

HKDSE Examination 2014: English Language Paper 4

Question 4.3 : Superheroes

Group Discussion Demonstration (recorded in Sep 2015):

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Level attained in DSE Eng Lang Paper 4</i>
A	2013	5
B	2015	4
C	2014	3
D	2015	5*

Transcript (with improved grammar in red)

Examiner:

You may start now.

D:

Good afternoon, everybody. As members of our school's newly-formed Superhero~~es~~^{es} Society, our group now has to decide how to get started. So, let us start by discussing which of the three superheroes would best represent the society. And personally, I think that Batman should be the one who can represent our society. It is, ~~it is~~ because ~~that~~ Batman is popular among all age groups. And I think that ~~comparing~~ **compared** to other superheroes like ... Sailor Moon and ... Monkey King, they are just mostly popular among children and teenagers, so ~~that~~, what do you think about it?

C:

Yes, ... I think Batman is a good choice. Batman is unlike other superheroes. Er, he doesn't have special abilities, so he is brave and I think he is a role model to our students.

B:

Yes, I ... I agree with you. And ... the reason for me to choose Batman to represent the society is ... is that he is smart and he represents justice and he fights ~~with the~~ against crimes. And the most important thing ~~that is~~ that ... he does ~~some things~~ that is are ... related to ~~the, to the~~ real life. So, I think, compared ... with the other two, ~~I think~~ Batman is ... the best to represent the society.

A:

Yes, it is true that we have to be pragmatic. And, ... ~~and~~ the choice of Batman can surely ... match this criterion. We can make use of ~~Batman's~~ ... Batman's characteristic character and what he does to ... organise our activities. So, now that ~~we have come up,~~ we have agreed that Batman should be the one who represents our society, let's move on to the next part of our discussion. How can we attract new members to join our society?

D:

Er, I think that we can ~~give up some, give up~~ some souvenirs to the members. It is because ~~that~~ we want to attract members who love superheroes. And so, I think that they would love ~~some,~~ these our souvenirs ~~we give out~~. Er, for example, we can make some ~~labels~~ stickers and bookmarks for them so that they will

love it. And I think that ... we can attract them by giving out such souvenirs.

C:

Yes, I think ... this ~~I think this~~ ... activity is suitable for some ... junior students. Er, I suggest that we can provide a comic, comic book lending service. And ... I think ... many of our students ~~is a~~ are comic lovers. And, we can ... lending some comic books to them and like a reading club. They exchange the comic books they have. So, I think ... it can attract ... more students to join our club, our society.

D:

Er, it sounds great, but ... I'm aware of that we don't have too many comic, comic books to ~~to provide~~ cater for ... all the new members. So, how about ~~we make~~ making a T-shirt with ... the Batman logo printed on it, ... to give to ... the new members who join our society?

A:

Well, I think that ... resources is actually a very important factor ... to be taken into consideration. As we have discussed, ... we have suggested comic book lending services, or different souvenirs being given to the students and ... T-shirts being ... delivered to the students. I think that the best ... among all the three suggestions, the best one would be, giving of souvenirs. Because ~~as ... said~~, as I have said, our resources is limited, ... so, printing a T-shirt for everyone may be too expensive. We may not be able to afford this high price cost of giving every new

member a new T-shirt. ~~So, I think~~, and also, at the same time, we do not have enough comic books. So, I think the best way is to ... make some mini souvenirs for them to attract them to join.

D:

Er, I agree with you and also, I think that to make our promotion more successful, we can ~~open~~ **set** up ~~some~~ **a** Facebook page or ~~some~~ **a** website ~~and so that~~, and we can upload ~~our~~, our society's video. And ~~we can~~, in the video, we can promote our activities ~~in it and~~ so that the ... students can know more about our society. And in this way, I think that ... ~~the promotion~~, the effect of the promotion will be much larger.

A:

So, assuming that we can have a satisfactory number of new members, what do you think we can organise to ... make this society more meaningful and interesting?

C:

I think we can ... ~~showing~~ some superhero movies **s** to attract them ~~to watch~~. And it is low cost and ... we also can encourage students **s** to ... we ... to shoot ~~some~~ videos **s** ... we can ... create a ... ~~shooting videos~~ **video-making** competition and I think ~~this~~ **these** two ~~activity~~ **activities** will not cost too much.

B:

We can also ... hold a gathering regularly, and ~~in~~, in the gathering, we can ... play some movies that are related to the

superheroes, ... like Batman. So, I think that is a good idea to to do.

D:

Er, referring to what ... candidate B and C have just mentioned, I think that we can organise a movie night every week and ~~so that~~, we can gather the members to enjoy a ... a superhero movie, and ~~so that~~ ... After that, we can also have some discussions ~~about~~ the ... about the movie. For example, do they agree with the superhero and ~~what~~ ... ~~so~~, we can have some discussions about the content of the movie.

A:

Er, I think ... as we have chosen Batman as, as our representative, I think besides showing different movies, ~~we can, we should~~, we should also ... make use of Batman's ~~characters~~ character, for example, he uses his ... wisdom and different skills to fight against crime. Of course, we are not expected to ... do what the police is expected to do. But, I think we can organise some ... volunteering ~~activity~~ activities. Otherwise, ... this club will become ... a movie club and there's no meaning to choose Batman as our ... representative. I think we should ... stick to the character of Batman and organise more ... meaningful ~~activity~~ activities to help the needy.

D:

I see your point but I think that ~~these two activities can~~ ... we can organise both of these activities because ~~that~~ we are a society and ~~we have~~, ... we have more resources and so, I think that ...

these can both exist. And I also agree that ... organising more ~~voluntary activity~~ **volunteering activities** is also a, a way to remind our members that we should always bear in mind the ... why we choose Batman as—our, as the one who represents our society, because he ... loves to help people and he fights**s** for justice. So, I agree with you.

[End of discussion]