

HKDSE Examination 2014: English Language Paper 4

Question 8.1 : Super-sized Japanese Food

Individual Response Demo (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 (verbatim)

Examiner: (Question 3)

Candidate A, would you order a super-sized meal if you knew you could not finish it? You may start now.

A:

Well, ... if I know that I cannot finish a super-sized meal, I'd rather not order that because ... even though it may be cheap or it may be ... very fascinating because I, I think that ... if I cannot finish the whole meal, it would be a very large wastage when ... I throw the food back to the ... landfill. And I think ... people in different parts of the world such as Africa, Cambodia, there're a lot of people suffering and they're starving and they ... often need help and they need fresh food. And I think ... for us being, living ... for us living in the first world, I think it is our responsibility to control ourselves and to know about our capabilities of eating what, ... which amount of food. And if I see

that a super-sized meal, meal is too much for me, I think, I don't think I will really ... buy the super-sized meal. Instead, I will encourage them ... I will encourage ... encourage myself to ... donate some money ... to help the people in need in the third world, instead of ... buying the food for myself. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 5)

Candidate B, which is more important to you – the quality or quantity of food? You may start now.

B:

Well, I definitely think that the quality is more important because ... well, if we, when we talk about the quantity, I think ... the quantity is ... sufficient whenever we feel full because ... the main purpose for food to exist is to ... make ourselves healthy and ... growth, for growth and development. So, I think ... ultimately, quality should be the part that we focus on because ... quality is ... there're, there're different kinds of food that we, we come across every day and ... those that are healthy are usually of higher quality. And I think this is very important because ... if we eat food ... of low quality, then ... there is a high chance that we may, for example, be sick, have diarrhea or any, or other kinds of ... illnesses that, that are ... not good to our body. And also, I think ... for high quality food, there're a lot of creativity ... available for the chefs to ... to be creative because ... they, they can cook different foods and ... be ... and, of, of high quality.

Examiner: (Question 6)

Candidate C, do you think it is rude not to finish everything on your plate? You may start now.

C:

Well, I think that ... it's quite rude and not ... really a good way for me to not finish my food because ... to be a more responsible person, I believe that ... we should know what the ... around the amount that we, the proper amount that we would take in for ... different meals like lunch or dinner. And we should spend like, ... what we can afford to eat because we do not want to waste the food ... so that ... it may, it may seem that we are of kind of like ... a greedy person, or even a ... very ... irresponsible one. As there're in the third world ... countries, there're many ... babies or even ... children who're suffer from hunger. And they're not ... they're suffering starvation, do not, they do not have enough food to eat. If we are like some people that're irresponsible to that we always waste food ... like, we ... leave, left many food on our plates, it may seem that we're not care about other people. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 7)

Candidate D, do people eat more now than in the past? You may start now.

D:

Erm, I believe that people nowadays eat more than the past because with the ... advancement of technology, there is a ... more and more channels available for advertisement and the ... advertisements usually use ... those advertising techniques, for example, omission or ... or ... others ... other techniques to attract customers to have a taste on their food. So, ... with the ... sufficient amount of advertisement available ... around our daily lives there ... people are more and more attracted to ... eat more than they can afford, than than they can consume. So, ... people actually ... eat more because of those ... advertising techniques in the advertisements nowadays.