

Regular Course Volume 2

Writing Part A

Issue-Reason Essays “分析原因型” 文章

SOAP Opening & Elaboration 套餐

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基礎訓練



奪星訓練

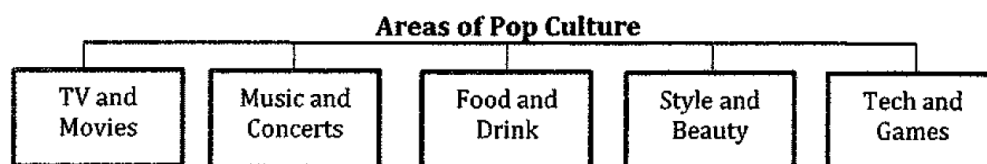
A. 審題

Topic Analysis

(參考 HKDSE English 2019 Q5 - Learning English through Popular Culture)This week's question in the Young Post's *Listen to You* column is:

To 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? Why?

- Write an article for the *Listen to You* column. Give your article a title.
- Choose one or two areas of pop culture from the chart below to explain your reasons.



注意事項

體裁	• Article • Formal ☐ Semi-Formal ☐ Informal ☐
結構	• 針對一至兩方面的流行文化 • 提出最少 _____ 個原因
內容	• 介紹 pop culture ☐ • 介紹社交媒體 ☐ • 比較 social media 和 print media 的好壞處 ☐

B. 正反觀點 & 文章結構：

用 print media 接收資訊好處：

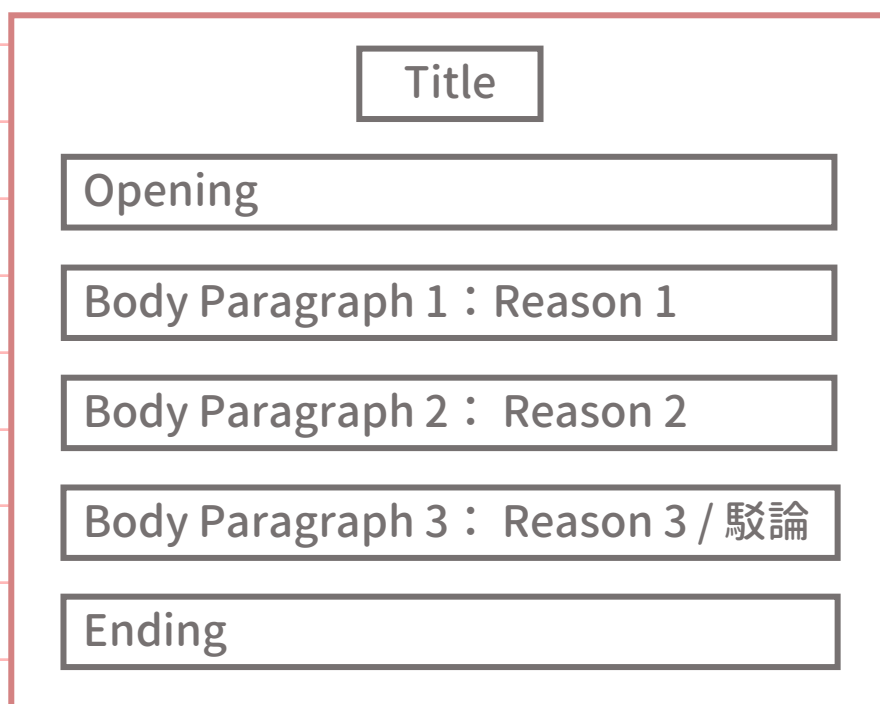
1. Privacy	2. More reliable

- 這些好處很難針對 “to get information about the latest trends” 去寫, 容易離題

用 social media 接收資訊好處：

1. Various forms of _____	2. Build _____	3. _____	4. _____
Words, pictures, GIFs, videos, music...	Gather people with the same interest	Most are free of charge	News can be updated anywhere and anytime

文章結構：



C. SOAP 開頭手法：

S

See - 描述所見所聞 / 新聞

- (沉迷用電話) During _____, you can easily find people walking _____.
- (街頭表演) From time to time, you may find a group of youngsters setting up their _____ on a crowded footbridge. Soon, they start to perform as if it is their own concert.
- (學生自殺) _____, several students have committed suicide owing to academic pressure. _____ how our current education system fails.

O

Opposite - 正反方論點

- (漫畫) _____ comic books contain too much violence, _____ they teach children how to distinguish right from wrong.
- (禁止吸烟) _____, a ban on cigarettes ensures the health of the public. _____, they have the freedom to smoke.

