

Free Course (Part A)

Issue-Reason Essays “分析原因型” 文章

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基礎訓練



奪星訓練

A. 審題

Topic Analysis

(參考 HKDSE English 2015 Q5 - Learning English through Debating)

Learning English through Debating

Many parts of Hong Kong's harbor 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. Write to the editor of the Hong Kong Daily stating your opinion either for or against leaving these areas open for public use. Justify your point of view with three reasons.

注意事項

體裁	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter to the Editor• Formal <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Formal <input type="checkbox"/> Informal <input type="checkbox"/>• 不要寫：<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Contractions2. Abbreviations3. Informal words
內容	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 寫原因時有兩種寫法：<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) 踩人型：支持 for public use · 踩 for housing use2) 自戀型：重點講 for public use 的好處

B. SOAP 開頭手法

S

See - 描述所見所聞 / 新聞

- (街頭表演) From time to time, you may find youngsters setting up their _____ on a crowded footbridge. Soon, they start to perform _____.

O

Opposite - 正反方論點

- (漫畫) _____ comic books contain too much violence, _____ they teach children how to distinguish right from wrong.

A



P



Learning Point 第二期將教授另外 4 開頭手法 x 10+ Opening 參考句式



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Sample Opening (Easy)



基礎訓練

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the utilization of the undeveloped harbour front in Hong Kong. (1) If you cross the bridge to the Star Ferry Central Pier, you will discover a weedy vacant area near the Observation Wheel. Surprisingly, the space is worth US\$10 billion, which is a tremendous value! (2) While some believe such a location could be redeveloped for commercial use, I reckon that the harbour front should be open to the general public for recreational use instead.

Step 1: 目的

以一個 **noun phrase** 概括整篇文章的大主題：

the utilization of the undeveloped harbour front in HK.

Step 2: Background

1. _____

2. _____

不要照抄題目字眼：

- Some suggest...while others argue...
- such areas should be left as open space for public use

改寫：

Step 3: Stance

清晰表達自己的立場：**for / against**

Sample Opening (Hard)



奪星訓練

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the utilization of the undeveloped harbour front in Hong Kong. (1) Once you set foot in the Star Ferry Central Pier, what immediately comes into view is a weedy vacant area which is worth an astonishing amount of US\$10 billion! (2) Seeing its tremendous value, while some believe that the potential of such a prime location could only be unleashed by its commercial use, I reckon that it should instead be transformed into public recreational or sports facilities.

1. 原句：When you go to the Star Ferry Central Pier, you will see a weedy vacant area immediately.

改靚字：Once you set foot in the Star Ferry Central Pier, a weedy vacant area immediately comes into view.

Cleft Sentence：Once you set foot in the Star Ferry Central Pier, what immediately comes into view is a weedy vacant area.

2. 原句：Since it has tremendous value, I reckon that...

改一改寫法：I see its tremendous value, I reckon that...

Present Participle：Seeing its tremendous value, I reckon that...

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C. Body Paragraph: Elaboration 套餐

Elaboration 套餐



前菜：

-
-

飲品：

-
-

主菜：

-
-
-

套餐選擇：

前菜 + 主菜

飲品 + 主菜

前菜 + 飲品 + 主菜

想段落更豐富，一段可以叫幾個套餐來吃 😊

D. Sample Elaboration

例子：2015 HKDSE Paper 2 (Q5)
Level 5+ Student Sample

Another reason why I support the idea of leaving the space open for public use is that the space can be used for displaying artworks and allowing people to perform freely in the area. This public space can attract ~~local or~~ ^{either} both local and foreign artists to display creative sculptures, paintings and installations for everyone to appreciate. Citizens can expose themselves to new cultures and learn to appreciate the beauty of art with their peers. Moreover, local ^{street} performers always struggle to find places to perform as ~~many citizens~~ they are often accused of disturbing residents ^{living} nearby. However, with the harbour front used as open space, these street performers can show their talents to citizens freely without the fear of being sued. Therefore, leaving the area open for public use is a wise idea as art appreciation is needed for people to relax and slow down in fast-paced Hong Kong.

Topic Sentence

Elaboration

飲品 + 主菜：

(1) _____

(2) _____

飲品 + 主菜：

(3) _____

(4) _____

兩個
套餐

Closing Sentence

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E. DSE 作文大伏位

2015 HKDSE 考評報告 – Q5 Performance of Candidates

😊 “Many candidates were familiar with the ‘letters to the editor’ section of newspapers where readers give their views on current affairs.”

😊 “Candidates were able to adopt a suitable tone and give clear justifications for their points”

😞 “The weaknesses in this answer centred on an overuse of **stock phrases and clichés** that were inappropriate for this text type.”



