

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> |
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| B | 2013 | 5** |
| C | 2013 | 5** |
| D | 2013 | 5** |

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

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 ... **about** what is happening to Chinese white dolphins. 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 dolphins ... due to their lovely, ~~like~~, cute appearance, and also how they jump out of **the** water and **are** 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~~, **how** 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~~, **the** 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 **an** 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 **the** environmental part. So, I think ... if I can work in these organisations, I'll ~~can~~ **to able to** 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 **promotions** ... 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~~ **this** 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~~ **on** the government. They can ... give suggestions, they can organise protests, ... petitions, to ... give pressure **to** 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 ... ~~phenomenons~~ **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.