

# **HKDSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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## **Paper 2 Writing Past Paper Collection**

### **Genre & Theme Analysis**

**2012-2025 英文作文出題趨勢  
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## 我們的團隊

我們的兩位聯合創辦人Jacky 及Yoyo 來自中大環球商業學及科大環球商業管理，DSE分數為該年全港Top 0.5%，我們的團隊成員來自港大法律系、中大醫科，也曾在DSE多科奪星

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## DSE Writing Part A

Year	Genre	Theme
2008 Sample Paper	Report	Write a report for your own school newspaper describing what happened when you were trapped for five hours in an office building when the electricity suddenly went off.
2012 Practice Paper	Information Poster	<p>Promote the school walkathon to raise money for building schools in China and encourage students and their families to take part.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Why take part?</li> <li>● The route of the walk</li> <li>● The work of Walk to Build</li> </ul>
2012	Featured Article	<p>You are a famous news reporter for Hong Kong News. Write a feature article about yourself for the school magazine of your old secondary school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The best part of my job</li> <li>● The biggest challenge I have ever faced in my job</li> <li>● My school days</li> </ul>
2013	Photo Description	<p>Give a title to two photos and a brief explanation of why these photos are meaningful to you.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 10px;">   </div>
2014	Article	<p>Write an article about an old village called Lucky Village in Hong Kong for a local history newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Life in Lucky Village 40 years ago</li> <li>● An event that changed Lucky Village</li> <li>● What Lucky Village is famous for</li> </ul>

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| 2015 | Letter to the Editor | <p>An article suggested that an 8 am start to the school day makes students feel tired and sleepy. Write a letter to express your views.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Why students feel tired</li><li>● Whether or not a 9 am start will solve the problem</li></ul>  |
| 2016 | Speech               | <p>As the President of the Students' Union at your school. Prepare a speech to welcome new students on the first day of school to help new students to achieve success and have an enjoyable school life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Importance of following school rules</li><li>● Importance of interpersonal relationship</li></ul>  |
| 2017 | Letter to principal  | <p>As the chairperson of the Social Service Club in your school, you want to propose a new community project that the school can carry out with a home for the elderly in your district to develop closer links with the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Describe one activity that could be carried out</li><li>● Identify the benefits for the elderly home</li></ul> |
| 2018 | Letter to parents    | <p>You are Chris Wong, the class teacher of 6A. Write a letter to parents giving them the necessary information about a school trip next month to sky100, the highest indoor observation deck in the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Purpose of the trip</li><li>● Transportation</li><li>● Cost</li><li>● Lunch</li></ul>   |

2020	Restaurant Review	<p>Write a review of Dim Sum One, Hong Kong's hottest new restaurant, for Eat &amp; Drink, an online food guide that allow users to write their own reviews.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Write about what you liked and didn't like and if you would recommend the restaurant</li><li>● Choose to write about any of the following: food, service, dining environment, price</li></ul>
2021	Morning Assembly Announcement	<p>Your school is organizing the annual school fair. You have been asked to announce the event in morning assembly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Introduce the event</li><li>● Describe some of the activities that will take place</li><li>● Let students know how they can help out</li></ul>
2022	Guidebook	<p>Write a travel guide to tourists visiting Adventure Farm in Sai Kung for the first time according to the map of the farm provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Brief introduction to the Farm</li><li>● 3 must-visit attractions of the Farm</li></ul>
2024 Sample Paper	Questionnaire	<p>Course Evaluation Questionnaire after completing a summer institute course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Why did you want to take this course?</li><li>● What did you like best about this course?</li><li>● What changes would you recommend to improve this course?</li></ul>

- 2023      Proposal      You work for Planet Smart, a company that sells eco-friendly products. Your company wants to set up a pop-up shop inside a shopping centre for 3 months to promote your products to new customers. Complete the application form below.
- A. Company Profile (Introduce your company)
  - B. Best-selling Product (Describe one of your products that customers love)
  - C. In-store Event (Describe one event you will hold in your shop to attract customers)

- 2024      Email      After seeing the advertisement below, you booked a one-night stay at 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 about 200 words to the hotel manager. In your email, you should explain:
- why you were disappointed; and
  - what you would like the manager to do.