A

Ask - 問問題

- (網上學習) _____ online learning cannot enhance studies? _____!
- (網上遊戲) _____ online games, _____ they are detrimental to teenagers' development. _____

P

Phenomenon – 概括社會現象

- (整容問題) _____, plastic surgery _____.
- (關於科技、網絡...) As technology has become more advanced, we can easily gain access to infinite data _____.



只要通順、不離題，這些開頭手法可以自由配搭！



Vocabulary

	☹ 普通寫法 :	😊 更好的寫法 :
1	Nowadays 現今	- In this day and age - In modern times - In today's society (在現今社會) - In the contemporary world (在現今社會)
2	more and more popular 越來越流行	Noun phrase: ...has been <u>gaining / increasing</u> in popularity
3	around the world 在全球	- across the <u>globe / planet</u> - all over the <u>globe / planet</u>
4	On your way to work and on your way back home 在上班/下班的途中	During your daily commute (commute = 通勤，指“往返於工作地點和家之間”)
5	However, 但是	Nevertheless, / Nonetheless,
6	Some people think that 有些人認為	Some people <u>believe / suggest / insist / argue / point out / claim / hold the view / are under the impression</u> that
7	To know what is right and what is wrong 明辨是非	Idiom: To distinguish right from wrong

D. Opening Paragraph: Sample



基礎訓練

Social media – the best way to receive information

¹ As technology has become more advanced, we can easily gain access to infinite data through the click of a button. ² In the old days, people used to buy a newspaper or a magazine from a stall. In modern times, we can search for almost everything on the Internet with our mobile devices. When it comes to receiving information about recent trends, I would definitely prefer using the social media. I am going to take one area of pop culture as an example: technology and games.

Step 1: Title

- 所有 **Articles** 必須有 **Title** (就算題目沒有提及也要寫)

Step 2: Background

題目字眼：To get information about the latest trends in pop culture

1. **Phenomenon**: 概括社會現象
2. **See**: 描述的所見所聞 —— 過去 & 現在

Step 3: Stance

- 清晰表達自己的立場
- 記得提及你選擇了哪種 **pop culture** 來寫



奪星訓練

Social media – the best way to receive information

¹ As technology advances, our means of communication have evolved, so as the way we receive news. In the old days, people used to wait for morning newspaper delivery or purchase weekly magazines; ² in modern times, all sorts of information are accessible on the Internet through the click of a button. ³ To explain why I consider social media a better alternative when obtaining information about trending topics, I am going to take one area of pop culture as an example: technology and games.

1. 原句：Technology has changed our means of communication and the way we receive news.

配動詞：

改寫：As technology advances, our means of communication have evolved, so as the way we receive news.

改寫：As technology advances, our means of communication have evolved, thus transforming the way we receive news.

2. 原句：...we can search for almost everything on the Internet

避免以人作為 Subject：...almost _____ on the Internet

改寫：... _____ are accessible on the Internet

3. 原句：I believe social media is better when obtaining information about trending topics.

I will explain by taking one area of pop culture as an example.

靚字：I _____ social media a better _____ when receiving...

避免用 I 開頭：_____ I consider social media a better alternative when obtaining information about trending topics, I am going to take...

E. Body Paragraph: Elaboration 套餐

正文每段都要有以下結構：



Topic sentence



Elaboration



Closing sentence

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 😊

例子1 : Do you prefer in-class or online learning?

- I prefer in-class learning since all subjects are available.
- (1) At home, there will not be space and equipment for students to have P.E., Science or Music lessons.
- (2) Because of these limitations, teachers can only play videos instead. Students will find it hard to understand the concepts.
- (3) At school, teachers provide sports equipment for P.E. lessons and laboratory apparatus for Science lessons.
- (4) Students are able to practise their skills during the lesson and learn effectively.
- In-class learning can help consolidate students' knowledge.

Topic Sentence

Elaboration

前菜 + 主菜 :

(1) _____

(2) _____

前菜 + 主菜 :

(3) _____

(4) _____

Closing Sentence

例子2 : Writing Part A (May 2021) Sample Para. 3 (revised)

- Sports facilities at schools should not be open to the public since it may cause disturbance to people within the school area.
- (1) After school hours, the campus is always crowded with students. Examples include the club members who are responsible for decorating the notice board, and also the exam candidates who stay behind for revision.
- (2) They all need a silent and peaceful environment to work.
- (3) If the public are allowed to use school facilities, it is unavoidable that they will generate noise and thus disturb those at work.
- (4) On top of that, as these people have no obligation to follow school rules and obey the staff, it would be difficult to control them.
- This is absolutely unfair to those who wish to use the facilities at their own school.

