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**HKDSE 2024
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART B2
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**

B2
DIFFICULT SECTION

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Read Text 5 and answer questions 43-62. (42 marks)

Text 5

43. Using the information from paragraph 1, complete the table below.

(4 marks)

Bad Science by Ben Goldacre	
Author's background	Doctor and science writer
Target audience	(i) _____
Summary	
Goldacre identifies problems with science and medicine: (ii) _____ _____	The desired outcome: (iv) _____ _____
problems with advertising and the media: (iii) _____ _____	

44. What does the phrase ‘in a special “sciencey” way’ (line 8) tell us about Goldacre’s attitude towards the Brain Gym programme?

45. (i) What do ‘these beliefs’ (line 10) refer to? _____ (1 mark)

(ii) What has contributed to the spread of ‘these beliefs’ (line 10)? _____

(1 mark)

46. According to paragraph 4, why might the mainstream media and the general public be held responsible for the current situation? (2 marks)

(i) mainstream media: _____

(ii) the general public: _____

Answers written in the margin will not be marked.



47. In paragraph 5 what does the metaphor 'outnumbered and outgunned' (line 16) tell us about the situation with scientists and doctors?

48. Complete the summary of paragraphs 6 and 7 using a word or phrase taken from the paragraphs for each gap.

It is said that the public is (i) _____ about their physical well-being. This is reflected in the fact that 50% of all science news items are to do with (ii) _____ and people are constantly exposed to (iii) _____.

Medicine that is driven by evidence is the (iv) _____ form of applied science as it has saved millions of lives. However, the problem is that there is a huge (v) _____ in society when it comes to understanding science-based medicine. The difficulty exists because it is likely that those who (vi) _____ at school probably did not convey to you such information.

49. What does 'the territory' (line 28) refer to? _____

50. Which phrase does Goldacre use in paragraph 11 to refer to 'alternative therapists'? _____

51. Complete the table by finding an example from paragraphs 6-11 for each of the following. (5 marks)

	Example from the text
A. An important concept that is not sufficiently taught	(i) _____
B. A positive outcome	(ii) _____
C. An unreliable source of information	(iii) _____
D. An example of pseudo-science	(iv) _____
E. A fatal outcome	(v) _____

52. What makes the errors 'more dangerous' (line 40)?

- A. It is possible that some clients might die.
- B. The public's understanding of evidence is eroded.
- C. Alternative therapists brand themselves as nutritionists.
- D. Alternative therapists claim to be men and women of science.

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53. Find an expression in paragraph 12 that can be replaced by 'deceive'.

54. What has contributed to the popularity of 'commodifiable solutions' (line 47)?

55. Below is a summary of paragraph 13. In five of the lines, there is ONE mistake. If you find a mistake, underline it and replace the word with one that expresses the correct idea in the Correction column. Both grammar and spelling must be correct. In one of the lines, there is no mistake; put a tick (✓) in the Correction column. One has been done for you as an example. (5 marks)

Summary	Correction
Ben Goldacre has in his sights <u>three</u> important groups;	two (example)
those who reject great power and authority and those in the	(i)
mainstream media. He considers the former more prevalent	(ii)
as their pointless mistakes have serious outcomes. He believes the	(iii)
latter doggedly support meaningful stories about science	(iv)
with such a fundamental misconception of the facts.	(v)

56. Why does Goldacre find 'people in positions of great power' (line 54) most worrying?

57. Provide an example of 'the tools to win – or at least understand – any argument' (line 59).

58. Which of the following best summarises the idea in the sentence, 'You cannot reason people out of positions they didn't reason themselves into.' (line 58)?

- People cannot be persuaded to change their point of view...
- A. by intuition; they need reason and logic.
 - B. when their point of view is based on logic.
 - C. when their point of view is not based on logic.
 - D. by logic alone; they need emotional intelligence.

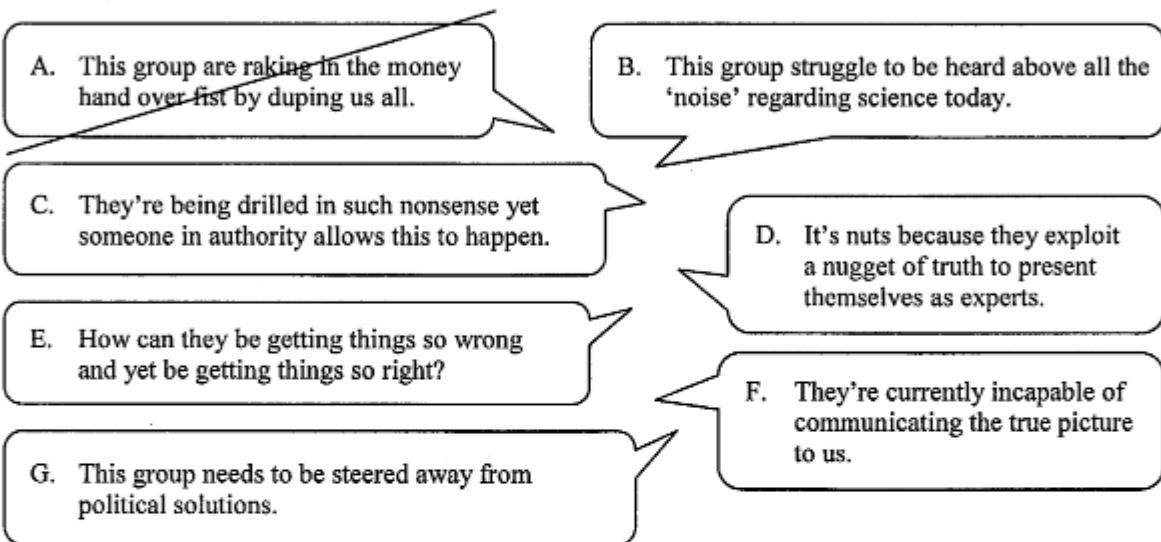
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59. What is Goldacre referring to when he says 'along the way' (line 61)?
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60. What does Goldacre mean when he says 'you'll be wrong with a lot more style and flair' (line 67)?
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61. Below are some quotes from a radio interview given by Goldacre. Match the quotes with the groups of people he is talking about. Each letter can be used ONCE only. ONE comment is not used. ONE has been done for you as an example. (5 marks)



Groups of people in the text		Letter
The food supplements industry		A (example)
British children	(i)	
The media	(ii)	
Some alternative therapists	(iii)	
Scientists and doctors	(iv)	
British universities	(v)	

62. Is Goldacre optimistic or pessimistic about the future regarding science and medicine? Use evidence from Text 5 to support your answer.
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