Road to DSE

Writing notes (12) (常用句式)

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1. SVO 1. SV

Example: We should never give up.

2. SVO

Example: The insane man assaulted a security guard of the Cable TV headquarters.

3. $S + V + O_1 + O_2$

Example: The government should provide the impoverished with vocational training.

2. This 作用: 因果關係

1. SVO. + This + v. + O.

Example: We should communicate genuinely with our family members. <u>This</u> can enhance our family relationship.

Example: The government should promote the use of public transport. <u>This</u> can alleviate the problem of traffic congestion.

3. and 作用: 並列關係

1. $S + V_1 + and + V_2 + O$

Example: The firemen extinguished the fire <u>and</u> rescued the trapped residents.

2. SVO + and + SVO.

Example: Owing to low academic qualifications, some teenagers are frustrated **and** they may become socially-withdrawn youths.

4. When

作用:表示時間、假設關係

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1. When + SVO, + SVO

SVO + when + SVO

If + SVO, + SVO

SVO + if + SVO

Example: When people are confronted with financial difficulties, they may easily lose their temper and quarrel with their loved ones.

Example: The principal suddenly entered the classroom **when** they were bullying the victims.

Example: If China abolishes capital punishment, the crime rate will skyrocket.

Example: The competitiveness of Hong Kong will be jeopardized <u>if</u> the minimum wage is drastically increased.

2. When + v.+ing + n., + SVO

SVO + when + v.+ing + n.

Example: When implementing waste charging, the government has to consider the cost and benefits.

Example: The teenage boy lost his consciousness and collapsed <u>when</u> playing computer games in a net café.

5. 連接詞 作用1: 因果關係

1. Because/As/Since + SVO, + SVO

SVO + because/as/since + SVO

SVO, + so + SVO

SVO. + Therefore,/Hence,/Thus, + SVO

Example: Because Hong Kong is an international financial hub, many banks establish their headquarters here.

Example: Classes were suspended **since** the typhoon signal no.10 was hoisted.

Example: Many girls love to capture their beauty and merriment, **so** they are obsessed with taking selfies.

Example: Most students doubt the quality of their school teachers. **Hence,** they enroll in tutorial classes organized by star tutors.

2. Because of/Due to/Owing to/Thanks to + n., + SVO

SVO + because of/due to/owing to/thanks to + n.

Example: Due to his steely determination and the insatiable thirst for glory, Kobe Bryant has outperformed most players in his generation.

Example: Many factories in China have relocated to inland provinces like Sichuan and Shanxi owing to the ballooning labour cost in the coastal region.

作用2: 轉折關係

1. Although/Though/Even though + SVO, + SVO

SVO + although/though/even though + SVO

SVO, but + SVO

SVO. + However,/Nevertheless,/Nonetheless, + SVO

Example: Although iPhones are expensive, many people purchase them to showcase their social status.

Example: C.Ronaldo is regarded as one of the best footballers in history <u>even</u> <u>though</u> he has never won the World Cup.

Example: He is destitute, **but** he is reluctant to apply for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance from the government.

Example: Van Gogh was an excellent artist. **Nevertheless,** he failed to gain international recognition before his suicide.

5. 連接詞

2. Despite/In spite of + n./v.+ing, + SVO

SVO + despite / in spite of + n./v.+ing

Example: <u>Despite</u> international condemnation and sanctions, Russia has refused to halt its military expansion in Ukraine.

Example: The United States failed defeat China in the Korean War **in spite of** having superior weapons.

作用3: 表示目的

1. In order to + v., + SVO

SVO + in order to / so as to + v.

Example: In order to appease the Western superpowers, the Qing government paid indemnities and ceded land to them.

Example: Li Ka-shing has donated billions of dollars **so as to** promote the development of human resources in China.

2. With a view to / For the sake of + v.+ing, + SVO

SVO + with a view to / for the sake of + v.+ing

Example: For the sake of the next generation, websites and the mass media should stop disseminating pornographic information.

Example: The Chinese Communist Party has refused the democrats' demand for civil nomination and genuine universal suffrage in Hong Kong **with a view to** safeguarding its grip on power and the national security of China.

