

HKDSE Examination 2014: English Language Paper 4

Question 8.1 : Super-sized Japanese Food

Group Discussion Demonstration (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:

You may start now.

A:

Er, so, good afternoon, everyone. So, today we're going to talk about ... we're having a school funfair and we're talking about ... selling super-sized food. So, ... ~~I think~~ ... personally, I think super-sized food are **is** not ~~being~~ popular in Hong Kong ~~because~~ ... due to the ... ~~heavily~~ **heavy** emphasis on ~~health~~, health eating in Hong Kong by the education from the government. So, I think ... people in Hong Kong ~~tend to~~ ... tend to eat things with less fat, less calories and less cholesterol. And with this kind of good ... eating habit, I think super-sized food is too much for them and that causes them ... ~~hatred towards the~~ **to dislike** super-sized food. So, what do you think?

C:

Erm, adding to ... candidate A's point, I would like to ... stress that ... I believe that super-sized meals are actually becoming more popular in Hong Kong. Erm, although it may be said that ... ~~they are~~ ... Hong Kong people are more aware of their health and ... super-sized food may not be a very wise diet for them, ~~but actually ... they~~ **super-sized food** can be shared with friends, ~~with the super-sized food like ... the ... in the data, the picture 1,~~ which is **a** sushi roll which is very big. But actually, a family can share **it** with each other ~~for a diet~~ **as a meal**, so ... I think it is also possible for them to eat like this.

D:

I agree with candidate C's point **of view**. Erm, super-sized food ~~are~~ **is** not necessarily unhealthy. So ... I believe that with the advancement of technology, there is the emergence of social networking sites, so ... teenagers can upload photos of those super-sized food ... ~~in~~, onto the social networking sites **s** and show off ... to their peers. Erm, so I believe that ... these super-sized foods **s** can **become** more and more popular ... among teenagers as teenagers ... teenagers are using more and more social networking sites nowadays **s**.

B:

Er, however, I believe that ... not many shops or restaurants are currently going to offer ... super-sized meals in Hong Kong because ... ~~as~~, as you've just said, ... most of those ~~who~~, who order super-sized meals are those of the younger generation. And only those restaurants that cater to these people will usually offer

such ... catering sizes, for example, McDonald's which has super-sized ... soda and also French fries. So, ... I think for normal restaurants, ~~they will still think that~~ ... they'll still have to cater to their normal ... eaters ~~and~~ ... and think that these super-sized meals are not as healthy as they should be. Erm, and for the pros of super-sized meals, I would definitely think that as I've just said, it would create an image that the restaurant is very ... advanced~~d~~, they look ... to the future, they're young, ~~they're~~, they appeal to ~~the~~ young people. Er, however, I think that the cons ~~will~~, will definitely be ... be them being labelled as an unhealthy shop, ... one that spreads ... an unhealthy message to those around them. So, ... I think this is something that we have to think about.

C:

Erm, I agree ~~to your point~~ with you that ~~for~~ the advantage that we ... operate ... of using super-sized meals to attract customers is that ... super-sized meals is ... ~~is going like~~ are becoming ... more ... globalized because, ~~like~~ ... they're copying the Western ... form of super-sized food which can attract more customers because nowadays Hong Kong is also a, ~~like~~ ... ~~is going to under~~, ~~under~~ entering the age of globalization. But at the same time, I think that the disadvantage of super-sized food is that ... for a single person who comes to our shop, ~~may not be able~~ ... we may not be able to cater for their his or her preference because super-sized food is, ~~like~~, way too much ~~for~~, for a person to eat. But if, ~~like~~, for a group of friends or family, I think it's ... quite a good idea.

D:

Erm, I believe that another ~~pros~~ **pro** of using super-sized meals to attract customers **s** is ~~to~~ **that it can** encourage the bonding between family **members** as ~~the~~, the family needs to share the meal ~~within one another and each~~ ... with one another and they need to ... choose the food ~~that~~ ... that is suitable for all the family members. So I believe that this can strengthen the bonding between friends and family and this definitely ~~provide a better~~ **enhances the** reputation ~~for~~ **of** the restaurant.

A:

Well, I would like to add some points **s** on ... what candidate D said on the pros and cons. Because ... profit-wise, I think ... super-sized foods **s** are actually cheaper because ... when restaurants ~~start to~~ ... order **a** large amount of food, they can lower the price a lot. And so, I think the cheap price of super-sized food can really encourage people ~~to~~ ... to buy the food there in the restaurants. But at the same time, like what candidate B said, I think it really creates an ~~image~~, image that the restaurant is not helping, is not supporting the people's health at all. So, maybe we should move on to what **kind of super-sized food** our group ~~should~~ ... should ... serve ... ~~the super-sized food~~ to our customers. So, I think ... what we see in the source ... I think picture 1 is quite good because it's primarily made up of rice and seaweed, which may not have such a high calorie ... amount, so I think ... it is super-sized, it is young, it is fashionable, but at the same time, it is quite healthy.

B:

I think when we consider what kind of super-sized food ~~that~~ we are going to offer, the first thing that we should consider is something that is ... easily suitable for everyone ... so that they can share ~~the food~~, the super-sized food they order and they won't waste food or be labelled as unhealthy. And I think ... something like salad would be good because, well ... in many western families, ~~they~~ ... they often cook ... or prepare ~~a large~~, a large dish of salad and then, ... family members will share ~~between~~ **among** themselves, so I think this will also ... encourage the family bonding, as ... candidate D has just said. And ... it is also quite healthy as it is ... made of ... vegetables.

C:

Erm, candidate B has mentioned a very good point that we can ... prepare ~~some~~ food which is healthy ~~as well~~ so that we can solve the problem of **an** unhealthy image ~~of~~, which brings a rather bad reputation to us all. So, ... apart from ... having a salad ... which is in super size, I believe that **a** dessert is also ~~a~~, a very good ~~point~~ **idea**, because nowadays many ... ~~young~~, youngsters may like to share **desserts** with friends ~~with their desserts~~ and ... it's a very good time for ... ~~the~~ bonding between friends or even family. So, **a** dessert may be ... another choice for us to ~~decide~~ **consider**.

D:

Erm, I believe that **desserts** ... with low sugar content should be more suitable because ... it won't be labelled as unhealthy. So, ... apart from **desserts**, I believe that ... the sushi roll ~~in~~ ... in the data ... can also ~~be our~~, be another alternative because ...

teenagers usually like ... sashimi or ... sushi, those ... Japanese food, ~~so~~ **and** ... these ... fish do not carry, ~~does not carry~~ ... high cholesterol content or fat content. So, I believe that ... these foods **s** are healthy, as well as attractive to the different teenagers.

A:

Yeah, well, I would like to add a point on candidate D's **view**, as ~~he mentioned~~ about the fish and sushi. I think ... we can also promote ... the ... healthy lifestyle by promoting ... super-sized sushi because ... as we all know, ... sushi ... with ... salmon has a lot of omega-3 content, ~~which is~~ ... which can promote ... the large amount of ... absorption of ... omega-3. And I think this can ... boost our image as a good and responsible super-sized restaurant. Thank you.

[End of discussion]