Stock Phrases 例子：

- It goes without saying that...
- It is conspicuous that...
- The reasons for this are manifold.

用這些 Stock Phrases 的壞處：

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

F. Learning Point 的教法

萬能句子結構：

The open space can let artists display their paintings.

原句



With an open space, artists can display their paintings.

Prepositional
Phrase



With an open space, artists are given the chance to display their paintings.

Passive Voice



With an open space, artists are provided with the opportunity to exhibit their paintings.

Vocabulary



With an open space, artists are provided with the opportunity to exhibit their paintings, sculptures and photography.

Rule of Three

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F. Learning Point 的教法

改文 Sample :

紅字 = 錯 grammar 藍字 = 改寫句子

I am certain that

~~I think~~ students from wealthy families have an advantage in learning. They gain more resources

to provide them with more resources, students...

from their family ~~since they are young~~ - this means that they have more chances to participate

in a variety of extra-curricular activities as well as extra tutorial classes. These will help them to

it comes to developing

develop their interests and abilities in learning. On the other hand, they receive more support

from their families whenever they encounter face any difficulties. For instance, their families are able to

afford loads of extra exercises for students if they ~~are~~ failed to catch up in lessons. Compared to financial situation

less wealthy families, they do not have to worry about their finance - this implies that they can

concentrate more on their study. Hence, I believe being a student from wealthy families is beneficial ~~that wealthy families benefit students to have~~

to their performance in learning

~~better performances in learning.~~

這句可以轉：they can concentrate more on their studies
without having to worry about their financial situation.

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G. 試題分析：DSE Writing Paper Analysis



奪星訓練

Topic

(參考 2015 HKDSE English Paper 2 Q5 - Learning English through Debating)

5. Learning English through Debating

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Theme	Mean	Popularity
Sports communication	17.36	26.8%
Drama	17.78	6.5%
Social issues	22.05	42.9%
Debating	24.69	7.1%
Workplace Communication	17.46	5%
Popular culture	22.46	5.9%
Poems & songs	15.68	2.5%
Short stories	15.01	2.8%

Source: HKEAA - HKDSE English Language Briefing Session

Dear Editor,

The recent article on the development of Hong Kong's harbour front on Hong Kong Daily has stirred up heated controversies on whether the harbour front areas should be used for housing and commercial use or left as open space for public use. While a lot of people are strongly against the idea of leaving these areas for public use, I personally support this as I believe that it will bring endless benefits to Hong Kong citizens that many have overlooked.

First and foremost, Hong Kong is a renowned city known for its mesmerizing Victoria Harbour and stunning ~~night~~ scenery. ~~With~~ ^{embellished by} countless skyscrapers and tall towers built along the harbour front, to tourists, this sight might seem breathtaking, but to local citizens, it is actually frustrating to live in ~~such~~ a concrete jungle. ~~with~~ If more buildings are built along the harbour front for commercial and housing use, the air flow in inner land regions will certainly be seriously affected. ~~Building tall housing estates on the shore creates a wall effect which prevents fresh air from flowing into areas behind the estates. As a result,~~ Air quality in cities will be worsened and the harbour view will be less attractive as well. In contrast, leaving these areas open for public use improves the outlook of the harbour and can even freshen Hong Kong's polluted air. Recreational

parks ~~and gardens~~ can be built in these areas, which does not only provide spaces for families to relax on weekends, but it also improves the city's greenery ~~and environment~~. Families and friends can take a break from their hectic city lives to spend quality time in these recreational parks together. Isn't this a better way to ~~use the~~ ^{develop the} harbour front?

Another reason why I support the idea of leaving the space open for public use is that the space can be used for displaying artworks and allowing people to perform freely in the area. This public space can attract ~~local or~~ ^{either} both local and foreign artists to display creative sculptures, paintings and installations for everyone to appreciate. Citizens can expose themselves to new cultures and learn to appreciate the beauty of art with their peers. Moreover, local ^{street} performers always struggle to find places to perform as ~~many citizens~~ they are often accused of disturbing residents ^{living} nearby. However, with the harbour front used as open space, these street performers can show their talents to citizens freely without the fear of being sued. Therefore, leaving the area open for public use is a wise idea as art appreciation is needed for people to relax and slow down in fast-paced Hong Kong.

Besides, leaving the harbour front open for public use means paradise to pets and their owners. Most ~~buildings in~~ ^{areas in} Hong Kong doesn't allow people to walk their dogs and owners are often frustrated by this. If this space is freed out, owners can play with their dogs in designated areas. Pets love

freedom just as we do, and leaving the area open for public use brings benefits to animals and us. Thus, I am all for this view as I believe that we all need these spaces to escape from our busy city lives and ^{to} create a greener Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to give my opinion on whether Hong Kong's harbour front should be left open for public use, or developed into residential and/or commercial buildings. Personally, I am for leaving these areas open for public use, and the following three points will justify my stance.

