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ENG LANG

PAPER 2

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

### Question-Answer Book

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (2 hours)  
(for both Parts A and B)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. There are two parts (A and B) in this paper. Candidates should attempt 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 and stick barcode labels in the spaces provided on Pages 1, 3 and 5.
3. For Part B, you should put an 'X' in the corresponding question number box on Page 8 to indicate the question you are going to attempt.
4. Write your answers in the space provided in this 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 which will be collected separately. These will not be marked.
7. Additional supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number, mark the question number box and stick a barcode label on each sheet and fasten them with string **INSIDE** this book.
8. No extra time will be given to candidates for sticking on the barcode labels or filling in the question number boxes after the 'Time is up' announcement.

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Candidate  
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## PART A

For question 1, write about **200 words** in the space provided on pages 3 and 4.

- ① You are helping your school organise the annual school fair. You have been asked to make an announcement about the event during the morning assembly.

Use the poster below to help you write your announcement. In your announcement:

- Introduce the event.
- Describe some of the activities that will take place.
- Let students know how they can help out.

**HONG KONG BANYAN SCHOOL**

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# SCHOOL FAIR

SAT 29 MAY 2021

**12pm-4pm**

FOOD STALLS | GAMES | ARTS & CRAFTS  
STUDENT PERFORMANCES | DISPLAYS OF WORK  
ALUMNI FOOTBALL MATCH | PRIZES

Tickets: \$10

All past and present pupils, teachers, friends and family are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact: [chriswong@hkbs.edu.hk](mailto:chriswong@hkbs.edu.hk)

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*Good morning, Principal, teachers and fellow students.*

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## PART B

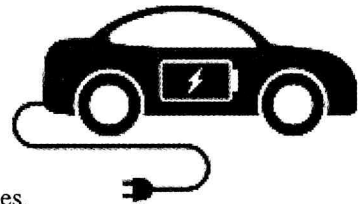
For questions 2-9, choose **ONE** question and write about **400 words** in the space provided on pages 8-11. Indicate which question you are going to attempt in the question number box on page 8.

### ② Learning English through Social Issues

Although studies show electric cars are more environmentally friendly than petrol cars, less than 3% of all vehicles sold in 2020 worldwide were electric.

Write a letter to the editor of *Hong Kong Post*.

- Discuss why sales of electric vehicles are so low.
- Suggest what can be done to attract more people to drive these vehicles.



### ③ Learning English through Workplace Communication

You work in the sales department at Fast Fashion, an online company that sells clothes. Recently, you have received a number of complaints from customers about the company's no-exchange/no-refund policy.



Write an email to the sales manager.

- Explain why you think this policy should be changed.
- Suggest what changes could be made.
- Discuss ways to prevent customers from taking advantage of the new policy.

### ④ Learning English through Sports Communication

You are a professional athlete looking for a career change. You have seen the job vacancy shown below and would like to apply for the position of Assistant Coach.

Hong Kong Sports Foundation is hiring Assistant Coaches

Main duties:

- to design training programmes for elite athletes
- to organise international sporting competitions
- to identify and support local talent



Write a job application letter to the Human Resources Manager.

- Introduce yourself and your athletic history.
- Explain your interest and suitability for the job.

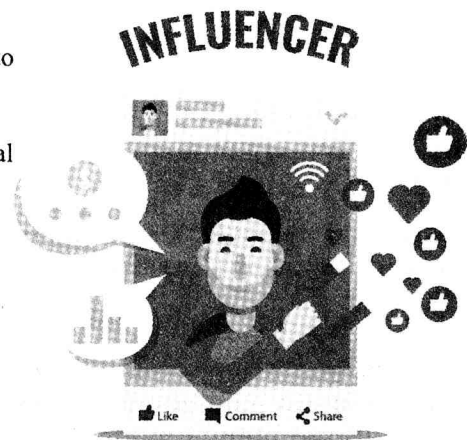
⑤ **Learning English through Debating**

A social media influencer is a person who is paid by a company to promote goods and services through their social media networks.

Surveys show that a majority of millennials trust the advice of social media influencers over traditional media advertisements.

Write an argumentative essay.

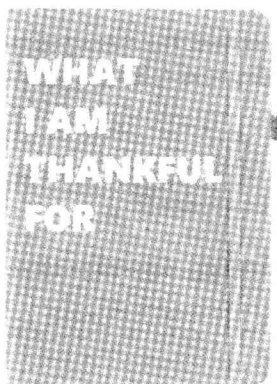
- Discuss whether social media influencers are more trustworthy than traditional media advertisements.
- Give reasons to support your point of view.



⑥ **Learning English through Popular Culture**

You took part in a social media challenge called 'The 21-day Gratitude Challenge'. For three weeks, you kept a journal about the things you were thankful for on a daily basis.

After completing the challenge, participants are invited to share their experience on the 21-day Gratitude Challenge website.



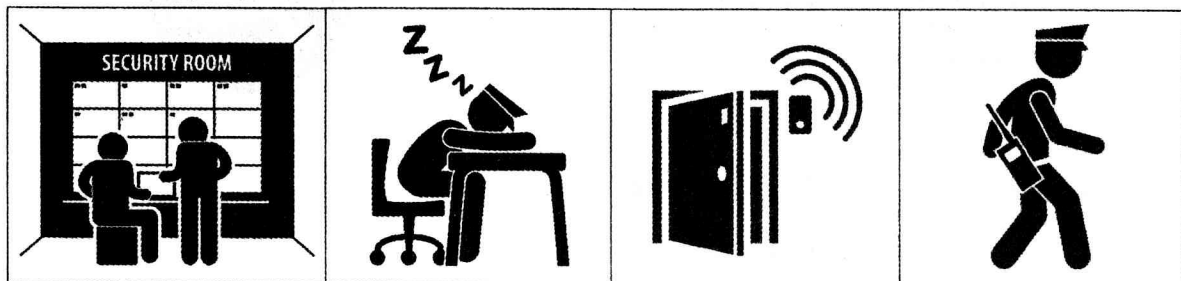
Write a blog post.

- Explain why you accepted this challenge and what you hoped to achieve.
- Reflect on the 21 days and whether taking on this challenge has changed you in any way.

⑦ **Learning English through Short Stories**

You are joining a short story contest organised by a book shop.

- Write a scary story about a security guard on duty one night.
- Use the pictures to help you write your story. You can use the pictures in any order.



⑧ **Learning English through Poems and Songs**

You read this poem in class and your teacher has asked you to write an essay on the theme of friendship.

**New Friends and Old Friends**

Make new friends, but keep the old.  
One is silver, the other is gold.

Friendships that have stood the test—  
Time and change—are surely best.

Cherish friendship in your breast—  
New is good but old is best.

*Joseph Parry  
(1841-1903)*

Use these questions to help you write your essay:

- What is the difference between old and new friendships?
- Do you agree that older friendships are better than new ones?

⑨ **Learning English through Drama**



You want to be a screenwriter and have an idea for a TV drama series about three generations of a family.

Write a letter to the production manager at TV-Station X.

- Introduce the characters, plot and setting of your TV drama.
- Explain why you think this idea would be popular with viewers.

Sources of materials used in this paper will be acknowledged in the *HKDSE Question Papers* booklet published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority at a later stage.

**FOR PART B ONLY**

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

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**SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER SHEET FOR PART B**

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