

HKDSE Examination 2012: English Language Paper 4

Question 6.2 : Reality TV

Individual Response Demo (recorded in Sep 2015):

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Level attained in DSE Eng Lang Paper 4</i>
A	2013	5*
B	2013	5*
C	2013	5**
D	2013	5*

Transcript (with improved grammar in red)

Examiner: (Question 1)

Candidate A, do you like watching reality shows? You may start now.

A:

Er, I actually like watching reality shows a lot. Er, first of all, because ... it is a good leisure activity. Because I am usually very stressed from school work, and on weekends, when I've finished my revision, I can just ... turn on the television and I think it is a good source of entertainment that can relieve my stress. Er, secondly, I think that from watching reality shows, I can actually ... discover some of my talents that I may not have known before. For example, if I am watching the Voice, I may be more interested in ... singing. And I think ... it is also a good way to ... discover more ... talent in myself. Er, moreover, I think ~~it is~~ a, it is a good time to gather with my family and friends because

it is a good discussion topic between us, and it is always interesting to watch the contestants compete and win.

Examiner: (Question 2)

Candidate B, would you want to be a participant in a reality show? You may start now.

B:

Erm, personally, I do not think I would be interested to be a participant in a reality show. Erm, although being a participant in a reality show can actually bring a lot of fame for me and maybe, this may be a good way of earning money. But then ... first of all, I don't think I have the courage to do so because ... I think ~~standing on the~~ ... standing on the stage in front of many people, ... and in front of many ... ~~viewers of television~~ **viewers**, ... it is quite a ~~pressure~~ **pressurising**, and ... I'm afraid I do not have the courage to actually perform, or even sing in front of everyone. And then, ... I will not perform ~~quality~~ ... quality shows if, if I'm actually involved in a show. And secondly, I think ... actually getting involved in a show is quite ... pressurising because ... you may become a discussion topic ... on social networking sites and I do not think I can bear this kind of pressure.

Examiner: (Question 3)

Candidate C, which TV shows do you prefer watching – reality shows or traditional dramas? You may start now.

C:

Erm, I don't think I have a special preference for either TV, ... reality TV shows or traditional dramas because I think it really depends on what kind of programme I'm watching. For example, if it's ... reality shows, I really like watching the Voice, and seeing how people ... sing, ~~or~~ and listening to music. But then, ... for, like Miss Hong Kong, I think that it is kind of ... not uneducational, and then ... it contains a lot of ... ~~critics~~ criticisms about the women. I think it is kind of unfair to the girls. But at the same time, for traditional dramas, I really like ... some TV dramas which include both horror ~~or~~ and romance, but not merely romance. But then if it's only ~~for~~ about romance, I do not like traditional TV dramas. So, I do not have a special preference for them. It really depends on the quality of each of the shows, and yeah, this is my answer.

Examiner: (Question 6)

Candidate D, how might winning a reality show change the winner's life? You may start now.

D:

I think winning a reality show can, like, bring a lot of fame to the one who wins it because ... when you participate in a reality show, many people are watching the show, and then, many people will discuss about the show, and hence discuss about how ... you performed in the show. So, you would become the common discussion topic of people. And then, ~~when you~~, after you winning it, ~~you even~~, you'd get more people's attention, and then, you'll

get a lot of job ... opportunities like ... people may find, find hire you for ... advertisements and like ... or being ... the idols or whatever. So, ... winning, winning a reality show can in fact bring a lot of fame and money ... to the contestant, and hence, ... he may have a very bright future.