6. Prepositio nal

作用1: 表示因果關係

Clauses

1. With + n., + SVO

Example: With the Octopus system, we can complete our payment more conveniently.

Example: With the spread of the Ebola virus, international collaboration is required.

作用2: 表示目的

Through/By + n. / v.+ing, + SVO

SVO + through/by + n. / v.+ing

Example: Through the cloud platform, we can upload document online easily.

Example: Many people earn substantial amount of money **by speculating** in the stock market and the property market.

7. which

作用: 附加描述

who

a. Defining Relative Clause(必要的附加描述,不用逗號)

that

Example: The dog <u>which</u> was abandoned by my neighbor starved to death.

Example: The singer who was the most popular in Hong Kong in the 1990s was Leon Lai.

Example: The local university **that** admits the largest number of top performers in the HKDSE is the University of Hong Kong.

2. **SVO** + which + v. + ...

Example: Monkeys are the media **which** spread the Ebola virus in Western Africa.

Example: Mao Zedong was the man **who** established the People's Republic of China.

Example: The widening wealth chasm is the problem **that** the government needs to tackle first.

b. Non-defining Relative Clause(額外的附加描述,需要逗號)

1. S+, which + v. + ...+ VO

Example: The United States, **which** is the largest economy in the world, is also a sports superpower, winning hundreds of gold medals in the Olympic Games.

Example: Michael Jordan, **who** graduated from North Carolina University, is the greatest basketball player in history.

3. **SVO** + , **which** + **v.** + ...

Example: Usain Bolt was born in Jamaica, which is a Caribbean country.

Example: Cheung Kong Limited was founded by Li Ka-shing, **who** is a multibillionaire and a philanthropist.

8. v. + ing (主 作用1: 句子主語

動)

1. V. + ing + v. + n.

p.p. (被動)

Example: Enhancing the living environment of the impoverished should be the priority of the government.

Example: <u>Sustaining</u> rapid economic development of China is the only way for the Chinese Communist Party to maintain its legitimacy and political survival.

Example: Legalizing euthanasia can alleviate the physical and psychological pain of chronically-ill patients.

作用2: 表示同一時間發生、時間先後 (前後兩句主語必須相同)

1. V. + ing + n., + SVO

p.p. + n., + SVO

Example: Watching the dreary movie, the couple fell asleep.

Example: Having graduated from Cambridge University, Wang Yan-lung became a barrister.

Example: <u>Disappointed</u> by the humiliating defeat of the Chinese soccer team, the spectators <u>damaged</u> the vehicles outside the stadium.

Example: Eliminated from the singing contest, the participants burst into tears.

v. + ing (主 | 作用3: 表示因果關係 (前後兩句主語必須相同) 動)

p.p. (被動)

Example: Pretending to be a beetle, Shinchan made his classmates laugh.

Example: Watching the Korean drama, the audience can learn about the significance of benevolence and generosity.

Example: Bullied by his schoolmates, Bobby suffered from depression and plunged to his death.

Example: Rescued by the fireman last night, the injured woman was sent to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

2. SVO +, v. + ing + n.

Example: The little boy was waiting at the entrance of the school waiting for his mother.

Example: The development of eco-tourism in Hong Kong can attract more travellers, **facilitating** economic development.

Example: Through genuine communication, family members can understand more about each other, preventing unnecessary conflicts and enhancing their relationship.

作用4: 附加描述

1.
$$S + v. + ing + ... + VO$$

Example: The only shooting guard **scoring** more than 80 points in a single game is Kobe Bryant.

Example: The woman wearing heavy make-up always purchases LV handbags and other luxury products.

Example: The shopping mall **visited** most frequently by mainland tourists is New Town Plaza in Shatin.

Example: The electronic products **produced** in Japan are the most reliable and popular in the world.

9. Noun Clause s

作用1: 句子主語

1. (What + v. + ...) + VO

Example: What really matters is not material comforts, but spiritual welfare.

Example: What disappoints the public most is the government's disregard of the environment.

Example: What is really inconceivable is the government's lack of vision and long-term economic planning.

2. (The fact) that + SVO + VO

Example: That Hong Kong is overtaken by Shenzhen and Shanghai can be attributed to the myopia of the government.

Example: The fact that the Japanese army conquered China and other Asian countries is concealed in Japanese textbooks.

