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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 7 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.

Candidate Number

## PART A

For question 1, write about **200 words** in the space provided on pages 2-4.

- ① After seeing the advertisement below, you booked a one-night stay at the Seaside Hotel. However, you were not happy with your stay because the room was very different from what was shown on the hotel's website.

Write an email to the hotel manager. In your email, you should explain:

- why you were disappointed; and
- what you would like the manager to do.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [http://www.seaside\\_hotel.com](http://www.seaside_hotel.com). The main image is a black and white photograph of a modern bedroom with a large bed, a hanging lamp, and a balcony with an ocean view. Below the image, the text reads "Room with balcony and ocean view". To the right, there is a "BOOK NOW" button. At the bottom, there are several icons with text: "Wi-Fi" (Wi-Fi icon), "Room service" (dinner plate icon), "HK\$1,780 per night HK\$1,580" (price), "Air conditioning" (snowflake icon), "Non-smoking" (no smoking icon), and "Includes taxes & fees".

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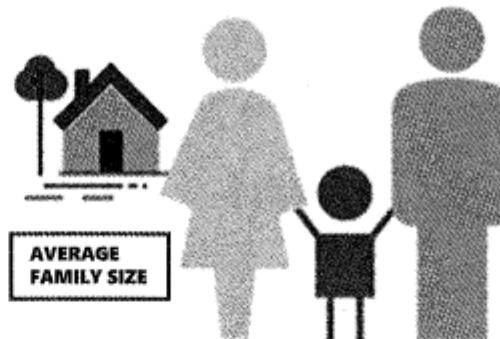
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## PART B

For questions 2-5, choose **ONE** question and write about **400 words** in the space provided on pages 7-10. Indicate which question you are going to attempt in the question number box on page 7.

- ② A century ago, women in Hong Kong had on average five children. Today, that number is less than one.

Write an essay which gives reasons why having fewer children is more desirable now than in the past.



- ③ You are a successful musician and a writer of a music blog. A reader recently recorded a song and has asked you how to promote the song.

Write a blogpost on how musicians can get more people to listen to their music.

- ④ Hong Kong now has many more areas such as parks, shops and restaurants that welcome dogs. Some people feel that the city has gone too far in its efforts to be dog-friendly.

The *Hong Kong Times* is asking readers for their opinion. Write a letter to the editor expressing whether or not you support this new trend.



- ⑤ You posted a video on social media that went viral and gained 100,000 likes overnight. Write an article for the school magazine about your experience.

**END OF QUESTIONS FOR PART B**