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DSE Past papers

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[DSE 2013 B5]

Recently you have heard several people making complaints which you thought were unreasonable. Write a letter to the editor of the Hong Kong Post about this. In your letter, 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.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to share my outlook about [the increasing trend for people to make unreasonable complaints], a topic that I have come across in an article of your newspaper. The discourse about [those who make unreasonable complaints] is seemingly on everyone's mind and there are some who believe that [they are entitled to complain no matter they have grounds or not.] While this may resonate with some, I believe it comes nowhere near the truth. I had recently witnessed multiple cases in which some people made utterly ridiculous complaints. It is my firm belief that under no circumstance should we vent our anger in senseless complaints, and I hope to raise the awareness by sharing what I had seen recently.

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[DSE 2014 B4]

Some people believe that filming movies in the city centre 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.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to share my two cents about [the issues and controversies related to moviefilming activities in busy city centres], a topic that I have come across in an article of your newspaper. The discourse about [the pros and cons revolving around such shooting activities] is seemingly on everyone' s mind and there are some who believe that [this should not be allowed because it is creating plenty of disturbances that could affect many stakeholders, especially when this happens in crowded cities.] While this may resonate with some, I believe it comes nowhere near the truth. It is my firm belief that under no circumstance should we ban people from filming movies in metropolitan cities — I will endeavor to explain why the benefits largely outweigh the downsides in the following.

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[DSE 2017 B9]

It has been recently claimed that in the workplace many Hong Kong fresh university graduates are less hardworking and less willing to face challenges compared to those in the past. You strongly disagree with this opinion. Write a letter to the editor of the Hong Kong daily disagreeing with this opinion. Support your view with three reasons and/or examples.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to share my two cents about [the alleged reluctance of HK fresh university grads to work diligently], a topic that I have come across in an article of your newspaper. The discourse about [these allegedly lazy young adults] is seemingly on everyone's mind and there are some who believe that [they are a huge disappointment when compared to those in the past.] While this may resonate with some, I believe it comes nowhere near the truth. Only if we consider society's changing circumstances could we form a fair conclusion — I will endeavor to explain why fresh grads nowadays are anything but inferior to those before with a few compelling reasons.

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[Q: Describe the current DSE system. Should we change it?

Whenever the word "exam" is mentioned, what instantly comes to my mind are the heavy and tedious preparations that we students have to face daily, which is a part of the stressful DSE system.

Recently, a new exam system has been proposed by certain experts — it is said that...

I wish to express my humble opinions regarding this highly controversial topic that has been on everyone's lips and suggest solutions to tackle it before it goes down the path of no-return.

Q: Describe the impacts of social media platforms? How should we mitigate the downsides?

Whenever the phrase "social media" is mentioned, what instantly pops up in my mind would be the number of "likes and shares" and the various platforms in existence, which are now some of the most vital things in most people's life in the recent decade.

Recently, people have been starting to pay attention the increasingly huge impacts that social media platforms have been making...

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Writing — Formulas

Intro

- Start a conversation about [the current issue] in the public, and you will find normally laconic / terse people chipping in their opinions like eloquent professors...
- The recent debate about [the current issue] is not unlike a stone's impact on a serene lake — the ripples are spreading wide and far while appearing to be unstoppable. So far, there is yet to be a unanimous consensus on whether...
- If you ever wanted to add some sparks into lackluster conversations, look no further than the mentioning of [the current issue] — it is a guaranteed way to turn friendly banters into heated debates.
- If you find yourself in the predicament of breaking the silence of a crowd, struggle no more — the mere mentioning of [the current issue] will get everyone start talking in no time. It appears that different groups in society are far from unified in their position on [the current issue]...
- Rarely has society been so divided on an issue — the controversy stirred up by the debate about [the current issue] has rendered it utterly impossible for anyone to reach a unanimous consensus.

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- To start with, fueling this popular trend is an indispensable factor that we should not overlook - _____
- With many underlying factors behind this phenomenon, none is as important as _____
- Produced by the chemical reaction of multiple factors, this phenomenon owes its popularity to _____, which is one of its major drivers.
- To fully comprehend this popular phenomenon, we are obliged to look into _____, one of the most crucial factors behind the trend.

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