

## **HKDSE Examination 2012: English Language Paper 4**

### **Question 3.2 : Oxford School of English**

#### **Group Discussion Demonstration (recorded in Aug 2015):**

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#### **Transcript** (verbatim)

##### ***Examiner:***

You may start now.

##### ***C:***

Hello, everyone. Today we're going to talk about the pros and cons of summer tour. Erm, actually, summer holiday is a good opportunity for student to study or learn some extra knowledge through different ways. I think one of the best way is a summer tour, yes, study tour to ... different countries. Okay, so, first we will start ... by the ... advantage of the study tours. I think a student can learn a lot of skills and knowledge from the study tour. The first one is the communication skill ... including oral skills and listening skills. And second, a student can learn how to take care themselves because they need to ..... need to enjoy their life in ... the other countries. And ... moreover, I think independent skill is one of the most important skills for ...

oversea ... study tour, ... such as, ... researching skills. And also, student can learn ... nice manners and ... attitudes ... about learning different knowledge. So, what's your ...

***D:***

Er, yes, ... I totally agree with you ... especially the communication ... for ... English ... talking English. Because I have a ... one friend, ... she just ... graduated from ... secondary form three. Er, he doesn't have ... he doesn't has ... undergraduate degree qualification, ... but he ... she can talk ... fluent English. Because ... I think the most ... problem is that he has more ... face-to-face chance to talk English. So, ... compared ... with now Hong Kong ... people just focus on just ... reading, or ... writing. So, they have ... they have ... not enough chance to face-to-face to talk to foreigner. So, I think this is, so, ... I think ... this summer ... study tour ... can give ... our students more chance to talk English. So, ... it will definitely improve their English ... communication.

***B:***

Yes, you have shared a very awesome story with us, to us. And ... in my opinion, ... skills that we can earn from, we can gain from this ... study tour is the interpersonal skills, ... which is really ... necessary for ... nowadays for a student. Er, you will meet a lot of foreigners that you have ever met before. And if you are shine, then you ... or you're not willing to meet people actively, ... you're totally wasting time. Er, and this is ... a very good ... opportunity for us to meet people, ... and ... you can gain this skills as well. Another one ... knowledge that we can gain is ... the culture

knowledge. For example, ... Chinese is ... usually use chopstick to have meal, ... and foreigner doesn't ... doesn't seems like that ..... to use chopstick as well as we can. And, we can learn about their culture. They, they use fork, or they use ... spoon to have meal. Then, we can adapt their culture and to share their culture to Chinese. Am I right in saying so?

**A:**

Erm, I agree that there are a lot of ... advantages for this programme. And ... I also find that there may be some problems, like ... the weather in England is different from ... the weather in Hong Kong, so the students may cannot ... adapt to the weather ... there because it rained frequently. And the food in England, ... though they can try new food, they may ... cannot ... accept the food there.

**C:**

Yeah, I get your point. Erm, not only the climate difference of the country, also students need to overcome jet lag and yeah ... Basically, I think ... language is one of the most difficult problems for ... internship ... studying because English may not be our ... first language. So, we need to try to ... speak more in other countries. Erm, also, ..... there are some cultural differences between countries. Erm, there are different manners and ... life habits, yeah.

**B:**

Yeah, different ... different habit will ... will comes up and some discrimination or conflicts also will come up ... when we go

travel ... because some foreigner don't, don't like Chinese, I, I know that. Er, maybe they, they already have the perception of what Chinese is all about. Er, ... they are, they are impolite or ... that, but it's not ... it's not true and ..... not all Chinese are like that. So, we can ... this is one of the problem that we will, we might encounter on a study tour.

***D:***

Yes, ... I want to talk ... I want to add some ... detail about the ... the benefits. Yes, ... apart from the ... learning English, ... I think ... broaden our horizon is also ... also a benefit for student to English ... such as, ... they can ... they can learn more about ... England's ... people's lifestyle. Because in Hong Kong, ... as we all know, Hong Kong is a ... fast-pace city. Er, we, all of us ... don't how to enjoy our life. So, if ... our student go to England and they can ... they can know more about ... England's people's ... lifestyle, ... maybe after the trip, they will ... train their mind to ... they will know how, know more about how to ... enjoy their life, their life, rather than ... work very hard, yes.

***C:***

Yes, ... your points are really good. So, I think I would like to recommend the above programme for our school because I think there was a traditional Chinese sentence which is ... "Travel one thousand miles is better than read one thousand books." Yeah, so what's your opinions?

**B:**

Yes, ..... I also agree with you ... this is a good experience for a student to learn ... to learn other culture and some academic knowledge that we ... we're unable to read from textbook. Er, and, and we can also ... it's a study tour, right, and we can also ... learn about their study ... study way. Er, maybe some ... Hong Kong student are not suitable for their way.

[End of discussion]