

HKDSE Examination 2012: English Language Paper 4

Question 3.2 : Oxford School of English

Group Discussion Demonstration (recorded in Aug 2015):

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Level attained in DSE Eng Lang Paper 4</i>
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Transcript (with improved grammar in red)

Examiner:

You may start now.

C:

Hello, everyone. Today we're going to talk about the pros and cons of a summer tour. Erm, actually, the summer holiday is a good opportunity for students to study or learn some extra knowledge through different ways. I think one of the best ways is a summer tour, yes, study tour to ... different countries. Okay, so, first we will start ... ~~by~~ with the ... advantages of the study tours. I think a student can learn a lot of skills and knowledge from the a study tour. The first one is the communication skill ... including oral skills and listening skills. And second, a students can learn how to take care of themselves because they need to need to enjoy their life in ... the other countries. And ... moreover, I think independent skill independence is one of the most important skills

for ... **an** overseas ... study tour, ... such as, ... researching skills. And also, students can learn ... nice manners and ... attitudes ... about learning different knowledge. So, what's your ...

D:

Er, yes, ... I totally agree with you ... especially the communication ... ~~for~~ ... **in** English ... talking* English. Because I have a ... ~~one~~ friend, ... she just ... graduated from ... secondary form three. Er, **she** doesn't have ... ~~he doesn't has~~ ... **an** undergraduate degree qualification, ... but ~~he~~ ... she can talk* ... fluent English. Because ... ~~I think the most ... problem is that~~ **she** has more ... face-to-face chance to talk* English. So, ... compared ... with ~~new~~ Hong Kong ... people **nowadays, they** just focus on ~~just~~ ... reading, or ... writing. So, ~~they have~~ ... they **do not** have ... ~~not~~ enough chance ~~to face-to-face~~ to talk to foreigners. So, I think ~~this is, so,~~ ... ~~I think~~ ... this summer ... study tour ... can give ... our students more chance to talk* English. So, ... it will definitely improve their English ... communication.

* talk → speak

B:

Yes, you have shared a very awesome story with us, ~~to us~~. And ... in my opinion, ... skills **the skill** that we can learn from, we can gain from this ... study tour is ~~the~~ interpersonal skills, ... which is really ... necessary ~~for~~ ... nowadays for a student. Er, you will meet a lot of foreigners that you have **never** met before. And if you are ~~shine~~ **shy**, ~~then you~~ ... or you're not willing to meet people actively, ... you're totally wasting time. Er, and this is ... a

very good ... opportunity for us to meet people, ... and ... you can gain ~~this~~ **these** skills as well. Another ~~one~~ ... knowledge that we can gain is ... ~~the~~ culture knowledge. For example, ... Chinese **people** is ... usually use chopsticks to have meals, ... and foreigners ~~doesn't~~ ... ~~doesn't seems~~ **don't seem to** like that ~~to~~ **they cannot** use chopsticks as well as we can. And, we can learn about their culture. They, ~~they~~ use forks, or they use ... spoons to have meals. Then, we can adapt **to** their culture and ~~to~~ share their culture ~~to~~ **with other** Chinese **people**. Am I right in saying so?

A:

Erm, I agree that there are a lot of ... advantages for this programme. And ... I also find that there may be some problems, like ... the weather in England is different from ... the weather in Hong Kong, so the students may ~~cannot~~ **not be able to** ... adapt to the weather ... there because it ~~rained~~ **rains** frequently. And the food in England, ... though they can try new food, they may ... ~~cannot~~ **not be able to** ... accept the food there.

C:

Yeah, I get your point. Erm, ~~not only~~ **besides** the climate difference ~~of the country~~ **between countries**, ~~also~~ students **also** need to overcome jet lag and yeah ... Basically, I think ... language is one of the most difficult problems for ... ~~internship~~ ... ~~studying~~ **students** because English may not be our ... first language. So, we need to try to ... speak more in other countries. Erm, also, there are some cultural differences between countries. Erm, there are different manners and ... life habits, yeah.

B:

Yeah, different ... different habits will ... ~~will comes~~ come up and some discrimination or conflicts will also ~~will~~ come up ... when we go travelling ... because some foreigners ~~don't~~, don't like Chinese people, I, I know that. Er, maybe they, they already have the perception of what Chinese people are like is all about. Er, ... they are, they are impolite or ... that, but it's not ... it's not true and not all Chinese are like that. So, ~~we can~~ ... this is one of the problems that ~~we will~~, we might encounter on a study tour.

D:

Yes, ... ~~I want to talk~~ ... I want to ~~add some~~ ... detail about the ... elaborate on the benefits. Yes, ... apart from the ... learning English, ... I think ... broadening our horizon is also ... also a benefit for students ~~to English~~ ... such as, ... ~~they can~~ ... they can learn more about ... England's ... British people's lifestyle. Because in Hong Kong, ... as we all know, Hong Kong is a ... fast-paced city. Er, we, ~~all of us~~ ... don't know how to enjoy our life. So, if ... our students go to England and ~~they can~~ ... they can know more about ... England's British people's ... lifestyle, ... maybe after the trip, they will ... ~~train their mind to~~ ... ~~they will know how~~, know more about how to ... enjoy their life, ~~their life~~, rather than ... work very hard, yes.

C:

Yes, ... your points are really good. So, I think I would like to recommend the above programme ~~for~~ to our school because I think there was is a traditional Chinese sentence saying which

is ... "Travelling one thousand miles is better than reading one thousand books." Yeah, so what's what are your opinions?

B:

Yes, I also agree with you ... this is a good experience for a student ~~to learn~~ ... to learn other cultures and some academic knowledge that we ... we're unable to read from textbooks. Er, ~~and, and we can also~~ ... it's a study tour, right, and we can also ... learn about their study ... study way method. Er, maybe some ... Hong Kong students are not suitable for their way method.

[End of discussion]