Advertisement

[http://www.seaside\\_hotel.com](http://www.seaside_hotel.com)

**Room with Balcony and ocean view**

- ✓ Wi-Fi
- ✓ Air Conditioning
- ✓ Room Service, Non-smoking,

**Book Now!**

Original price: HK\$1780  
Now HK\$1580 per night  
(include tax and fees)

- 2025      Promotional leaflet      Create a promotional leaflet for the "852 Teen Art Club." Include the following details:
- Our background
  - A club member's most memorable experience
  - Our upcoming activities

**Part B (Since 2024)**

Year	Genre	Theme
2024 Sample Paper	Article	You are taking part in a student-organised exhibition on ‘What makes Hong Kong Special’. You would like to write an article about the Star Ferry and have interviewed two people for your article, which will be posted on the exhibition’s website. Write the article.
	Debate speech	Your school has been awarded a government fund. You are a member of the Students’ Association. Write a proposal to the School Management suggesting two ways to use the fund to improve the facilities and/or learning and teaching in the school.
	Speech	You are a blogger who writes about cultural trends. Write a blog post on how Hong Kong popular culture has been influenced by Japan and/or Korea.
2024	Letter to the editor	A significant proportion of Hong Kong land is developed for residential or commercial purposes. You strongly believe that more land should be used for open space and recreation. The Town Planning Board is inviting the public to express their views. Write a letter to the board and support your arguments with reasons.
	Essay	A century ago, women in Hong Kong on average had five children. Today, the number is fewer than one. Write an essay, give the reasons why having fewer children is more desirable now than in the past.
	Blogpost	You are a successful musician and you also write a blog about music. Recently, one of your readers recorded a song and asked you how to market it. Write a blogpost. Explain how musicians can get more people to listen to their music.
	Letter to the editor	Hong Kong now has more dog-friendly parks, shops, and restaurants. Some people think 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. Explain whether or not you support this new trend.



2024	Article	You posted a video on social media. it became viral and gained 100,000 likes overnight. Write an article for the school magazine about your experience.
2025	Short story	Your friends experienced an event that significantly changed them. Write a short story about this.
	Letter to the Editor	More and more people are spending extended periods in coffee shops and fast-food restaurants for activities such as tutoring sessions. Write a letter to the editor to express your opinion on this issue.
	Argumentative essay	Discuss the challenges of group work in the workplace and provide suggestions for improvement. Write an essay about this.
	Blog entry	You have recently become vegan for a whole week. Write a blog entry to share your experiences and discuss whether you plan to continue this lifestyle.



## Learning English through Debating

Year	Genre	theme
2008 Sample Paper	Report	Write a report on what happened at the finals of inter-school debating contest. Describe the debate topic, how your team performed, which team won the competition and what the prize was.
2012 Practice Paper	Debate speech	'Nuclear power is the best source of energy for the future.' Decide whether you are for or against the motion and write your debate speech.
2012	Speech	Write a speech to give in school assembly explaining the activities the debating club organizes, the benefits of being in the club and the importance in life of being a good debater to recruit more people to join the club.
2013	Letter to the editor	Recently you have heard several people making complaints which you thought were unreasonable. Describe the situation which some people complained about, outline the point of view of the complainants, and indicate why you think those people are unreasonable.
2014	Letter to the editor	Some people believe that filming movies in the city center should not be allowed. Others support it. Write a letter to give your opinions. Provide three reasons to support your point of view.
2015	Letter to the editor	Many parts of Hong Kong's harbour front are still undeveloped. Some suggest using these areas for housing and commercial use, while others argue that such areas should be left as open space for public use. State and justify your point of view with three reasons.
2016	Letter to the editor	It has recently been reported that some parents in Asian countries are installing apps on their children's mobile phones that monitor their activities to ensure that they use these devices responsibly. State and justify your position with three reasons.