3. Whether + SVO + VO

Example: Whether students can enhance their academic results hinges on their effort.

作用2: 句子賓語

1. S + V. + that + SVO

Example: Many political analysts have argued <u>that</u> the lack of social mobility and the deterioration of inter-generational poverty are the major culprits of terrorism. **Example:** Mr. Yu believes that diligence and perseverance are the recipes for success.

2. SV + what + to + v.

SV + what + SVO

SV + how + to + v.

SV + why + SVO

Example: A lot of university students are not sure **what** to do to enhance their language skills and competitiveness.

Example: The Chinese government does not know <u>what</u> measures it can take to prevent devastating economic crises.

Example: Many parents do not know **how** to nurture their children.

Example: Schools should investigate <u>why</u> some of their students have become rebellious.

10. Adjective patterns

作用: 加強語氣

1. It is + 個性形容詞 + of + sbdy + to + v.

Example: It is wise of you to study assiduously to prepare for the HKDSE.

Example: It is irrational **of** youngsters **to** engage in criminal activities.

2. It is + 其他形容詞 + for + sbdy + to + v.

Example: It is crucial $\underline{\textbf{for}}$ the United States $\underline{\textbf{to}}$ stem the tide of Islamic

fundamentalism and terrorism in the Middle East.

Example: It is essential **for** sixth-formers **to** practise English writing

regularly.

Example: It is feasible **for** the government **to** liberalize the local television

market.

11. Cleft Sentences (分裂句)

作用: 加強語氣

1. It is + n. + that/who/whom/which + SVO

Example: It is feudalism and Confucianism **which** contributed to the stagnation of China's social and economic development.

Example: It is relentless pursuit of perfection and glory $\underline{\textbf{that}}$ has led Kobe

Bryant to his spectacular achievements.

 $\textbf{Example:} \ \textbf{It is vocational training } \underline{\textbf{that}} \ \textbf{can disentangle the underprivileged}$

from the mire of impoverishment.

Example: It is CY Leung <u>who</u> shoulders the responsibility for exacerbating

the relationship between the executive and the legislature.

12. Parallelism 排比句

作用:加強語氣

1. SVO; + SVO; + SVO.

Example: Thanks to the indiscriminate use of credit cards, <u>adolescents will</u> become the slaves to luxurious products; <u>adolescents will</u> be at risk of financial peril in the face of snowballing debts; <u>adolescents will</u> lose their soul and personality when they become insolvent.

2. With + n., + SVO; + with + n., + SVO; with + n., + SVO.

Example: With national education, our next generation will be brainwashed; with national education, our next generation will lose their critical thinking; with national education, our next generation will fail to identify right from wrong.

13. Rhetorical Questions

作用:加強語氣

1. Isn't it absurd/preposterous/ridiculous/ludicrous that + SVO?

(反問句)

Example: Isn't it absurd that the government has become the enemy of the public?

Example: Isn't it preposterous that many government officials have been corrupted by power and fame and received bribes from property tycoons?

2. Instead of + v.+ing, why don't + SVO?

Example: Instead of becoming bookworms, why don't we participate in more extra-curricular activities?

Example: <u>Instead of playing smartphone games and browsing the Internet, why don't we spend more time preparing for the HKDSE?</u>

14. Normalizati on

作用: 使句式多變

1. Sbdy + hold the belief that + SVO (有...的信念)

(名詞化)

Example: Many sixth-formers **hold the belief that** they can enhance their English results by attending tutorial classes without working hard.

2. Sbdy + put emphasis on + n. (強調)

Sbdy + attach importance to + n.

Example: Nowadays, smartphone companies <u>put emphasis on</u> fancy designs rather than the durability of their products.

Example: In a money-oriented society like Hong Kong, most people <u>attach</u> <u>importance to</u> the pursuit of affluence.

3. The importance of + n. (...的重要性)

The significance of + n.

Example: Realizing <u>the importance of</u> political transformation, Kang Youwei and Liang Qichao implemented the "Hundred Days' Reform" in 1898, but to no avail.

Example: Gone are the days when enterprises ignored <u>the significance of</u> corporate social responsibility.

