



SILVERBACK EDUCATION

# DSE ENG

# 5\*\*捷徑

## FAST SYSTEM

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考獲 STRAIGHT A(5\*\*) 加IELTS 滿分

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# 百搭公式一 寫出奪星水平!

**While some paint a rosy picture, I tend to be a bit more conservative.**

= While some like it, I'm against it

= 雖然有人支持這立場，但我對此有保留

Past Paper 議論文

- While the government and some supporters painted a rosy picture, I tend to be more conservative about building along the seafront. (DSE PP)
- While some people are painting a rosy picture of the benefits of social media platforms, I'm more conservative about their effects because it might hurt public debates. (DSE PP)

**Despite the icing on the surface, the downsides outweigh the upsides by a huge margin.**

= There may be some benefits, but the cons outweigh the pros

= 雖然有些好處，但弊多於利

Past Paper 議論文

- Some people advocate finding a job in other Asian countries since these countries have better paying jobs. Despite the icing on the surface of this employment plan, the downsides outweigh the upsides by a huge margin. (DSE PP)
- While some educators are supporting the idea that we should announce students' exam grades due to some motivational benefits. Despite the icing on the surface, the downsides outweigh the upsides by a huge margin. (DSE PP)

# 輕易寫出 5\*\* 內容!

'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. (DSE 2018)

Athleisure-Symbol of the 21st Century

DSE 2018 例子

Even if you are not a keen follower of fashion trends, it will be hard to miss out the full-fledged trend of Athleisure. Take a stroll in the streets and it is not hard to notice that many are wearing sporty clothes. In fact, this has become an increasingly common trend and people are embracing this fashion style quickly. Why is this the case? Why have people given up business suits? What is making people's taste change so much? Read on if you wish to know why such a once-obscure trend has blossomed into (演變成) a prevalent phenomenon! (流行現象)

**1. 開段公式** Even if you are not a keen follower of social issues, it is unlikely that you have no idea about \_\_\_\_\_.

E.g. Even if you are not a keen follower of social issues, it is unlikely that you have no idea about it will be hard to miss out the recent controversy about how to develop our seafront.

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2. Increasingly common trend (= 越來越流行的現象) → 常用片語

3. Triple Questions → 三重問句來 paraphrase 題目

E.g. Why have so many people jumped onto the bandwagon? Is it genuinely that great? Athleisure has become the newest hot style, right?

# TIPS — 熱門題目

## HK Local Culture – FAST topics

### 1. Vanishing / fading local culture

消失的本地文化

### 2. Traditional trades

傳統行業

### 3. On the brink of extinction

即將消失

### 4. Embody HK traditional culture

代表香港傳統文化

### 5. Cha Chaan Teng

茶餐廳

### 6. Iconic cultural elements

具代表性的文化特質

### 7. Open-air Dai Pai Dong

露天茶餐廳

### 8. Becomes obsolete

變得落伍、會被淘汰

### 9. Shanghai barbers and shoe shiners

上海理髮及擦鞋師傅

### 10. Yum Cha culture

飲茶文化

### 11. Wet market

傳統街市

### 12. Collective memory

集體回憶

## FAST 系統

The fact that **our local culture is fading** should be a big warning – it means that we will lose all of our **traditional trades** very soon. As these traditional businesses are **on the brink of extinction**, we may not be able to show our next generations the companies or values that **embody our HK traditional culture**. Take **Cha Chaan Teng, open air Dai Pai Dong, Shanghai barbers and shoe shiners** as examples, these **iconic cultural elements** have been a part of HK for many decades. These small businesses and cultural elements show the world the determination and hard-work of HK people: our grandparents were willing to work as hard as possible to make their lives and the city better, even if they did not have enough resources. We should act as quickly as possible to preserve whatever we have left – our **Yum Cha culture** and **wet markets** deserve our protection and support. If we do not act fast, we will lose our **collective memory** very soon.

# TIPS — 熱門題目

## Beauty clinics & beauty treatment tragedies

Hong Kong Beauty Parlor Death Rings Alarm Bells



Outraged Hong Kong lawmakers are calling for stricter oversight of the beauty industry after a woman's visit to a beauty parlor ended in death this week.

The woman, aged 46, died Wednesday after receiving a blood transfusion that was supposed to enhance her vitality and physical appearance. The procedure, which involves extracting a person's blood, concentrating and processing it, and then re-infusing it back into the bloodstream, has been explored in Europe and elsewhere as a way to treat cancer patients, doctors said, but offers no proven cosmetic benefits. Three other women—aged 56, 59 and 60—are still in the hospital after receiving the treatment, the city's department of health said Friday.

The local beauty industry has seen its share of health concerns before. The Consumer Council, for example, says it's received over 40 complaints in recent years regarding a procedure called "microneedle therapy," which involves applying a roller embedded with tiny needles to the face, with women complaining that the device caused rashes, pain and dermatitis.

