

HKDSE Examination 2013: English Language Paper 4

Question 4.1 : Are we cruel to our food?

Individual Response Demo (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 (verbatim)

Examiner: (Question 2)

Candidate A, should school canteens stop serving meat? You may start now.

A:

Erm, I don't think school canteen should ... stop serving meat because ... some meat ... some food ... they come from animals, and the animals did, did not treat it cruelly. And I think students can eat them. And ... eating meat is ... their student, students' right. They can choose to eat or not, but ... the school canteen need to provide this choice. And besides, ... students is in a stage that they need meat to ... build their body. And if the school canteen do not provide meat, and student may ... lose the nutrition from meat, like protein or fat. So, I don't think school canteen should stop serving meat.

Examiner: (Question 3)

Candidate B, do you think restaurants should stop serving shark's fin? You may start now.

B:

Erm, I think ... restaurant ... can still provide fish fin for, for customer to choose. But, I think the most important thing is that ... the government should ... provide more information about shark fin and how they kill, ... to give them the information that ... eating fish, ... shark's fin is not a good behavior. Then, ... they have a chance to think about that and to do this decision by themselves, whether we should eat fish, shark's fin and, or change another kind of food, ... or other cuisine. So, ... I think restaurant can still sell ... shark's fin but the right of decision should give customer to think about it. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 6)

Candidate C, should foods that come from cruelly treated animals be banned by the government? You may start now.

C:

Erm, thank you for your questions. I think, yes. Firstly, ... as my opinion, I think ... the world, the earth is not only belongs to human, but also belongs to different animals. Erm, there is a really ... there is a traditional Chinese concept that human, and ... the natural need to be balanced and we should both respect to each other. So, I think ... killing ... animals cruelly is not a really respective ... attitude, and ... behaviors ... to the natural ... habitats. So, ... if the government bans those foods, or the food

source ... which come from cruel animals, I think it will create a better world for human and for animal. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 8)

Candidate D, should animal rights be protected? You may start now.

D:

Yes, I think ... animal right ... should be protected. Er, because ... now, take ... Chinese as an example, ... when we open the newspaper, ... recently, we can see ... Chinese ... peoples ... they kill the dog ... for their food. So, I think ... this is a very ... cruel ... activity ... for us. Because ... dog is a, ... dog is our ... our animal and our, and our friend. So, ... we couldn't ... treat them as a food because they have their mind. They have their spirits.