4. pursuit of + n. (...的追求)

Example: Lin Dan's <u>relentless pursuit of</u> glory is the reason why he has become the greatest player in badminton history.

14. Normalizati on

作用: 使句式多變

5. With the implementation of + n. + SVO (隨著...的實行)

(名詞化)

Example: With the implementation of the new senior secondary curriculum, girls seem to have gained an upper hand over their male counterparts in terms of university admission.

6. Under the influence of + n., + SVO (在...的影響下)

Example: <u>Under the influence of Confucianism</u>, Chinese parents stress the importance of education and courtesy.

7. With the advent of + n., + SVO (隨著...的出現)

With the emergence of + + n., + SVO

Example: With the advent of computers, entertainment has been more diversified.

Example: With the emergence of social networking websites, we can make friends with people from all over the world.

8. The proliferation of + n. + VO (隨著...的擴散)

Example: The proliferation of smartphones has completely changed our lives.

9. The rising tide of + n. (...上漲的浪潮)

The surging tide of + n.

Example: Despite **the rising tide of** anti-government protests in Malaysia, Prime Minister Najib Razak has no intention to step down.

Example: Gun control is the panacea for the surging tide of violence in the United States.

10. With the popularity of + n. + SVO (隨著...的盛行)

With the prevalence of + n. + SVO

Example: With the popularity of the Korean pop culture, the beautiful faces of Korean celebrities are ubiquitous in our society.

Example: With the prevalence of online shopping, many youngsters are plunged into financial trouble.

11. With the ubiquity of + n. + SVO (隨著...無處不在)

Example: With the ubiquity of Islamic terrorists, global security is under threat.

12. n. + lead to an increase in + n. (...導致...的上升)

Example: The devastating typhoon has led to an increase in food prices.

14. Normalizati on

作用: 使句式多變

13. Thanks to the improvement in + n., + SVO (隨著...的改善)

(名詞化)

Thanks to the amelioration in + n., + SVO

Example: Thanks to the improvement in health care, we can enjoy higher life expectancy.

Example: Thanks to the amelioration in broadband technology, the Internet can be browsed at a very high speed.

14. Thanks to rapid economic development, + SVO (由於迅速的經濟發展)

Thanks to rapid technological advancement, + SVO (由於迅速的科技發展)

Example: Thanks to rapid economic development, more and more Chinese people can afford to purchase luxury homes.

Example: Thanks to rapid technological advancement, many manufacturing processes can be completed by machines.

15. The lack of + n. (...的缺乏)

The dearth of + n.

The deficiency of + n.

Example: The lack of high-quality teachers in Hong Kong can be attributed to the money-oriented culture.

Example: Owing to **the dearth of** land, large-scale reclamation projects have been carried out to create land for residential and commercial development.

Example: The deficiency of funds resulted in the closure of DSC, a chain store selling electronic appliances and furniture.

16. The addiction to + n. (對...的上癮)

The obsession with + n.

Example: The addiction to instant messaging applications will jeopardize our academic performance and even our health.

Example: More and more Americans have died prematurely due to their **obsession with** junk food and lack of exercise.

14. Normalizati on

作用: 使句式多變

17. n. + lead to the escalation in + n. (...導致...的上升/加劇)

(名詞化)

Example: The devastating typhoon <u>led to the escalation in</u> the prices of vegetables.

Example: The incompetence of the North Korea government <u>led to the</u> escalation in the famine in the 1990s.

18. n. + lead to the deterioration of/in + n. (...導致...的惡化)

n. + lead to the exacerbation of/in + n.

Example: Deforestation and accelerating industrial development <u>have led to</u> <u>the deterioration of</u> China's air pollution problem.

Example: Prolonged recession <u>has led to the exacerbation of</u> the unemployment problem in Greece.

19. With the intensification of + n. + SVO (...導致...的加劇)
With intensifying + n., + SVO

Example: With the intensification of natural disasters, better precautionary measures have to be taken to prevent massive casualties.

Example: With intensifying competition in Asia, every effort has to be made to sharpen Hong Kong's competitive edge.

20. n. + lead to a decline in + n. (...導致...的衰退)

Example: Skyrocketing inflation <u>has led to a decline in</u> our living standard.

21. The elimination of + n. (...的根除)

The eradication of + n.

