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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

Question-Answer Book

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (2 hours)
(for both Parts A and B)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. There are two parts (A and B) in this paper. Candidates should attempt Part A and **ONE** question from Part B.
 2. After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1 and stick barcode labels in the spaces provided on Pages 1, 3 and 5.
 3. For Part B, you should put an 'X' in the corresponding question number box on Page 8 to indicate the question you are going to attempt.
 4. Write your answers in the space provided in this Question-Answer Book. Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
 5. Do not use your real name in answering any of the questions. If names are provided in the question, you must use those names. If no name is provided and you still wish to use a name to identify yourself, then use 'Chris Wong'. If you need to use names for other characters in the composition not specified by the question, you may use names such as Mary, Peter, Mr Smith, Ms Young, etc. You may lose marks if you do not follow these instructions.
 6. Rough work should be done on the rough-work sheets which will be collected separately. These will not be marked.
 7. Additional supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number, mark the question number box and stick a barcode label on each sheet and fasten them with string INSIDE this book.
 8. No extra time will be given to candidates for sticking on the barcode labels or filling in the question number boxes after the 'Time is up' announcement.

Please stick the barcode label here.



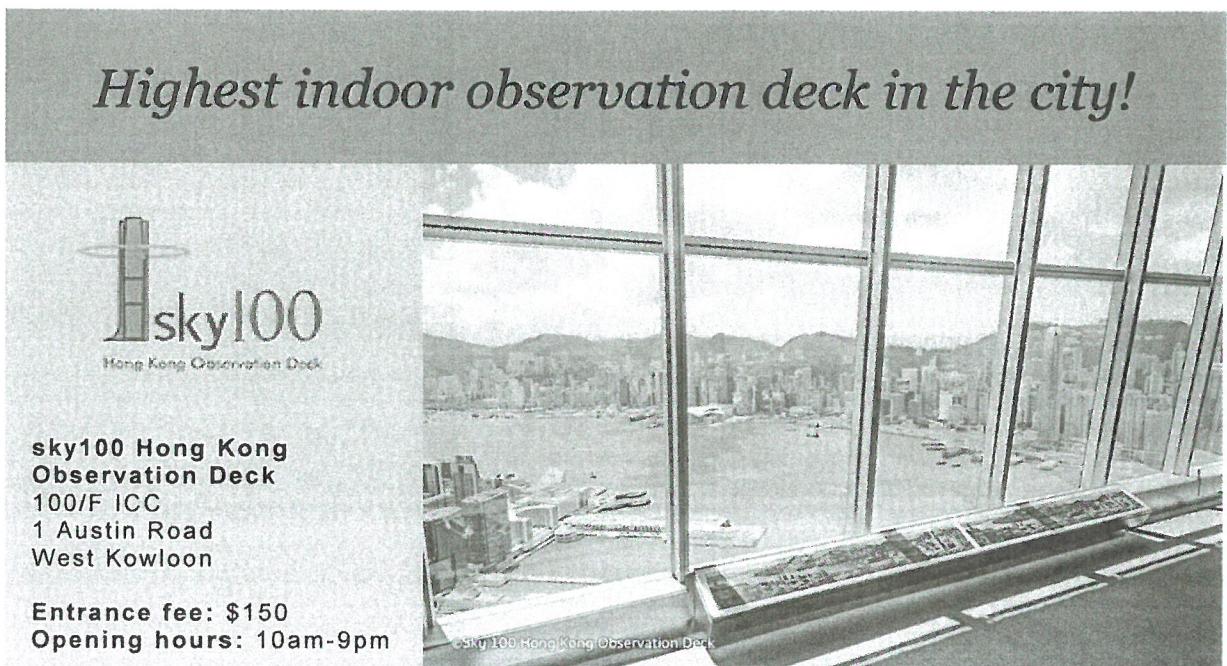
PART A

For question 1, write about **200 words** in the space provided on pages 3 – 5.