- 2017 Debate speech As captain of the debate team, you have to write a debate speech on the motion 'Watching TV Makes Us Smarter'. In the speech you should include three reasons to support the statement.
- 2018 Debate speech You are representing your school at an inter-school debating competition. The motion is: 'The policy of reporting students' class position should be abolished'. Write your speech.
- 2019 Argumentative essay Do social media platforms such as Facebook or Twitter encourage or stifle public debate? When first created, social media was thought to be a place where rational debate and logic would thrive. However, as time has shown, this is not always the case. Write an essay to state your position, giving reasons and evidence to support your view. Give a title to your essay.
- 2020 Argumentative essay To raise public awareness of healthy eating, some countries now legally require food manufacturers to put warning labels on foods that are high in sugar, saturated fat and salt. Argue either for OR against the effectiveness of food warning labels in changing people's eating habits.
- 2021 Argumentative essay A social media influencer is a person who is paid by a company to promote goods through their social media networks. Some say a majority of millennials trust the advice of social media influencer over a traditional media advertisement. Discuss whether social media influencers are more trustworthy than traditional media advertisements.
- 2022 Formal letter The School Management is considering a four-day school week. Students would only need to attend school four days a week instead of five, but the length of each day would be increased by one hour. Write a letter to the President of the PTA stating your opinion either for or against a four-day school week.

## Learning English through Popular Culture

Year	Genre	theme
2008 Sample Paper	Informal letter	<p>A TV presenter helped you arrange a special birthday event for one of your parents without his or her knowing about it. The event was filmed as a popular TV show called <i>Surprise of Your Life</i>.</p> <p>Write a letter to your sister in Canada describing what sort of surprise event you chose and why, how it was organized and how your parent felt about it being shown on TV.</p>
2012 Practice Paper	Proposal to principal	<p>Your school would like to film and broadcast a weekly reality TV show on the school TV network and are looking for suggestions for the theme and content. Write a proposal for your ideas for the show, explaining why this would be popular with students in the school and describing how to make the first episode appealing to viewers.</p>
2012	Letter to the Editor	<p>Cosmetic surgery is now a multi-million-dollar industry. Write a letter to the Editor about the obsession with physical beauty.</p>
2013	Article	<p>Asian singers and movie stars are gaining popularity all over the world and are no longer appealing only to Asian audiences. Write an article for your school newspaper explaining why Asian stars are gaining popularity in Western countries.</p>
2014	Article	<p>You recently attended a stand-up comedy show and you were impressed by the performance. Write an article for your school magazine describing the show, discussing the challenges such performers might face and how students at school can benefit from watching such a performance.</p>
2015	Report	<p>You are working on a project entitled 'Cinemas in Hong Kong' and have found that fewer people go to cinemas than before. Write a report to explain why this is happening and to suggest what could be done to increase the number of moviegoers. Justify your suggestions.</p>

- 2016      Proposal      The Hong Kong Youth Association is organising a Youth Festival to showcase popular youth trends in Hong Kong. Write a proposal to suggest one or two trends popular with young people. Explain how you would present these trends at the festival and justify the way you plan to present your ideas.
- 2017      Letter to the Editor      Recently the Hong Kong Government published a list of intangible cultural heritage, including traditional egg tarts and Mahjong. Write a letter supporting the Government's choice of these two features of Hong Kong culture, suggesting why they are worth protecting and how they can be protected.
- 2018      Article      '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.
- 2019      Article      This week's question in the Young Post's Over to You column is: Where do you get information about the latest trends in pop culture? Do you turn to newspapers and magazines or do you prefer blogs and videos on social media?  
Write an article. Choose one or two areas of pop culture from below and tell readers where you like to get information about in the latest trends. Provide the name of the sources you recommend.  
1. TV and Movies; 2. Music and Concerts; 3. Food and Drink; 4. Style and Beauty; 5. Tech and Games

2020

Essay

Some of Hong Kong's housing estates have become extremely popular places to take Instagram photos.



Choi Hung Estate, Wong Tai Sin



Yik Cheong Building, Quarry Bay



You interviewed Instagrammers and residents at a housing estate.

Explain what attracts Instagrammers to Hong Kong's housing estates and how residents feel about this.

