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PRACTICE PAPER
LIBERAL STUDIES PAPER 1
Question-Answer Book

(2 hours)

This paper must be answered in English

INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) This paper consists of three questions. **Answer ALL questions.**
- (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, 5 and 7.
- (3) Write your answers in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. Do not write in the margins. Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Candidates are reminded that this subject emphasises the ability to present and support points of view in a clear, concise and logical manner, rather than the ability to recall facts.

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Data-response Questions

Answer *all* the questions in this paper.

1. Consider the following sources:

Source A: An extract from a newspaper report dated 16 February, 2011

There was a public outcry when the mainland media recently published a survey showing that rice samples from various mainland provinces continued to contain excessive amounts of cadmium, a heavy metal that can cause bone problems if too much is consumed.

Tests conducted by a mainland university in 2008 on 63 rice samples bought from Jiangxi, Hunan and Guangdong found that 60 per cent of the samples contained too much cadmium. Experts said that the situation could only become worse now as heavy polluting industries, such as chemical plants, moved inland from coastal regions, causing soil pollution to spread geographically. Excessive use of pesticides and fertilizers has also contributed to the problem.

The absorption of cadmium would be boosted if the rice is planted in acidic soil, which exists from Jiangxi to Hunan. Hybrid rice, which is common in southern China, also absorbs heavy metals more easily.

Source B



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(a) Interpret the cartoon with reference to Source A.

(4 marks)

(b) Some people say that industrial and agricultural development brings about negative impacts on our quality of life. Explain how this point of view can be supported by using Source A. (6 marks)

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2. Consider the following sources:

Source A: Statistics on Hong Kong Young People Aged 18-22 from 1981 to 2006

	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
The years of birth for the young people aged 18-22	1959 - 1963	1964 - 1968	1969 - 1973	1974 - 1978	1979 - 1983	1984 - 1988
Percentage with Tertiary Education	7.46	14.01	19.55	23.38	33.91	39.75
Percentage Unemployed	3.87	6.72	5.86	10.00	11.92	11.84
Median Earnings of Young People Aged 18-22 : Median Earnings of the General Working Population	0.80:1	0.80:1	0.65:1	0.60:1	0.55:1	0.56:1

Source B: An excerpt from a speech delivered by a principal official of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at an academic conference on 15 January, 2011

Undeniably, the emergence of the post-80s phenomenon has become a controversial topic. The headstrong actions of the post-80s youngsters and some confrontational scenes have attracted public attention.

When I was a youngster, there were social movements too. Though different in ways of expression or means of confrontation, these social movements, likewise, originated from the pursuit of ideals and dissatisfaction with the existing society.

Hong Kong society inclines to focus more on the individual. In such circumstances, responsibilities, which come along with rights, are always ignored. An individual must recognise the fundamental point that there are no absolute rights. The freedom and rights of others should be respected. Secondly, young people should refrain from dictating the thoughts of others. As the world is diverse, we should be accommodating and respect the views and opinions of others. Hence, the third point is to compromise.

My final point is on confrontational acts. Some people claim that violent clashes are necessary for attracting attention and creating a greater impact. However, Hong Kong society did not identify with the recent violent clashes as we generally tend to accept peaceful and rational ways.

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- (a) Using Source A, identify the trends as shown in the statistics on Hong Kong young people aged 18-22. (4 marks)

- (b) What might have been the challenges for young people aged 18-22 in 2006 as reflected in Source A? Explain your answer. (6 marks)

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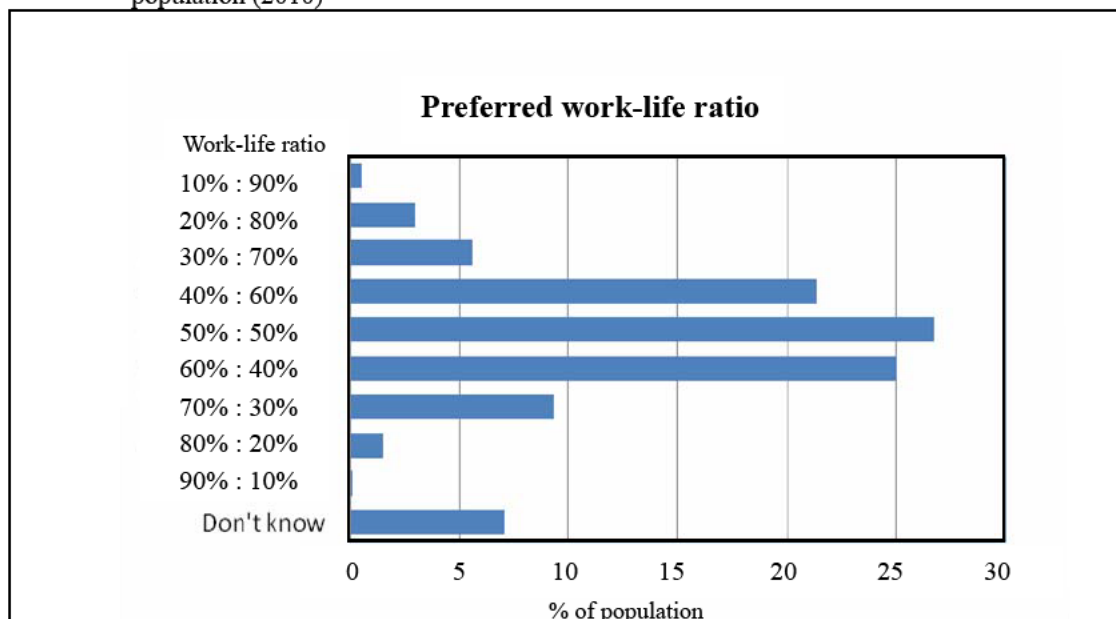
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3. Consider the following sources:

Source A: The results of a survey on preferred and actual work-life ratios* of the Hong Kong working population (2010)



The average actual work-life ratio was found to be 82.7% : 17.3%.

*Work-life ratio is the ratio of the time spent on work to the time spent on personal activities (excluding sleeping).

Source B: An extract from a news article published in October 2010

- A labour organisation has urged the government to set working hours at eight hours a day, 44 hours per week for employees in Hong Kong.
- A worker in a restaurant said that, due to long working hours, her hands and legs were sore and she hardly had time to communicate with her husband and children.
- The business sector is concerned that regulation of working hours will increase business cost.

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(a) Describe the pattern of preferred work-life ratio as shown in Source A. (4 marks)

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- (c) To what extent do you support the view of the labour organisation as stated in Source B? Explain your answer. (10 marks)

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