

HKDSE Examination 2013: English Language Paper 4

Question 1.1 : YouSchool?

Individual Response Demo (recorded in Aug 2015):

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Level attained in DSE Eng Lang Paper 4</i>
A	2015	5**
B	2015	5**
C	2015	5**
D	2015	5*

Transcript (with improved grammar in **red**)

Examiner: (Question 2)

Candidate A, do you think Youtube is a good way to learn English?
You may start now.

A:

Well, I think Youtube is actually a very good channel to, for us to learn English because ... it is ... **an** international site where ... people from different races and different nations speak English together as ... English is one of the most prevalent languages **s** ~~uses~~, used in the Internet. So, although ... there're a lot of problems in Youtube, such as, ... people may ... comment with ~~English with different kinds of languages where they have~~ ... wrong grammar, or even wrong vocabularies, and even wrong spelling, ~~but~~ I think ... given a ... good context with good English, I think ... students can actually learn a lot from ... watching videos and commentaries on Youtube because ... they can learn a lot of

new vocabs from the professional ... channels like CNN, ... EA, or even ... BBC. So, I think it's a good, very good way for people to learn English. So, moreover, I think Youtube is a good way to motivate ... the students themselves to produce videos with in English so they can try to learn and communicate with different kinds of people on the internet. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 4)

Candidate B, do you think it is better to learn English by yourself, or with a teacher? You may start now.

B:

Well, I would think that ... learning English with a teacher is a better choice and ... especially for absolute beginners. Well, ... there are a lot of channels to learn English by oneself ... sometimes these channels may not be as authentic, or as native as we would like them to be. And also, it would be quite easy for us to give up, ... especially when we lose motivation and we think that ... we're stuck at some point, ... for example, when dealing with complicated grammar. When ... when we have a teacher ... with us, then we can learn English ... in a more authentic way. Erm, somebody can guide us through what is right and what is wrong, and then ... correct our mistakes so that we won't form bad habits right way. And also, I think ... if the teacher is a good one, then he or she would definitely be ... there to support us when we feel ... discouraged, and then ... this will help us ... form ... again to be more motivated and do better in the long term.

Examiner: (Question 5)

Candidate C, what are the problems of using Youtube to learn English? You may start now.

C:

Erm, I believe that there are several problems that may be encountered by ... ~~especially for~~ a beginner who, ~~who're~~ is engaging in learning English. Because, ... firstly, they are not able to choose ... ~~one~~ a video which is suitable for them to learn English because there are ... too many videos uploaded on ~~Youtubes~~ Youtube. So, ... sometimes they may choose some videos which, really ... are not suitable ~~one~~ for them, like, ... people speaking in a different accents and they may not be able to learn ... properly in an English native way. And secondly, sometimes, ... because there are ~~step-by-steps~~ is a step-by-step learning process for ... a beginners, so they may not be able to learn ... a proper grammar, or a proper ... sentence structure in English. Because ... Youtube does not provide a ... really ... structured way or organised way for a beginner to learn English. So, there are the problems. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 8)

Candidate D, can online language learning and teaching replace classroom teaching? You may start now.

D:

I believe that ... online ... language teaching and learning can actually replace classroom learning and teaching because ... because of ... globalization and there is a shrinking of time and space. So, ... for example, ~~when there is~~ during the ... Occupying Occupy Central movement in ... in last ... September, ~~our school was ... suspend~~ ... the classes in our school are, were suspended. So, ... the teachers suggested us to ... learn online by watching those videos prepared by them, and to catch up with the teaching schedules. So, I believe that online teaching and learning can actually improve the efficiency of teaching as ... students do not need to travel around and go to schools to learn, but, actually can stay at home and learn ... the content by themselves.