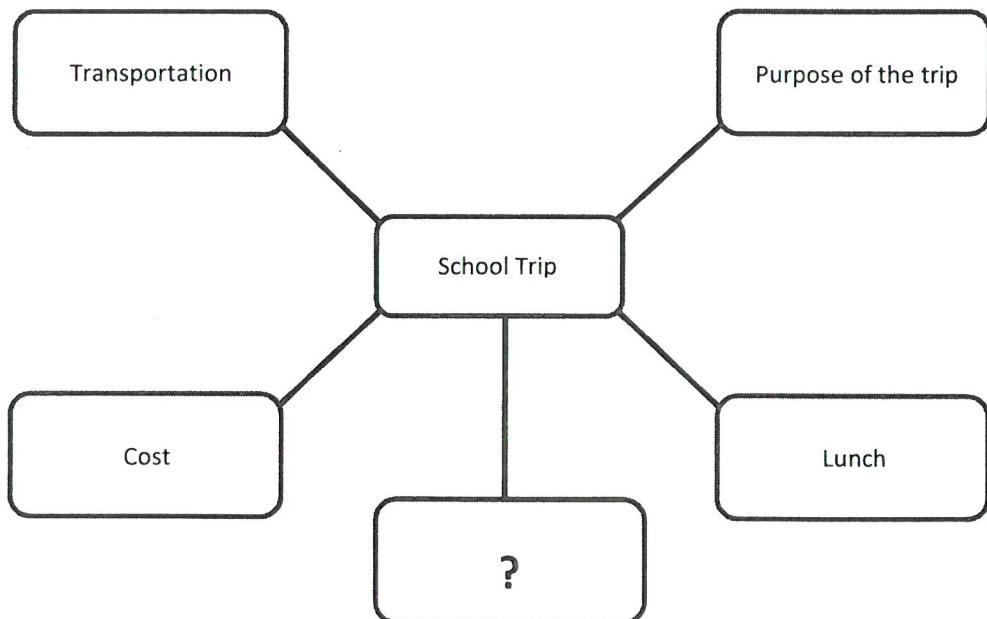
1. You are Chris Wong, the class teacher of 6A. You will be taking your class on a school trip next month to *sky100*, shown in the poster below.

Write a letter to parents giving them the necessary information about the trip. You may use the mindmap to help you write your letter.

Poster:



Mindmap:



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REPLY SLIP

I agree / do not agree to let my child take part in the sky100 school trip.

Signature of parent / guardian:

Date:

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END OF PART A

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SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER SHEET FOR PART A

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PART B

For questions 2 – 9, choose **ONE** question and write about **400 words** in the space provided on pages 8 – 12. Indicate which question you are going to attempt in the question number box on page 8.

2. Learning English through Sports Communication

You recently ran the Hong Kong Marathon for the first time.

Write a blog to be posted on the Hong Kong Marathon's website to encourage other young people to take part in the next marathon.

3. Learning English through Workplace Communication

You are the boss of Reboot Online Company and you have recently received complaints from some staff about the number of work-related emails and text messages received out of office.

Write a letter to staff addressing their complaints.

4. Learning English through Social Issues

You write an advice column for *Teen* magazine and you have received the following letter:

I've been thinking about my future. I love animals and I've always wanted to be a vet. But when I told my parents, the first thing they said was 'No.' I feel really frustrated. What should I do?
— J.C., 16 years old

Write a letter of advice.

5. Learning English through Debating

You are representing your school at an inter-school debating competition. The motion is: 'The policy of reporting students' class position should be abolished'.

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1	Name	Chinese Grade	English Grade	Mathematics Grade	Overall Position
2	Jack	A+	A+	A	1
3	Billy	A-	A	A+	2
4	Philip	A	A	B+	3
5	Sally	B+	A	B+	4
6	Ruby	B+	B+	B	5
7	Mark	B	B	B	6
8	Mary	B	B	B-	7
9	Elsa	B	B-	B-	8
10	Ricky	B-	B-	C	9
11	Jane	C	B-	C	10

Write a debate speech arguing for OR against the motion.



6. Learning English through Popular Culture

‘Athleisure’ is currently one of the biggest trends in the fashion industry. This is a term for clothes that can be worn both for exercise and as everyday wear.



Write an article for the local newspaper explaining possible reasons for the rise in popularity of athleisure.

7. Learning English through Drama

The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) wants to encourage more people to watch stage plays. To do this, they want to show video-recordings of live drama performances from theatres all over the world.

You have just watched one of these recordings. Write an article for *Showbiz* magazine discussing whether these recordings are a good way to attract more people to watch stage plays.

8. Learning English through Poems and Songs

Poetry House is offering a scholarship for ten young writers to attend their summer poetry workshop. The workshop will promote the art and craft of poetry in a creative environment and participants will have a chance to discuss their work with guest poets from around the world.

Write an application letter, explaining your interest in poetry and why you should be selected to take part in this workshop.

9. Learning English through Short Stories

Imagine you are a pet bird in a cage. One day your owner left your bird cage open.



Write a story from the bird’s point of view.

END OF QUESTIONS FOR PART B

Sources of materials used in this paper will be acknowledged in the booklet *HKDSE Question Papers* published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority at a later stage.

FOR PART B ONLY

Put an 'X' inside the question number box to indicate the question (Q.2 – Q.9) that you have chosen.

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SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER SHEET FOR PART B

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