

HKDSE Examination 2012: English Language Paper 4

Question 5.2 : Dolphins under threat

Individual Response Demo (recorded in Aug 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 (verbatim)

Examiner: (Question 3)

Candidate A, do Hong Kong people care about what happens to the Chinese white dolphins? You may start now.

A:

Thank you for your question. So, ... whether Hong Kong people care ... what is happening to Chinese white dolphin. My answer is, I think ... yes, but not to a very large extent. So, based on the name "Chinese" white dolphin, like, I think Hong Kong people has a certain, like, ... love, like, yeah, affection towards the Chinese white dolphin ... due to their lovely, like, cute appearance, and also how they jump out of water and very, yeah, very lively living in the ocean. So, so, I think they actually care on what is happening, especially when there are a lot of ... news articles about, like, the infrastructure would be like, invading their living habitat, etc. But I, ... at the same time, I think that even

though Hong Kong people know about it, but they don't really ... they won't really be moved by it or do anything about it. So, like, many of them would just, like, get to know it from, like, public media and so on. So, that's my answer. Thank you very much.

Examiner: (Question 4)

Candidate B, would you like to work for an organisation that protects endangered animals? You may start now.

B:

Erm, thank you for your question. I'd definitely love to work in organisation that ... aims to protect animals. Because I think that ... firstly, like, animals are like our friends. They also live on the earth and they, like because these animals play a large role in our, in our environment and they have, they have been under serious threat. As an example, there are, there is ... one third runway in the Chek Lap Kok airport that has endangered ... dolphins and their lives are being affected. And, I think that many of a times, ... people put too much emphasis on the environmental, on the economical development, and like such as building infrastructures, or reclamation, etc. ... for their ... for many economic benefits, but then they neglect the impact it, it has on environmental part. So, I think ... if I can work in these organisations, I'll can play a role to raise public awareness on such issues, and eventually I can help protect these animals and protect them from damage by ... human beings. Yeah, that's the end. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 5)

Candidate C, how can environmental groups help to protect dolphins? You may start now.

C:

Erm, I think that the environmental groups can help protect dolphins in ... different ways. The first way would be education and publicity, which is, ... they can go to those primary and secondary schools to have some ... for example, in the morning assemblies, they can tell ... the school kids the message of the importance of protecting ... endangered species such as ... Chinese white dolphins. And then, so, we can, through these kind of education, we can ... tell ... the next generation of our society to be ... a better people in protecting these endangered species. So, ... another way to ... that these groups can ... protect Chinese white dolphins is that they can ... put pressure to the government. They can ... give suggestions, they can organise protests, ... petitions, to ... give pressure the government to do something to change their policy in protecting these Chinese white dolphins. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 8)

Candidate D, are we using up too many resources trying to save endangered animals? You may start now.

D:

Erm, I believe that the resources we put into ... protecting endangered species is, is in fact not enough right now. Erm, because Hong Kong is a society focusing a lot on economic development, on, maybe financial aspect, and ... maybe service industries, that kind of thing. And, ... we put a lot of ... focus on how we can be better, how we can be ... a more developed city, instead of ... looking at our own environment and how that is actually ... the basis of our development. And I believe that ... we should be putting more resources into studying ... the environment in Hong Kong because Hong Kong is in fact very interesting in its ... biodiversity, in that kind of thing. So, it, there are a lot of natural resources, or natural ... phenomena that we can look at, and the creatures that we can protect in ... our area. And I believe that currently we have maybe some ... parks and things where people can go to learn more, but that is not enough, and we can do more work in this kind of ... aspect.