Firstly, we must realise that ^{if} buildings will be built in this harbour front, they will be high-rised and also quite closely stacked, which will result in a 'wall effect'. The wall effect is the situation where many tall buildings are closely built up where people can almost touch the next building from their windows. This effect has led to poorer air quality as these buildings block a large amount of wind that's being blown towards the city. In addition, the temperatures of in-land areas will increase more easily or stay at / reach a higher temperature early due to all the vehicles releasing exhaust fumes, smoke coming from smoters and the lack of wind that can act as a ventilator. Therefore by building up residential or commercial buildings, the wall effect will cause a greater threat to the near by residents.

Secondly, conserving such an area is, more or less, the same as conserving Hong Kong's ^{the} cultural background / culture. Hong Kong has a long history from ^{the} British rule then the handover, etc, such underdeveloped buildings or areas reflect the experiences Hong Kong has been through. Moreover, our new generations are becoming

more and more distant from their culture and their cultural background. Such a trend can be seen as a failure of cultural conservation. Also, such a trend is created because there are simply more and more modernised buildings ^{and structures}. Conserving such areas help Hong Kong to show its cultural diversity.

Lastly, this harbour front area can be another tourist spot, where tourists can enjoy the harbour view, experience Hong Kong's culture. In fact, many tourists come to Hong Kong to experience its culture, to experience the uniqueness of Hong Kong, etc.

For example, many people visit the Wong Tai Sin Temple because it expresses a part of Hong Kong's culture and it is fairly enjoyed ^{by} a large group of tourists. We must also consider that, many tourists have recently begun to complain about the poor air quality of Hong Kong, thus, making them more hesitant to visit. As mentioned earlier, the wall effect will worsen the air quality of Hong Kong even further. In addition, the government can attract more revenue from tourism, by conserving this area.

In conclusion, in order to prevent further damage from the wall effect, conserve parts of the history of Hong Kong for the sake of the upcoming generations and finally contribute as a soothing and vibrant tourist spot for tourists, I support leaving these areas for public use.

Well, those were my points of my arguments, I hope my points are well justified. Thank you for paying dividence to my arguments.

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重點一：10 秒拆結構、選立場

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- ① 具體
- ② 兩個選項 →

Level 4: open space for public use

1. **Air quality**

2.

3. **Tourism**

Level 5+: open space for public use

1. **Air quality**

2.

3. **Pets and pet owners' needs**

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重點二：具體化

Sample essay – Level 4 (extract)

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重點二：具體化

Sample essay – Level 5+ (extract)

First and foremost, Hong Kong is a renowned city known for its mesmerizing Victoria Harbour and stunning ~~night~~ scenery. ~~With~~ countless skyscrapers and tall towers built along the harbour front, ^{embellished by} To tourists, this sight might seem breathtaking, but to local citizens, it is actually frustrating to live in ~~such~~ a concrete jungle. ~~with~~ If more buildings are built along the harbour front for commercial and housing use, the air flow in inner land regions will certainly be seriously affected. ~~Building tall housing estates on the shore creates a wall effect which prevents fresh air from flowing into areas behind the estates. As a result,~~ Air quality in cities will be worsened and the harbour view will be less attractive as well. In contrast, leaving these areas open for public use improves the outlook of the harbour and can even freshen Hong Kong's polluted air. Recreational

Residential & commercial use

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Open space for public use

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重點三：句型搭配

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Noun phrase

Simple use of “but” and “if-clause”

Simple use of passive voice

A mix of relative clause & “not only ... but also”

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Rhetorical

G. 試題分析：DSE Writing Paper Analysis

重點四：TS + CS

Level 5+ Sample Essay – Extract of Paragraph 3

TS: Another reason why I supported the idea of leaving the space open for public use is that the space can be used for displaying artworks and allowing people to perform freely in the area.

CS: Therefore, leaving the area open for public use is a wise idea as art appreciation is needed for people to relax and slow down in fast-paced Hong Kong.

Level 4 Sample Essay – Extract of Paragraph 4

TS: Lastly, this harbour front area can be another tourist spot, where tourist can enjoy the harbourview, experience Hong Kong's culture, etc.

CS: In addition, the government can attract more revenue from tourism by conserving this area.

Vocabulary:

1. Stir up heated controversies on... 激起 [對...的] 熱議
2. _____
3. Pose a treat to ... 對... 構成威脅
4. _____
5. [be] accused of (v., passive voice) 被... 指責