

HKDSE Examination 2012: English Language Paper 4

Question 7.3 : Choosing a career

Individual Response Demo (recorded in Aug 2015):

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

Transcript (with improved grammar in red)

Examiner: (Question 3)

Candidate A, would you be willing to leave Hong Kong to pursue your dream job? You may start now.

A:

Thank you for your question. So, whether I ~~want~~, I would leave Hong Kong to pursue ~~for~~ my dream job. The answer is, yes, I would, because I think that, ... ~~like~~, we have a lot of ... factors to consider in life, like, ~~the~~ financial concerns and also our interest, and working hours, working relationship, etc. But, if I consider one job is my dream job, that means I desperately want it, ~~like~~, I desperately long for it, ... no matter how much it would pay me, ~~or how much it would~~ ... ~~how~~ ... so you don't have to mention how much job satisfaction ~~that~~ this job would give me. So, ... although I have a lot of ... family and friends and sense of belonging to Hong Kong, I think the happiness and also the

joyfulness that I'll gain from my dream job would definitely override ~~like~~, what I have in Hong Kong. And besides, I can always ~~like~~, ... ~~meet-like~~, talk to my friends on Skype and online and also visit Hong Kong whenever I have time. So, I ... would leave Hong Kong for my dream job definitely. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 4)

Candidate B, what is more important to you: money or job satisfaction? You may start now.

B:

Er, thank you for your question. Erm, regarding the ... ~~balancing~~ **balance** between the salary and the job satisfaction, I think I'll go for the job satisfaction. Because I think that ... money, of course, is important because it is essential for living, like, you need to buy things, or buy food or drinks to ... survive, but then ... ~~overall~~, after all, ... ~~talking about~~ the meaning of life is all about ... ~~for example, getting happy or~~, ... getting happy **happiness** or getting job satisfaction, ~~like~~, these are the things that will last forever. And ... I think that ~~it is~~, it's only ~~with job~~, job satisfaction that gives you the motivation and drive to carry on with your everyday work. And if you only look for money, then maybe every day would be a struggle for you, and even if you get a lot of money ... with the job, maybe you will not ~~be~~ eventually **be** satisfied with it. Maybe you'll just feel bored every day and your **life doesn't** ~~don't~~ have the meaning ~~of life~~. So, ... considering this, I think that job satisfaction will be much more important than money, in my consideration. Thank you very much.

Examiner: (Question 5)

Candidate C, do you think you will do one or many jobs during your working life? You may start now.

C:

Erm, I think I will only do one job during my working life because ... I am very certain of my ... career choice. I, I want to be a doctor because ... I've been to different hospitals. I've attend~~ed~~ different internships and ~~done~~ volunteer ~~work~~ ... Erm, I've ... learnt ~~what~~ ~~about~~ ... the work of doctors and then I saw the need of patients and I really want to be ... taking the role of a carer, ... a medical practitioner ~~to~~, ... to be there to ~~care and~~ ... take care of the patients, and give them what they need. So, ... ~~it's definitely I would be~~, I really want to be a doctor for my entire working life. So, ... I think it's a very meaningful job that can give me lots of ... job satisfaction, and give my ... life its meaning as well. So ... that's my answer. Thank you.

Examiner: (Question 7)

Candidate D, do you think young people today have more job opportunities than their parents? You may start now.

D:

Erm, I think that the job market nowadays ... has more variety than before, for example, there are jobs that would not ... be available ~~for anyone~~ ... ~~in~~, maybe years ago. For example, social media campaign managers, those kind~~s~~ of jobs may be things that young people would be really interested in doing and now

they have opportunities that were never available before. And for example, there would be places to go abroad, or ... to participate in, like, global corporations in their work, ~~and that is~~ ... ~~available to them that~~ ... which was not available to their parents' generation. However, I also see that it's more difficult for ... younger people to get into a career because it's more difficult to start from a lower level. Erm, cuz nowadays, ... maybe a lot of people is **are** already really educated when they go into their jobs. And that makes ... competition a lot ~~more~~ **keener**. And for young people to start a job and get really good at it, and to take ... it to the level that they want to, may be ... more difficult than previous generations.