2021

Blog post

You took part in a social media challenge called 'The 21-day Gratitude Challenge'. You kept a journal about the things you were thankful for on a daily basis. Participants are invited to share their experience on the website. Write a blog post. Explain why you accepted this challenge and what you hoped to achieve. Reflect on the 21 days and whether taking on this challenge has changed you.

2022

Letter to the Editor

The following comment appeared in the editorial of Hong Kong post.  
*Young people today lack interest in traditional art forms such as lion dance, calligraphy or the art of tea drinking.*

You are the chairperson of your school's Heritage Club. Express your views by writing a letter to the editor of Hong Kong Post.

2023

Article

Anime Expo, Hong Kong's biggest anime, manga and video game exhibition, was held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre last weekend. As a school reporter, you attended the event and interviewed some people dressed in cosplay. Write an article for your school magazine.

## Learning English through Social Issues

Year	Genre	theme
2008 Sample Paper	Formal letter	You suspect that your neighbours are treating their pets badly. Write a letter to SPCA showing your concern and give details of any incidents of abuse you are aware of. Suggest what could be done to ensure the welfare of the pets and say why these measures are urgent.
2012 Practice Paper	Speech	Give a speech at the following conference: <b>Growing up in H.K. in the 21st Century - A conference for young people aged 13 – 18</b> Topic: The joys of being a teenager in Hong Kong'
2012	Article	Write an article for the school magazine about your friend's depression and how he/she overcame it. Give advice to others on how to help fight depression.
2013	Formal letter	Some say private school bus service operators do not follow proper safety procedures when dealing with young children. Write a letter to the Bus Operators Association of Hong Kong to express your concerns and give three recommendations for how the services can be improved.
2014	Letter to the Editor	Some people believe that filming movies in the city center should not be allowed. Others support it. Write a letter to the editor of the Hong Kong Daily giving your opinions. Provide three reasons to support your point of view.
2015	Article	Many parents in Hong Kong are sending their children to other countries to complete their schooling. Write to your school magazine examining two reasons for this phenomenon. Discuss the impact of this on local schools and on children who leave to study overseas
2016	Essay	Write an essay on 'Hong Kong' Disappearing Street Life' for a competition. The aim is to promote youth awareness of the need to preserve unique aspects of Hong Kong culture. Entries must focus on one aspect of local street life or culture that is fast disappearing and suggest why it is worth preserving.



2017	Report	You are working on a project entitled 'Hong Kong's NEETs'. NEETs are young people who are not in education, employment or training. Many of these young people spend their time at home playing video games or surfing the Internet. Write a report to explain why the number of NEETs in Hong Kong is rising and suggest what can be done to help these youths. Give reasons to support your suggestion.
2018	Letter of advice.	<p>You write an advice column for Teen magazine and you have received the following letter. Write a letter of advice.</p> <p><i>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?</i></p> <p>J.C., 16 years old</p>
2019	Essay	<p><i>To participate in global economy, companies hire individuals whose skills and talent meet standards of excellence. One hundred years ago, people were hired from within the local community but today the best individuals are hired from around the world.</i></p> <p>Write an essay. Explain some of the benefits and challenges international talent brings to Hong Kong society and ways to ensure that people from the local community are not neglected.</p>
2020	News report	<p>In recent years, the number of small independent stationery shops in Hong Kong has fallen. Write a news report for the Hong Kong Post. Explain this trend and discuss whether independent stationery shops can survive.</p>
2021	Letter to the Editor	<p><i>Although studies show electric cars are more environmentally friendly than petrol cars, less than 3% of all vehicles sold in 2020 worldwide were electric.</i> Write a letter to discuss why sales of electric vehicles are so low. Suggest what can be done to attract more people to drive these vehicles.</p>
2022	Article	You are the host of "Teen Chat", a YouTube Channel that explores a wide range of topics from a teenage perspective. Write an article for Teen Magazine about why you started this channel and what you have learned in the process.



2023

Article

A survey found that the majority of Hong Kong people in their 60s would like to have the option to work past the retirement age of 65. In contrast, there is a growing number of young people whose goal is to retire in their 30s or 40s.

Write a news article for the Hong Kong Daily about these different views towards retirement.



