PAPER 3 PART B

QUEEN'S COLLEGE

Mock Examination, 2019 - 2020

Secondary 6

English Language Paper 3

Listening & Integrated Skills

DATA FILE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Refer to the General Instructions on Page 1 of the Question-Answer Book for Part A.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART B

- (1) For Part B, attempt **all** the tasks (Tasks 5–7).
- (2) You are advised to use a pen for Part B.
- (3) The Data File will **NOT** be collected at the end of the examination. Do **NOT** write your answers in the Data File.

PART B

Situation

You are Debbie Cheung and you are the personal assistant to Morgan Lam, the director of Study Abroad Group. He gives you some tasks to do.

You will listen to a radio ad from your company that specialises in sending students overseas to study.

Before the recording is played, you will have five minutes to study the Question-Answer Book and the Data File for Part B1 and the Question-Answer Book and the Data File for Part B2. Remember you must choose to do the tasks in either Part B1 or Part B2. Do **NOT** attempt both Parts B1 and B2.

Complete the tasks by following the instructions in the Question-Answer Book that you choose and on the recording. You will find all the information you need in the Question-Answer Book and the Data File that you choose and in the recording. As you listen you can make notes on page 3 of the Data File.

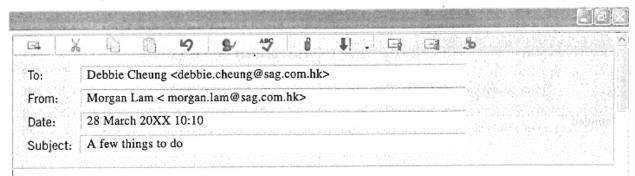
You will have five minutes to familiarise yourself with the Part B Question-Answer Book and the Data File.

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Listening note-taking sheet for the radio ad

About the company	About Michael Lee
Company name	Field of study
Founded	Where he wanted to study and why
Where they place students	
Sandra Cho's opinion of her advisors	Likes
Initial process	Where he studied
Considerations besides academic issues	Where he lived
How they help students	
	Reasons for the recommendations above
Benefits of overseas study	
Ask students to	Food
Motto	

Email from Morgan Lam to Debbie Cheung



Hi Debbie,

I need you to do a few things.

First, I am giving a speech to some students thinking of studying overseas. In the speech I want to include a kind of profile about one of our successful applicants. I thought Michael Lee (one of the students in our radio ad) would be a good example and he said he is quite happy for us to use any information we have on him. Would you write this speech and include something on his background, his personality, any objectives he had and what he did in Milan? Finish the speech by saying how he fared in his host country.

As you know Paul Sung applied to study overseas but based on his interview and suitability test we really cannot recommend that he does this. Can you write him a letter informing him that we recommend against studying overseas, and explaining the reasons why? You can refer to the letter I sent to Eric Wu. It's attached here.

Lastly, we have received a request from Houston College for an article about studying overseas for their newsletter. They want to focus on the reasons for studying overseas, the procedures we use at SAG, and any tips about what to do before departing.

I already mentioned the radio ad. There's a lot of information there but you should also refer to the SAG website and various pieces of communication.

Thanks very much for your help.

Morgan Lam Director Study Abroad Group

Text messages between Paul Sung and John Yeung

John Are you still thinking of studying overseas? Paul I applied through SAG but I'm kind of hoping they'll turn me down. They probably weren't too impressed with me. The advisor looked surprised when I said I had never spoken to a foreigner apart from my English teacher. I got a very low mark on the suitability test. Did you have to take an English test? John Yes, that's a standard part of the procedure. Everybody has Paul to do it. I did OK on the reading and listening parts. John I know you're not exactly the most outgoing type of person so you might find it hard to adapt to life overseas. You're probably better off studying here where you are more comfortable. I spent a term in England and I was really miserable. Culture shock they called it. Didn't your brother study overseas? Yes, Thomas spent a year in Brisbane and really enjoyed it. Paul He said the main reason to study overseas is to learn about other cultures. Not just Australian culture but there are students there from many other countries. Anyway Thomas is so different to me. Very outgoing, loves sports and the beach. But that's not for me. Well, good luck in whatever you decide. John

Notes from the In-depth interview with Paul Sung

- Listening and Reading OK
- No no for Writing and Speaking (not even speaking much during the interview! Don't know whether he is shy or uninterested...)
- says he applied because of his brother! Poor thing... shouldn't have applied because of this reason
- totally uninterested in international issues! (Shouldn't have applied...)
- but at least he is pleasant and hard working a good boy afterall.
- he likes his Biology studies and did well too! Great!

