

HKDSE Examination 2014: English Language Paper 4

Question 1.3 : Helicopter parenting – good or bad?

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	2015	4
C	2014	3
D	2013	5*

Transcript (verbatim)

Examiner: (Question 4)

Candidate A, why do you think some parents want to control everything in their child's life? You may start now.

A:

Well, I think it is very normal for a parent to ... to be to tend to control everything about their children because as a parent, they're always think that ... they are the ones in the world, who loves them the most, the most and want to protect them from all bad things, or, something like that. But, I think parents, ... it is good for parents to care about their children. But I think it is more, even more important for them to know that ... nowadays, perhaps the culture has changed and adolescents want more personal space. Erm, maybe the, maybe letting it go, or letting the children to have more personal space will even make the children more willing to share their personal life with their parents.

So, I think, although it is good, ... parents should learn how to adapt to this new culture.

Examiner: (Question 5)

Candidate B, do you think helicopter parenting is common nowadays? You may start now.

B:

In Hong Kong , I think ... helicopter parenting is very common now. Er, as ... I have seen many ... of my relatives, ... they, they raise their children ... very, very carefully. And they want their children to ... to be a person that they want them ... to be, like, ... to be a ... doctor, or to be a lawyer, so they ... limit their ... interest, and they ... they arrange many ... classes or courses for them to attend. So, I think ... in these cases, ... helicopter parenting is very common. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 6)

Candidate C, should parents allow their children to make mistakes? You may start now.

C:

Yes, thank you for your question. I think parents should allow their children to make mistake because if their children make, making mistake and ... they can, they may learn something from the mistake. Er, for example, ... if ... children really want ... really want to buy something and ... their parent knows that ... the

thing is not good for them. But if the parents let them, also allow them to buy it, and they can, they may know that the things ... is not good. And they will know that and so, next time, they will, they will not make the same mistake. So, I think ... it is good ... to let the children making mistake. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 8)

Candidate D, how can parents and children have better communication? You may start now.

D:

Er, first of all, thank you for your question. I think that parents and children should have better communication by having some ... chat ... every week. For example, my parents ... do often have chat with me because that, well, I, I want to share with them what ... I have encountered in my school, what I, what my friends are doing. And sometime, I think by that, by this mean, I can share my experience ... with my parents so that my parents do not need to worry about me very much and they know what I'm doing. So that, I think that in this way, ... we have more mutual ... communication and understanding. And besides that, I think that ... the other way of communication can be doing activities together. For example, just spend a weekend, a day to go to the cinema together. And then, I think ... we can have mutual fun together, and in this way, we can also have some ... communication by ... chatting some ... current issues. And I think that in this way, ... we can also ... communicate better because

that we know ... the views of each other towards different issues.
Thank you.