Question 2.1 : King of Comedy

Individual Response Demo (recorded in Sep 2015):

Candidate	Year	Level attained in DSE Eng Lang Paper 4
A	2013	5*
B	2013	5*
C	2013	5**
D	2013	5*

Transcript (verbatim)

Examiner: (Question 2)
Candidate A, do you prefer funny movies or serious movies? You may start now.

A:

I personally prefer funny movies over serious movies because I think watching movie is, watching movies is a way to relieve stress. And I think that in the process of relieving stress, you cannot use your brain for …… for, like, use your brain too hard. And when watching movies, I need to analyse the … plot, and … analyse the plot carefully in order to understand the full movie. So, I think that it actually will make, make my brain feel very tired. And I think funny movies are just overall more relaxing and entertaining, and I think this is the purpose of watching movies, so … I will prefer funny movies over serious movies. And I think … I can relate to funny movies more because the … jokes

are more relatable in daily life and I can … get a good laugh from them.

Examiner: (Question 3)
Candidate B, should famous actors be paid a lot of money? You may start now.

B:

Erm, I definitely think that famous actor should be paid more money because ... primarily speaking, they've spent a lot of time and effort to train up themselves … like … Take … take the example of Stephen Chow, like … he only got famous in his … thirties … but before that, he has gone through a lot of tough times and hard work. And … definitely practice makes perfect, so I think that … the past effort should definitely … be identified and then we should pay them more money for that. And also, I think that … because … a famous star … starring in a movie, the movie will … may appear to be more famous and … can, can get more money from the audiences. So, I think that … they should definitely … be paid more money because they're … having a positive influence on the movie. Yeah, thank you.

Examiner: (Question 4)
Candidate C, do you think famous actors are happy? You may start now.

C:

Erm, I personally do not think that famous actors are happy. Because first of all, they have to face a lot of stress while … performing in the movies because they have to remember a lot of lines. And it is quite difficult for them to remember … so many conversations or lines … within a short time. And then, they also have to face a lot of pressure by the director because, for famous actors, they … people have a lot of high expectations on them. And I think it is quite difficult for them to meet the high expectations and … for the acting skills. So, I think … this is … the first difficulty that they will face. And then, the second difficulty that they will face is the … comments and how people treat them. Because … a lot of their personal life will be in the public eye and then a lot of audiences will discuss about their daily life or personal life. And there, there will be a lot of paparazzi following them, so I think this is … affecting their personal life as well.

Examiner: (Question 6)
Candidate D, what in your opinion makes a good actor? You may start now.

D:

I think a good … what makes a good actor is that … a good actor must have good communication skills, drama skills and yeah, I think these two are most important. Firstly, … for communication skills … during their, their drama, like … when they're … acting for the movie, they have to communicate with each other to, in

order to have the best performance. Like, … they have to communicate with each other in order to know … what's the other's preferences on their behavior, or like, how their conversations should be carried out among each other. And secondly, for interpersonal skills, they have to, like, … for drama skills, they have to, like, work hard on their drama skills so that … the directors will know that he is good to …… to perform so that he will be hired for the movie … that's it.