Michael Lee's journal entry

A journal of my two terms in Milan

by Michael Lee

To say I am loving my life in Milan would be an understatement. After two months here I can manage a basic conversation in Italian and deal with everyday situations. It helped that before coming I learnt some keywords and phrases — I can strongly recommend doing that.

When I came here I had one objective — to see an opera at La Scala, the famous opera house. Yesterday I did just that. It was amazing. Very expensive but it was a special treat. One of the things SAG did for me was to get me a scholarship so I had a bit of spare cash. It's all part of their service. Also a standard part of their service is to help with planning your budget. This is another thing that you must do before you leave.

Back to opera, I've also seen several other operas at smaller concert halls since I've been here.

One reason I chose Italy was the food. I really wanted to try genuine Italian food. And what an eye-opener that has been. There is so much more than pasta. Wonderful meat and seafood for example. And I have become a lover of risotto, a fantastic rice dish. I'm so glad that SAG recommended a home stay.



Tips for overseas study

When you go overseas to study make sure you arrive prepared. Take the time before you leave to learn as much as you can about your host country. Read about the culture, the people, the climate, the food and interesting places to visit. Time will fly when you get there so you don't want to find yourself with one week left and ten places you still want to visit or ten things you still want to do. Make a list before you go of what you want to do.

Most students are on a limited budget. Decide before you go what your budget is and how much you will have left over after paying for tuition, accommodation and everyday expenses. If you plan to travel in your host country do some research before you go so you know how to do this most economically. Remember there are often student discounts. Part of the service that SAG offers is to work with you on your budget to make sure you don't run out of money.

You should arrange your accommodation before you leave. If you leave it until you get there you may well end up spending more. And make sure you choose somewhere that is not too far from the campus.

Make sure you know what to do in an emergency. You need to know the location and phone number of your embassy or consulate as well as local emergency phone numbers.

Make sure you know how to get to your accommodation from the airport. Taxis are expensive and there are always cheaper options. This means knowing how the public transport system works — before you arrive.

Done



Letter from Morgan Lam to Eric Wu

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Dear Eric,

Thank you for applying to study overseas with SAG. You are obviously a very dedicated student and your knowledge of mathematics is commendable. Your knowledge of English is certainly up to the task.

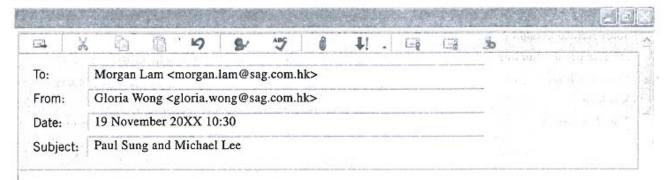
Committing to a period of time overseas is not something you should undertake without thinking it through very carefully. Your results on the suitability test were really quite low, putting you in the lowest quintile. However we base our recommendations not solely on this test. Your advisor, Ms Wong, interviewed you in depth and she feels you may have underestimated the challenges facing a student venturing overseas for the first time.

It is our aim at SAG to match students with the most suitable school. It seems that you are not particularly interested in meeting people from other countries and that you have few interests outside mathematics. We therefore feel that it would be in your best interests to continue your studies in Hong Kong.

Wishing you all the best in your studies.

Sincerely,
Morgan Lam
Director
Study Abroad Group

Email from Gloria Wong to Morgan Lam



Hi Morgan,

I have grave misgivings about Paul Sung after giving him his in-depth interview. He is a pleasant young man but very quiet and very shy. He did well on the reading and listening parts of the English test but poorly on speaking and writing. He seems to be very uncomfortable speaking English and just clams up. To be honest he is not very forthcoming in Cantonese either. He lacks any sense of curiosity about what is happening outside Hong Kong. For example he wasn't aware there was a terrible earthquake in Turkey last week.

I think the only reason he has applied is pressure from his parents. His elder brother spent a year in Brisbane at Lucas College and they want him to follow in his brother's footsteps. He is therefore pursuing this for all the wrong reasons.

I'm awaiting the results of the suitability test but I can only assume he got a very low mark on it.

Michael Lee, on the other hand, is an excellent candidate. He seems to be very outgoing and friendly with a genuine interest in other cultures. He is obviously a very bright student and will flourish overseas. He wants to become an international businessman, follows international news avidly and clearly knows all the benefits that studying abroad will bring him. Needless to say he scored very highly on the suitability test. We were quickly able to recommend Roberto University. I always say that one of the most important parts of our procedure is narrowing down the options for students.

Gloria Wong Student Advisor Study Abroad Group

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