Another Hong Kong cosmetic clinic is being investigated for potential malpractice after a woman died while undergoing liposuction. The patient, a 32-year-old dance instructor, died of suspected anesthetic overdose.

# 常用片語 — 寫作 & 說話

## Put something in jeopardy (損害、危害)

- Not having enough rest and being sleep-deprived will put your health in jeopardy.
- If you don't work hard to ace your exams, you're putting your future in jeopardy.
- Publicly announcing students' exam grades is an action that will put their confidence in jeopardy.

## Tasting our own medicine (自討苦吃、自食其果)

- Many people who go through extensive plastic surgeries to look completely different are tasting their own medicines a few years later.
- If we fail to figure out how to fix our education system, we will surely be tasting our own medicine in the future as our city's competitiveness decreases drastically.

## Be that as it may (= Despite that...) (儘管如此)

- Graduates from top local universities are highly competitive and can get high-paying jobs in general. Be that as it may, the vicious competition they face from candidates from top universities from the UK and US is huge.
- Some regard LS as a subject that focuses only on memorization. Be that as it may, it still trains our critical thinking and shouldn't be replaced.

# 常用說話片語

## 百搭

1. From my perspective...
2. The way I see it...
3. I reckon that...

## 選擇

4. I would prefer...
5. I would opt for...
6. Personally, I'd rather...

## 意見不合

7. Pardon me, but...
8. I'm not sure if it's the best idea...
9. Another option we may want to consider is ...
10. I understand what you are saying, however...

## 拋給對方

11. Do you think it's a good idea to...
12. How does that sound to you?...
13. Have you got any comments on...

# 百搭說話格式

## 1. Agreement formula + collocations

- I'd have to say I really **see eye-to-eye** ( ) with you on this. It comes off as a good idea because I like how practical your idea is, Candidate A...
- This point really strikes a chord with me
- This point really resonates with me
- I don't think we can get a better answer than that

## 2. Disagreement formula + collocations

- Decent point but I would beg to differ. When you mentioned..., it seems to give off the impression that you... – I think it's mistaken because it's not that practical, Candidate A
- Decent point, but may not be entirely true in this situation...
- This is a bit off the mark and somewhat misguided...
- Not a bad point, but how about we approach it from a different angle? If we are to consider it by seeing if it is practical, I believe this solution may not be the best option.





# Silverback Education

You, Helen Xiao, Bernard Lam, Edward Wong...

英文科唔知點溫，就嚟考DSE啦.....無從入手呀 😭

We can help you! 😊



**Helen Xiao - BPS (HKU Medic 狀元 Eng Straight 5\*\*)**  
真係冇諗過自己可以擺到 Straight 5 \*\*，Ken教嘅 skills係令我好有信心坐五望星 Thank you Ken!!



**Bernard Lam - SPCC (2019 UST Global Business 狀元)**  
Ken is the GOD of Exam! Ken 嘅 skills係 tackle到所有 paper，even連 Listening 同 Speaking到可以用得到!



**Edward Wong - SPC (2019 DSE 8科5\*\*狀元)**  
咁多科入面英文係最唔知點擺到高分，一直都覺得自己只會擺到Level 5，上完Ken嘅堂學到嘅技巧冇諗過幫我考到 5\*\*!



**Grania Lai (2019 DSE Straight 5\*\* 就讀瑞士頂尖大學)**  
之前predicted level係4，短短幾個月，我英文進步得好快仲擺到Straight 5\*\*，未試過跟一個咁有效率同影響力嘅老師。



**Bethany Yau - 非傳統名校 (英文Straight 5\*\*)**  
我唔係讀名校，開頭上堂都驚自己跟唔上個進度，但Ken真係好好，佢教嘅 formula無論英文個底好唔好都一樣擺到星。



**Winnie Chow - SPCC (6科狀元 Straight 5\*\*)**  
跟過出面其他老師，淨係會派嘢比我做但完全唔會教任何 technique，好彩轉咗跟Ken，無論邊份paper都講得好仔細。



**Kelvin Cheung - YWC (英文 5\*\* 就讀英國神校LSE)**  
如果我有上到 Ken 堂，我英文一定有 5 \*\*，仲要入到LSE讀神科。多謝 Ken !!!!!



港大牙醫、UCL Offer

如果你 Aim 5 或以上，Ken is the BEST choice — Esmond, QC



港大醫科、LSE Offer

Would not have been able to get into HKU Medic without my Eng 5\*\*, thanks Ken — Peter, SJC



港大醫科 Offer

教學系統化且專業，唯一專業的英文補習 — Lucy, SPCC



港大 AMPB、LSE Offer

Thank you so much for helping me get 5\*\*. God-like indeed — Nelson, QC



港大社會科學

英文同技巧短時期內都有明顯進步，多謝你幫我5\*\* — Lydia, TLGC



港大醫科、牛津 Offer

考試技巧全部都係 DSE 用得番 — James, QC