## Learning English through Workplace Communication

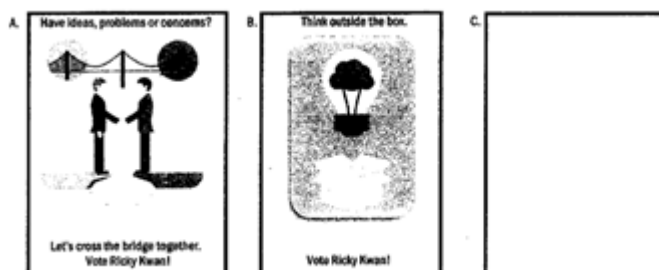
Year	Genre	theme
2008 Sample Paper	Article	<p>Your school recently conducted a 'Working Week' scheme during which students could choose to work as one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a reporter, a teacher, a restaurant cook, a flight attendant, a photographer</li></ul> <p>Write an article to school magazine describing your experience during the 'Working Week' and how you felt about the job</p>
2012 Practice Paper	Informal email	<p>Your friend is going for a group interview for the position of 'Part-time Promoter' for a mobile phone company. Your friend is very nervous and has asked you for your advice. Write an email and offer advice on how to prepare for the interview and what to do during the interview.</p>
2012	Letter	<p>You are an intern at Hong Kong Correctional Services. Write a letter to all Hong Kong businesses outlining a new project called Second Chance to encourage employers to recruit reformed criminals or drug addicts. Explain the benefits and persuading them to join the scheme,</p>
2013	Article	<p>You are a human resources assistant. Your boss has observed that many people are leaving the office very late. Write an article for the company newsletter describing the situation and discussing the negative effects. Give two suggestions to improve the situation. Provide a title for your article.</p>
2014	Article	<p>The Hong Kong Daily is asking students to submit an article about their summer job experiences. You were employed as a costumed character performer in one of the local theme parks last summer. Write about your typical working day, and the good things and bad things about your job.</p>

- 2015 Formal Email You are a summer intern working in Hong Kong Mobile's customer services department. Your job is to handle complaints about your company's products and services. You are required to inform your manager about complaints received and outline possible solutions. Write an email to Jackie Lee, the manager of the customer services department, summarising details of a recent complaint and suggesting three possible actions.
- 2016 Article Many Hong Kong graduates complain about the lack of employment opportunities in the city. It has been suggested that graduates who fail to find a job in Hong Kong could look for opportunities in other cities in Asia. Do you support this suggestion? Write an article for your school magazine. Give three reasons to support your views
- 2017 Letter to the Editor It has recently been claimed that in the workplace many Hong Kong fresh university graduates are less hard-working and less willing to face challenges compared to those in the past. You strongly disagree with this opinion. Write a letter to support your view with three reasons and or examples.
- 2018 Formal Letter 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.

2019

Formal  
Email

You are a volunteer in your local district council office. You have been asked to design a campaign poster for Ricky Kwan, a candidate who will be running in the upcoming council election. You have finished two designs (A and B) and are working on a third (C).



Write an email to the council election committee. Explain the ideas behind designs A and B and how they would make a good campaign theme. Share the ideas you have for your third design.

2020

Formal  
letter

You work for the Park Hotel in Hong Kong. You would like to apply for a work transfer to the Shanghai branch of the hotel. Write a letter to Mr Wong, your manager. Highlight your work experience, why you would like to transfer and how your transfer will benefit the organisation.

2021

Formal  
Email

You work in the sales department at Fast Fashion, an online company that sells clothes. You have received a number of complaints from customers about the company's no-exchange/no-refund policy. Write an email to the sales manager. Explain why you think this policy should be changed. Suggest what changes could be made. Discuss ways to prevent customers from taking advantage of the new policy.

2022

Letter of  
advice

You write an advice column for Jobs Online magazine. A reader submitted the following question. Reply the question.

*My dream is to open a café with a few friends, but I've just been offered a promotion at my company. The pay is good, but I'm not that interested in the work. Should I leave now or wait a few years?*-Kam Chai, 25 years old

2023

Feature  
Article

You work for Restaurant Business magazine. You interviewed a restaurant owner about his/her experiences of running a business during the pandemic.

Write a feature article for the magazine.