Topic Sentence

Elaboration

甜品 + 主菜 :

(1) _____

(2) _____

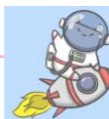
前菜 + 主菜 :

(3) _____

(4) _____

Closing Sentence

F. Sample Writing (Easy)



基礎訓練

Social media – the best way to receive information

[1] (1) As technology has become more advanced, we can easily gain access to infinite data through the click of a button. (2) In the old days, people used to buy a newspaper or a magazine from a stall. In modern times, we can search for almost everything on the Internet with our mobile devices. When it comes to receiving information about recent trends, I would definitely prefer using the social media. I am going to take one area of pop culture as an example: technology and games.

[2] Most significantly, there are various forms of presentation when delivering information through social media. (1) They not only include words and pictures, but also music and videos. (2) For instance, if a customer hopes to figure out how a GoPro camera works, thousands of videos can be found on YouTube. Some are about the control systems of the camera, while others are showing special functions. (3) Through these detailed demonstrations, the audience can gain a better understanding of a technological product before purchasing it. (4) In contrast, traditional print media have a limited form of presentation. (5) As newspapers are comprised of monochrome words and pictures, there is only a list of basic information – price, functions and users' comments. (6) It is difficult to convey information, let alone convince customers to buy a product. Hence, social media are preferable when people try to keep up with new trends.

Background

(1) **Phenomenon**

(2) **See**

Stance

Topic Sentence

Elaboration

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜：

(1) **+ve** (正方的好處)

(2) **Example**

(3) **Result**

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜：

(4) **-ve** (反方的壞處)

(5) **Example**

(6) **Influence**

Closing Sentence

[3] A further reason is that social media are useful for building communities.

(1) When people with the same interest are connected, more efficiently. (2) Social networking sites like Facebook and MeWe allow gamers to establish interest groups. The audience can comment, exchange their gameplay experience and create new events. (3) Social media provide people with a platform to discuss new trends and share related content. (4) On the contrary, it is almost impossible to gather people by using traditional media. (5) Most print magazines and newspapers have removed opinion columns because of the limited space. (6) Print media are unfavorable for interactions among readers, thus hindering the acquisition of information. To keep abreast of the latest trend, most people resort to social media instead.

[4] Lastly, with the help of social media, we enjoy unlimited access to different sources. (1) Since they are mostly free of charge, we can easily obtain countless information of the pop culture. (2) To exemplify, there are tens of hundreds of free YouTube videos about game trailers. They are not only frequently updated, but also easily accessible. (3) Internet users can keep up with the ever-changing trend of pop culture anytime and anywhere. (4) Nevertheless, newspaper or magazine readers have to be charged daily or weekly. (5) Owing to restricted number of pages, information is less detailed, not to mention delayed. (6) If readers would like to receive more information, they would still have to go online. As a result, social media would be more favourable when people are informed about the latest trend in the gaming or technological industry.

Topic Sentence

Elaboration

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(1) +ve (正方的好處)

(2) Examples x2

(3) Result

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(4) -ve (反方的壞處)

(5) Example

(6) Influence

Closing Sentence

Topic Sentence

Elaboration

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(1) +ve (正方的好處)

(2) Example

(3) Result

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(4) -ve (反方的壞處)

(5) Example

(6) Influence

Closing Sentence

[5] All in all, social media certainly have the advantage over traditional print media, especially for those who are interested in pop culture. They have various forms of presentation, help to build communities and provide us with unlimited access to different sources. Yet, traditional media had once dominated our society for many years before the digital age. They have their own values, and they should not become obsolete easily. For the sake of future developments, it is undoubtedly a good idea to integrate the two types of media.

(571 words)

重申立場

總結三個原因

呼籲 / 期望

F. Sample Writing (Hard)



奪星訓練

Social media – the best way to receive information

[1] (1) As technology advances, our means of communication have evolved, so as the way we receive news. (2) In the old days, people used to wait for morning newspaper delivery or purchase weekly magazines; in modern times, all sorts of information are accessible on the Internet through the click of a button.

To explain why I consider social media a better alternative when obtaining information about trending topics, I am going to take one area of pop culture as an example: technology and games.

