

HKDSE Examination 2012: English Language Paper 4

Question 1.2 : Mooncake giving

Group Discussion Demonstration (recorded in Aug 2015):

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Transcript (with improved grammar in red)

Examiner:

You may start now.

A:

Good afternoon, fellows. I think all of you are already aware of the topic that we will discuss today. Let's ... ~~let's~~ exchange our views ~~on the traditional~~ ... on the traditions of giving mooncakes. First, I ... ~~I really think~~, I really agree with that traditions **the tradition** of giving mooncakes to friends and relatives is wasteful. Er, as we can see from the article, ~~that~~ China ~~produced~~ **produces** over ... 250,000 tons of mooncakes every year. Erm, that is a lot, right? And I can't imagine ~~that~~ mooncakes ~~become~~ **becoming** our breakfast, our lunch and dinner in order to clear all the mooncakes given by the relatives.

B:

Yeah, ... I get your point. Erm, not only the amount of ~~the~~ ... ~~package~~ **packaging** of the mooncakes, but also the material of those ~~package~~ **packaging**. Erm, as we know, those wrapping papers and ... iron boxes and plastic bags are non- ... recyclable. So, ~~it will be a lot of~~ ... it will ~~provide~~ **produce** a lot of ... waste ~~to~~ the ... ~~natural habitat~~. And also, people cannot eat all ~~of~~ the mooncakes which they received from others or ~~they~~ bought from the ... market. So, it will also produce a huge food waste.

C:

Yes, ... I agree with you. Er, I think ... the most important **thing** is not the material we ~~make~~ **produce**. The most ... important **thing** is that ... when we ~~make it out~~ **produce them**, and then we don't ... touch them and ... ~~remain~~, **but** just ~~remain~~ **leave them** in our home. So, I think **producing** this food ~~be~~ **is** a ... wasteful action. So, ~~so~~ I think ... ~~so~~, giving ... mooncakes **s** is a wasteful ... action ... in ... Mid-Autumn Festival.

B:

Yeah ... thank you for your opinions. And so, let's move on to the next topic. Erm, I think ... traditional mooncakes **s** ... should be replaced with non-traditional versions. So, basically, I think traditional versions ~~focused~~ **focus** on ... ~~luxury feelings~~ **luxurious presentation**. There're, ~~or~~ a lot of ... incredible ~~things~~ **but decorations which are** actually not really useful, or not really necessary. Erm, so ... although ~~the~~ ... it will be really ... suitable for the Mid-Autumn Festival's ... atmosphere, ... it is not really ... environmentally **ly** friendly. ~~And oppositely~~ **On the contrary**, non-

traditional versions ... are as ~~welly~~ **well** designed for ~~adapting~~ the festival and eco-friendly.

A:

Yes, ... non-traditional versions of mooncakes ... **have** become very popular recently. Er, because ... the ... ingredient ... is different ... maybe there're **is** some ... durian, some strawberry inside the mooncake ... it's ... And I think whether it should be replaced ... I think ~~let~~, let it happen ~~neutrally~~ **naturally** ... it's okay because some people, like teens, like non-traditional ones, but some ... older generation **people** like the traditional ones. ~~So~~, it's different people like different things. So, it is very difficult for us to ~~said a sentence strictly~~ **say with certainty** that ~~non-traditional~~ ... ~~non-traditional~~ mooncakes should be replaced with non-traditional one.

C:

Yes, I also agree with you ... because ... traditional mooncakes, ... ~~it contain~~ **have** ... excessive ... packaging and the most important **thing** is **they have** high calorie. Er, ~~it will~~ ... ~~make us~~ ... if, if we ... eat too much, ~~it will make~~ ... ~~make us~~ ... **be we will become** overweight. So, I think ... non-traditional versions **s** ~~can be~~ ... ~~using~~ ... can use less ... packaging and ... or ... ~~using others~~ **use other** materials to ... replace, ~~to, to replace~~ traditional materials ... ~~using~~ **or use** some ... healthy ... material **ingredients** ... to **produce** non-traditional versions. I think ... ~~it would~~, it would be better ... compared with ... traditional **mooncakes**. So, it should be replaced. Yes, ~~and~~ ... and now ... we can ... move on to talk about ... if ... if ~~we don't~~, if we don't ... give mooncakes in Mid-Autumn

Festival, ... ~~we have~~ ... can we have ~~others~~ other ... more environmentally friendly ways to celebrate our Mid-Autumn Festival. Er, ~~I think~~ ... ~~I think~~ ... I think the government can ... ~~have~~ have ... more firework displays, ... firework for Hong Kong people. Because now ... fireworks in ... Mid-Autumn Festival, just takes place over the in ... Victoria, Victoria Harbour can see. So, I think ... the government can have ... explode ... the firework displays, like to ... territory in the New Territories, or Kowloon. I think ... this would be a more ... environmentally friendly way and ... can avoid ... mooncake ...

[End of discussion]