

HKDSE Examination 2014: English Language Paper 4

Question 9.3 : Study Time to keep kids off the streets

Individual Response Demo (recorded in Aug 2015):

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

Transcript (with improved grammar in **red**)

Examiner: (Question 1)

Candidate A, what is your favorite time to study? You may start now.

A:

Although many people would like to study after school or in the evening, my favorite time to study is in the morning because I believe in the morning, ... our brains function ... the best because ... we have gained a lot of sleep and energy after a whole night of sleeping, so we can have ... more energy and a clear mind to study. Erm, it is also mentioned by some newspaper articles that ... studying in the morning will help you to memorise things more effectively. Erm, and this is why I would like to study in the morning, ... for example, at 5 am or 6 am after I ~~wake~~ **have waked** up in the morning. Erm, on the other hand, I guess

studying after school is very tiring and this may not be effective.
Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 2)

Candidate B, do you prefer to study alone or in a group? You may start now.

B:

I prefer to study in a group because ... when I study in a group, I can ... ~~I usually~~ be motivated by other students. And when I ~~saw~~ them, **see that** they are hardworking, and ~~I will also be get~~ ... I will also be encouraged to ~~study more focusedly~~ **be more focused in my studies**. And also when I have ~~pop up with~~ some questions and ~~get some~~ ... get into some difficulties about ... what I'm studying, I could ask my peers and my study buddies about those inquiries and get rid of them immediately. If I'm studying alone at home, I have to ... take a photo of that question ~~or ask~~ ... and get the answer like after 15 minutes at least. So, I think, to be more effective, I'd like to study with a group of students.

Examiner: (Question 6)

Candidate C, apart from a fine, in what other ways can students be motivated to study? You may start now.

C:

First of all, I do not think a fine can be a motivation for students to study. But, ... ~~besides this~~ **instead**, I believe that ... some awards or rewards that **are** given to the students can motivate them to ~~study~~ **be** more hardworking and also ... be motivated to study in this scheme. For example, if they behave well in the study time and really study hard and focus on their study, they can be awarded some gifts, for example, books or some ~~books~~ **book** coupons for them to purchase books and to further ... increase their interest in studying. And I think this can effectively enhance their interest in studying and they will be more positively encouraged to study instead of having pressure to study in that study scheme. Erm, so I believe that by ... rewarding them some gifts would ... effectively ... motivate them to study. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 7)

Candidate D, would study time be more beneficial for weaker or stronger students? You may start now.

D:

I think it all goes down to the purpose of ... study time. First of all, I think study time is used for ... encouraging and perhaps maybe, forcing students who do not have enough study time to have study time ... to open their books and to learn to understand what they've learned in the lesson. Er, this is very, very important for students with weaker abilities as first of all, ... they may not have ... the right motivations ~~to~~ ... to study alone or to even to

study with ... other classmates because they may think ... as ... my mark is already ~~so~~ ... quite low, maybe ... studying is ... not a **an** especially good thing to do. Er, by forcing them to study, by giving them a reason to study, ... it gives them a chance ~~for them~~ to excel in what they are not ... exactly performing too well in.