[2] Most significantly, when information is delivered via social media, there are various forms of presentation, (1) including not only words and pictures but also GIFs, music and videos. (2) To exemplify, videos that introduce a GoPro camera on YouTube allows customers to look deeply into its operation and control systems. Another case in point is that gamers would find it easier to showcase a new game's graphics, mechanics, and even how smoothly the characters can move. (3) These detailed and thorough demonstrations are essential for a better understanding of any technological and gaming products they are searching for. (4) Contrarily, traditional print media have a limited form of presentation. (5) Most newspapers are comprised solely of monochrome words and pictures. The only thing available is a list of basic information of a product – price, functions and users' comments, (6) which are rather tedious and unconvincing. Hence, social media are preferable when people, especially teenagers, keep up with new trends.

Background

(1) **P**henomenon

(2) **S**ee

Stance

Topic Sentence

Elaboration

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(1) **+ve** (正方的好處)

(2) **Examples x2**

(3) **Result**

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(4) **-ve** (反方的壞處)

(5) **Example**

(6) **Influence**

Closing Sentence

[3] A further reason is that social media play an indispensable role in building communities, (1) thus fostering interactions among people with the same interests. (2) Platforms like Twitch enable gamers to broadcast their gameplay, while the audience may comment, exchange their experience and create new events. Numerous social networking sites also enhance the establishment of interest groups for discussing hot topics and sharing relevant content: Facebook, MeWe, to name but a few. (3) People are connected regardless of where they are, which facilitates further access to more information. (4) On the contrary, it is almost impossible to gather people through traditional media. (5) The restriction on space has forced most print magazines and newspapers to remove the opinion columns. Some do contain sections for readers to comment, but rarely are they used for exchanging ideas interactively, (6) making it less user-friendly for communication, not to mention the acquisition of information. To keep abreast of the latest trend, most people resort to social media instead.

Topic Sentence

Elaboration

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(1) +ve (正方的好處)

(2) Examples x2

(3) Result

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(4) -ve (反方的壞處)

(5) Example

(6) Influence

Closing Sentence

[4] A final and equally important point is that we enjoy unlimited access to countless sources through the utilization of social media. (1) That they are mostly free of charge allows us to obtain an infinite number of search results simply by typing a keyword. (2) To give an illustration, there are tens of thousands of free YouTube videos about game trailers that can be frequently updated, easily accessible and directly shared. (3) Internet users can keep up with the ever-changing trend of pop culture every moment. (4) Nevertheless, readers of print media, like newspaper or magazine, have to be charged daily or weekly with limited content. (5) Owing to the constraints on the number of pages and length of description, information is less comprehensive, and more importantly, delayed. (6) Readers who are seeking further details would still have to go online. As a result, social media would be more favourable when it comes to the delivery of information.

[5] All in all, social media certainly have the advantage over traditional print media with a view to their forms of presentation, community building services and accessibility. Yet, never should we neglect that traditional media had once dominated our society for centuries before the digital age. It is believed that they have their own values and hence should not become obsolete. For the sake of future developments, integrating the two types of media would be worthy of consideration.

(617 words)

Topic Sentence

Elaboration

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(1) +ve (正方的好處)

(2) Example

(3) Result

前菜 + 甜品 + 主菜 :

(4) -ve (反方的壞處)

(5) Example

(6) Influence

Closing Sentence

重申立場

總結三個原因

呼籲 / 期望

H. Vocabulary List

	☹ 普通寫法:	😊 更好的寫法:
1	to get information (題目字眼)	_____ information - when _____ information (被動句) when information _____ (名詞化) the _____ of information - to acquire information (名詞化) the _____ of information - All sorts of information are accessible (名詞化) to _____ more information 其他動詞: share, obtain, receive...
2	about the latest trends (題目字眼)	- to keep abreast of new trends - keep up with the ever-changing trend
3	Social media are better 社交媒體比較好	- Social media are _____ when people... - Social media would be more _____ when it comes to... - Social media _____ print media (社交媒體比印刷媒體優勝) - To keep abreast of the latest trend, most people _____ social media _____.
4	a lot of information 很多資料	countless information (數不盡的) an infinite amount of information (無限的) tens of thousands of videos (數以萬計的) hundreds of thousands of videos (數以十萬計的)
5	The most important thing is... 最重要的是	(Adverb phrase) Most importantly, / Most significantly,
6	Last but not least,	_____

