrent effect</u> in the short term, protecting them from <u>falling victim to</u> online frauds or having minds <u>perverted</u> by inappropriate content. Yet, such effects are by no means sustainable. Youngsters behave themselves only to avoid punishment from parents, rather than understanding the importance of using devices responsibly. Consequently, many of them will fail to avoid temptations in real life, where parents can no longer monitor them.</p>
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<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>論點二</p>	<p>1. 標題句</p> <p>Apart from <u>impeding</u> children's development of self-discipline, under no circumstances should we overlook the negative impact of installing monitoring apps <u>poses</u> to the relationship between parents and children.</p> <p>2. 詳細解釋論點</p> <p>Due to long working hours, many parents lack time to communicate with their children, thus having <u>distant</u> relationship with the latter. Further to this, under the influence of traditional Chinese parenting as well as the <u>grade-fixated</u> education system in Asian countries, many parents tend to <u>lay emphasis on</u> children's academic achievement rather than expressing their love and care when they are with their children after work. As a result, misunderstanding and conflicts crop up more easily. In light of this, the act of installing apps to monitor children's use of electronic devices will <u>exacerbate</u> the current problems. Teenagers, who already hardly feel the love of their parents, will <u>deem</u> such an act a lack of trust. They may then be more unwilling to open up to their parents, or even <u>intentionally act against their parents' will</u> to express their discontent, doing <u>irreparable</u> harm to their relationship with parents.</p> <p>3. 總結句</p> <p>Under this line of thinking, isn't it <u>farcical</u> to install monitoring apps given it may <u>wreak havoc</u> on the most precious parent-child relationship?</p>
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<p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>駁論</p>	<p>1. 陳述反方觀點</p> <p>Supporters of the act may counter my stance, holding the view that it can ensure children use their phones properly, lowering their chance of being <u>submerged in</u> the virtual world and thus have better time management.</p> <p>2. 承認反方觀點的合理性 + 反駁句</p> <p>While this argument is reasonable <u>at first glance</u>, it is in fact <u>fundamentally flawed</u> when closely examined. Undeniably, such an act can prevent children from getting addicted to the use of mobile phones in the beginning. However, does it <u>necessarily mean</u> that children will allocate their time to studies or other meaningful use? With children's immature mind, they may be obsessed with playing online games and browsing the Internet on computers; With children's immature mind, they may still be <u>hooked on</u> watching television programmes; With children's immature mind, they may be vulnerable to the distractions and temptations in the real world.</p> <p>3. 詳細解釋</p> <p>In other words, it is simply difficult, if not impossible, to control teenagers' responsible use of time.</p>
<p>Paragraph 5</p> <p>結論</p>	<p>1. 歸納全文論點</p> <p>After the aforementioned analysis, it is <u>manifest</u> that the parents' installation of monitoring apps on their children's phones is in no way reasonable. We have to understand that this will deter children from developing self-discipline and <u>shatter</u> the mutual trust between parents and children while having <u>minimal impact</u> on controlling children's use of time.</p> <p>2. 期望作結</p> <p>Thus, it is earnestly hoped that Asian parents can stop this futile act in no time. After all, parental education is about love and care, rather than rules and supervision.</p>
<p>下款</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Yours faithfully, Chris Wong</p>
<p>Content</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7/7</p>

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