

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

Mock Test 1  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
Question-Answer Book

2 hours  
(for both Parts A and B)

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. There are two parts (A and B) in this paper. All candidates should answer 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.
3. For Part B, you should put an 'X' in the corresponding question number box on Page 6 to indicate the question you are going to attempt.
4. Write your answers in the space provided in the 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. These will not be marked.
7. No extra time will be given to candidates for filling in the question number boxes after the 'Time is up' announcement.

## Part A

For question 1, write about 200 words.

1. A recent article in a local newspaper suggested the abolition of the DSE Exam so that students are less stressed. Write to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your views on the following:
  - why students are stressed; and
  - whether or not continual assessments will solve the problem.

Some parts of the letter have been given to you.

Dear Editor,

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Yours faithfully,  
Chris Wong

**END OF PART A**

## Part B

For questions 2–9, choose **ONE** question and write about 400 words in the space provided on pages 6–8. Indicate which question you are going to attempt in the question number box on page 6.

### 2. Learning English through Sports Communication

A number of your classmates have expressed their dissatisfaction towards the new coach, saying that the new training is a waste of time. As the chairperson of the Sports Club, you have decided to reflect your classmates' opinions about this to your PE Teacher, Mr Chan.

Write a letter to Mr Chan explaining why your classmates are unhappy about the new training. You should then suggest two things that could be introduced in future training sessions and explain why students would find them useful.

### 3. Learning English through Drama

Your school joined the Interschool Drama Competition for Secondary School Students. The theme was 'The Lion Rock spirit'. You watched all the performances. Write an article for your school magazine on the competition. Describe briefly the plot of the winning performance, why that school deserves the prize and suggestions on how your school can do better next time.

### 4. Learning English through Social Issues

Many children are having neck pain because of the long time they spend on texting and looking at their mobile devices. Write an article for your school magazine examining two reasons for this phenomenon. You should also discuss the impact of this on the children in the short run and long run.

### 5. Learning English through Debating

The land next to your school has been used as an open car park for several years. The government proposes taking it back and building a public library while others argue that such areas should be used to build a park with facilities such as jogging track and children playground. Write to the editor of the student newspaper stating your opinion *either* for *or* against building it as a park. Justify your point of view with three reasons.

### 6. Learning English through Workplace Communication

You are a summer intern working at School Companion, an organization which provides English Language courses for Hong Kong secondary schools. Your job is to handle complaints from schools. You recently received a complaint about the course outline and the tutor of a senior secondary course the company is providing. Write an email to Joe Cheung, the programme coordinator, summarizing details of the complaint and suggest three possible actions that could be taken to deal with this complaint.

**7. Learning English through Popular Culture**

You are working on a project entitled ‘Music in Hong Kong’ and have found that fewer people are buying CDs than before. Write a report to explain why this is happening and to suggest what could be done to encourage people to buy CDs. Give reasons to support your suggestions.

**8. Learning English through Poems and Songs**

Your school plans to organize a Poetry Week to enhance students’ interest in learning English. Write an email to the chairperson of the school’s Poetry Club suggesting two interesting activities for that week. You should also explain how these activities would increase students’ interest in learning English.

**9. Learning English through Short Stories**

The school newspaper is introducing a new section on ‘Film and book’. As the chairperson of the Reading Club, you have been asked to choose a book, which has also been made into a film, to introduce in the section. Write an article, mentioning your choice. Explain why you have selected that title, and suggest activities that can be organized in relation to the title.

**END OF QUESTIONS FOR PART B**

**FOR PART B ONLY**

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

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