	☹ 普通寫法:	😊 更好的寫法:
7	For example, 例如	- For instance, - To exemplify, - To give an illustration, <u>A / Another</u> case in point is that... 詳情請看下個月的 Writing Part B: Expressions for Writing Examples
8	contain 包含	- comprise (v) 例句: Newspapers _____ words only. - are comprised (adj) of... 例句: Newspapers _____ words only. 比較: Newspapers _____ solely _____ words.
9	black and white 黑白的	monochrome
10	boring 單調乏味	- tedious - monotonous
11	have more interactions 促進交流	enhance / foster / boost interactions
12	Gamers can broadcast their gameplay through Twitch. 玩家可以在Twitch播放遊戲過程	- Gamers _____ broadcast... _____ gamers _____ broadcast... - Twitch _____ broadcast their gameplay. (被動句) Gamers _____ broadcast their gameplay through Twitch. (但 enable 不可轉被動) - Twitch _____ broadcast their gameplay. (被動句) Gamers _____ broadcast their gameplay through Twitch.
13	The information is less detailed and even delayed. 而且還 / 更不用提	- The information is less detailed, not to mention delayed. [更不用說] - 其他例句: I can hardly afford rent, not to mention a trip overseas. [我連房租也付不起, 更不用提旅行了。]

	☹ 普通寫法:	😊 更好的寫法:
14	全面 / 廣泛的	• comprehensive (adj) 後面可跟 review / information / knowledge...
15	淘汰 / 過時	• obsolete (adj) 過時的 例句: Gas lamps became obsolete when electric lighting was invented. • phase out (ph v) 逐步淘汰 例句: Because of the widespread use of smartphones, the old push-button telephones will be phased out very soon.
16	...is a good choice	• ..._____ • ..._____

I. Homework

Part A (Write about 200 words)

Currently, only a small number of students in your school have access to school lockers. As the chairperson of the Student Union of your school, you have collected the views of students from different classes on this issue. Write a letter to Ms Lee, your school Principal, to persuade her to change the policy on lockers.

Part B (Write about 400 words)

Recently, there has been a widespread use of digital wallet transactions. You must have heard of electronic payment systems likes PayMe and Apple Pay.

Write an article for the school magazine discussing whether you prefer traditional payment methods (including cash, cheques and the Octopus card) or the digital ones.

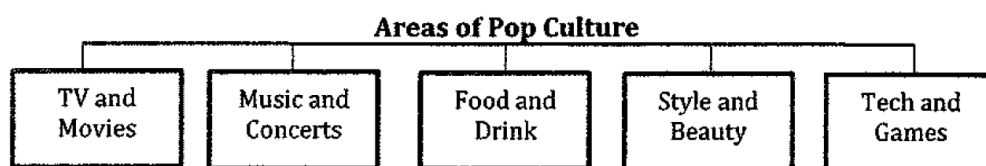
J. 試題分析：DSE Writing Paper Analysis

Topic Analysis

This week's question in the Young Post's *Listen to You* column is:

To 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? Why?

- Write an article for the *Listen to You* column. Give your article a title.
- Choose one or two areas of pop culture from the chart below to explain your reasons.



Reference question: HKDSE English 2019 Q5

最受歡迎的題目 (27%)

平均分 = 50.3

(2) Language

Vocabulary	Learning English through Popular Culture – • Social media • _____ • _____ • Interactive, readily available, personalized • Generate awareness
Tone & Register	• A persuasive tone • A semi-formal tone
Language Items & Structures	• Commenting adverb • With / without + noun phrase (Writing May 2021 Part B) • Rule of three

Sample essay

Level 5 exemplar 1

Part B Question 5

Sharing is Caring = Pop Culture Edition

Whether we know it or not, we have probably taken part in contributing to pop culture. Not only is it something unavoidable in the entertainment industry, it may also very well be embedded into our cultures.

5 But how does this information spread, you ask? Most notably, information on popular culture can be spread through 2 major channels = through print media, or through electronic media like social media.

Personally, I get most of my information through the Internet.

Specifically, I hear about popular trends ~~and things~~ through social
10 media. Although we may all agree that the Internet may not be the most factual place in the world, social media does a remarkably good job of spreading information about pop culture. There are as many niche areas of pop culture as there are stars in the sky, so today I will focus on two of the larger areas of pop culture = TV and movies, and Music
15 and concerts.

As a young person with access to the Internet, I am unsurprisingly a fan of all sorts of TV shows and movies. With the emergence of social media like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube, many influencers have gained huge amounts of followers, and subsequently,
20 Internet fame. Fans of TV shows such as The Good Place, or popular movies like products from Disney or Marvel, all gather across the many social media to share and discuss the things they love to watch.

