

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>
A	2014	4
B	2014	3
C	2014	4
D	2014	3

Transcript (with improved grammar in red)

Examiner: (Question 2)

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

A:

Erm, I don't think school canteens~~s~~ should ... stop serving meat because ... some meat ... some food ... ~~they~~ come from animals, and the animals ~~did, did~~ **are** not treated **ed** 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 canteens~~s~~ need to provide this choice. And besides, ... students ~~is~~ **are** in a stage that they need meat to ... build their body. And if the school canteens~~s~~ do not provide meat, ~~and~~ students~~s~~ may ... lose the nutrition from meat, like protein or fat. So, I don't think school canteens~~s~~ 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 ... restaurants ... can still provide fish fin ~~for~~, for customers to choose. But, I think the most important thing is that ... the government should ... provide more information about shark's fin and how they are killed, ... to give ~~them~~ customers 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~~ make this decision by themselves, whether ~~we~~ they should eat fish, shark's fin ~~and~~, or change to another kind of food, ... or other cuisine. So, ... I think restaurants can still sell ... shark's fin but the right of decision should be given to the 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~~ question. I think, yes. Firstly, ... ~~as my opinion~~, I think ... the world, the earth is does not only belongs belong to humans, but also belongs to different animals. Erm, ~~there is a really~~ ... there is a traditional Chinese concept that humans, and ... ~~the natural~~ nature need to be balanced and we should ~~both~~ respect to each other. So, I think ... killing ... animals cruelly is not a really ~~respective~~ respectful ... attitude, and ...

behaviors or behavior ... to the natural ... habitats. So, ... if the government bans those foods, or the food sources ... which come from cruelly treated animals, I think it will create a better world for humans and for animals. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 8)

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

D:

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