Example: Hopefully, international collaboration will lead to the **elimination** of the Ebola Virus Disease.

Example: The eradication of racial discrimination hinges on education.

22. The erosion of + n. (...的侵蝕)

Example: With the erosion of morality in China, deceptive stores are ubiquitous.

23. n. + put + n. + in jeopardy (危害)

Example: The safety problems of the petrochemical plants in China <u>have</u> <u>put the lives of Chinese residents in jeopardy</u>.

15. Inversion

作用1:表示並列關係

倒裝句

1. Not only ...also (不但...而且)

Example: Not only does China manufacture goods, it also produces many prominent athletes.

Example: Not only will drug abuse harm our health, it will also ruin our future.

作用2: 表示否定

1. Seldom ... (甚少)

Example: Seldom do Hong Kong students read books in their leisure time.

2. Rarely... (極少)

Example: Rarely does the CY Leung administration listen to public opinion.

3. Hardly...(幾乎不能)

Example: With the ossified education system, **hardly** can students **develop** their creativity.

4. Never ... (永不)

Example: Despite its promise in the constitution, <u>never</u> does Beijing allow the citizens to have freedom of expression, freedom of press and freedom of religion.

5. At no time (永不會)

Example: At no time will the central government agree to the implementation of universal suffrage in Hong Kong.

6. No longer (不再)

Example: With its burgeoning economic and military strength, **no longer does** China make humiliating concessions to foreign powers.

7. Under no circumstances (沒有任何條件)

Example: <u>Under no circumstances</u> should we tolerate domestic violence in a society.

8. Hardly a day elapses without + n. / v.+ing (沒有一天沒有)

Example: Hardly a day elapses without disheartening news.

15. Inversion

倒裝句

9. SVO. + Nor does + sbdy + v. (不做...亦不做)

SVO. + Nor can + sbdy + v. (不能...亦不能)

Example: Being a socially withdrawn youngster lacking motivation, he does not go to school, <u>nor does he search for jobs.</u>

Example: Getting lost in the remote forest, he could not find any food, <u>nor could he call</u> the police.

作用3: 表示目的

1. Only through... (只有通過)

Example: Only through international cooperation can we stem the tide of cross-border crimes, like prostitution, drug trafficking and terrorist activities.

作用 4: 表示條件

1. The + 比較級+ SV, the比較級 + SV

Example: The harder we work, the better results we can get.

2. The sooner....the better (越快越好)

Example: The sooner we concentrate on our studies, the better.

3. Only when + SVO + can + sbdy + v. (只有到...時候,才會...)

Example: Only when the Japanese government encourages more married women to rejoin the labour force can Japan raise its productivity.

4. However + formidable + S + is, + SVO (無論怎樣艱巨...也會)

Hard + though + S + V, + SVO (無論怎樣努力...也)

Example: However formidable the HKDSE is, every sixth-former should work strenuously.

Example: Hard though the rescue workers tried, they could not save the coal miners.

5. Had it not been for + n., + SVO (如果沒有...,就會...)

Example: Had it not been for the assistance by the United States, China would have been defeated by Japan in the Second World War.

15. Inversio

作用 5: 表示程度

倒裝句

So + adj. is + S + that + SVO

Example: So magnificent is the scenery of Yangtze River that it captivates tourists from around the globe.

Example: So charismatic was Barack Obama that he overcame racial discrimination and became the first African to become the president of the United States.

2. Such is + the + adj. + n. + that + VO

Example: Such is the indomitable spirit that has contributed to Hong Kong's phenomenal success and transformation into the Pearl of the Orient.

Example: Such is the miserable life that has tormented the refugees from Bangladesh and Myanmar.

作用6: 表示先後

1. Scarcely had sbdy + v. + when + sbdy + v. (不久後…便…)

No sooner had + sbdy + v. + than + sbdy + v. (不久後…便…)

(past perfect + past)

Example: Scarcely had the prisoners finished their lunch when they were ordered to work.

Example: No sooner had he crossed the finish line than he fainted.

作用7: 表示位置

1. In/On/At + 地方 + v. + n.

Example: At the airport stood a swarm of crazy fans.

Example: On the sofa sat a listless cat.