Level 5 exemplar 1

Part B Question 5

Similarly, fans of music and concert-goers also congregate across the web to discuss the music and artists they love, albeit with
 25 the addition of sound and audio-based social platforms like Soundcloud, Spotify, and Stracks. These platforms in particular allow fans of music and concerts to stream, share, or create music of their own for the world to see.

A major reason for why social media carries information about
 30 pop culture so quickly and why it allowed pop culture to spread so extensively ^{to us consumers} is because of the interactivity available for the fans of pop culture. Actors from TV shows and movies often have accounts on most major social media platforms ^(to promote their work.). Actors like Tom Holland, who recently gained fame for portraying Spiderman,
 35 will even facilitate the spread of pop culture information by posting about the next movie he will star in, when his followers asked for a trailer. Similarly, musicians offer the same sort of interactivity and communication with fans by releasing concert tour dates, replying to messages, and promoting their works. Promotional events, such as
 40 actors and artists taking over a site's Twitter for a day to answer questions, or appearing in various youtube videos, also provide consumers like us with a lot of direct information about pop culture.

Another reason why I prefer obtaining information about pop culture from social media is due to the fan communities that
 45 exist there. Blog posts on Tumblr about a fan's reaction to seeing

Level 5 exemplar 1

Part B Question 5

a show or concert, or even a Youtube video of fans reacting to a movie trailer for the first time is a good way to learn about the general public's views on a piece of media. Due to the fast-paced spread of information on social media that was mentioned
50 previously, we are able to obtain information much more readily than compared to print sources.

The trend of sharing reactions, interacting with artists, and communication between fans is something unique to pop culture on social media. As fragile as parts of the Internet may be, there are
55 still places that spread reliable information, especially on pop culture!

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K. 上月功課回顧 (1)

Part A (Write about 200 words)

Some people in your community suggest doubling the number of priority seats to help the passengers in need. Do you agree with them?

政策評論題

- ① 政策能否針對問題 → 治標？治本？
- ② 政策設立原意 → 反效果？爭議？
- ③ 執行的可行性？
- ④ (額外好處？)

Vocabulary

1. Target users: the elderly (長者), the disabled (殘疾人士), pregnant women (孕婦) and the injured (傷患)
2. _____ (無障礙環境) – equal degree of access
3. Display (展示：v.) slogans and signs
4. _____ (同情心), _____ (同理心) and _____ (憐憫)
5. Social responsibilities (社會責任: n.)

K. 上月功課回顧 (1)

Part A (Write about 200 words)

Some people in your community suggest doubling the number of priority seats to help the passengers in need. Do you agree with them?

支持 - 關愛座數量增倍能幫助有需要乘客:

1. Promotion of a caring culture

- Passengers sitting on priority seat will pay more attention to surrounding people in need

- Even the elderly and the disabled could travel anywhere as free as others



反對 - 關愛座數量增倍不能幫助有需要乘客:

1. Varied definition of “passengers in need”

- Public transport operators do not set a definition

- Passengers would rather stand than sitting on priority seats to avoid disapproving glances

3. Emergence of conflicts

- Priority seat users may be challenged regarding their needs

K. 上月功課回顧 (2)

(1) Content

Relevant ideas and elaboration

- Background info
- In-class learning vs. online learning
- What is the function of school?

- (1) State your preference,
- (2) Justify your preference with *three reasons

Provide relevant supporting examples and clear explanation for each argument

Topic Analysis

Do you prefer **in-class learning or online learning**? Write a **letter to the editor** and give **three** reasons to **explain your view**.

Cohesion:

- Cohesive device to link up key arguments
- Logical connection within and across paragraphs

Coherence:

- Clear organization framework – letter to the editor (May 2021 Writing A)

(3) Organization

正反觀點：**In-class learning :**

Stakeholders (持份者)		
1. Students	2. Teachers	3. Schools
- Develop social skills through interacting with students and teachers	- More interactive lessons	



只寫自己選項的好處，沒有比較

Online learning :

Stakeholders (持份者)		
1. Students	2. Teachers	3. Schools
- Learn anytime	- Easier to cater for learning difference	

Functions of school

1. All-round development of individuals
→ moral, intellectual, physical, social and aesthetic development (德智體群美)
2. _____ (社教化)
3. Development of social responsibility (社會責任)
4. _____ (公民教育)