

2021 English Paper 2 Mock Exam

Techniques + Model Essays + Remarks + Skills + Tips And Traps



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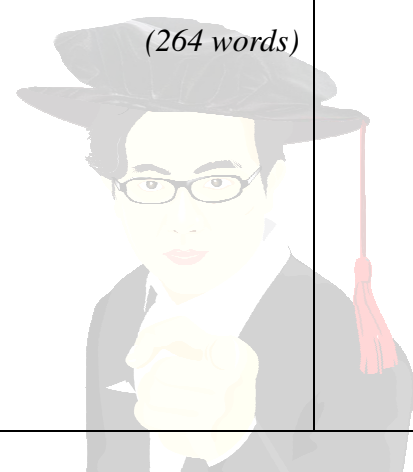


For question 1, write about 200 words.

1. You are the CEO of Toys of Joy, an international toy enterprise. You have been invited to write an article for a secondary school magazine on 'how to be successful in life'. You plan to write about the following:

- What makes a person successful
- How I became the CEO of Toys of Joy
- What I have learned over the years
- The most valuable things in life

Techniques	Model Essay	Remarks, Tips & Traps
<p>句式</p> <p>①以 Can you tell me + when 問句起首</p> <p>② No matter how... 句式</p> <p>③ 「愈... 愈...」 句式</p> <p>④ not only... also 不但... 而且...</p> <p>⑤ It is + adj. + to infinitive ...是...的</p> <p>Vocab</p> <p>①underrated: 低估</p> <p>②presumptuous: 放肆的</p> <p>③initiated: 發起</p> <p>④needless to say: 無需多講</p> <p>⑤polish: 打磨</p> <p>⑥refine: 提升</p> <p>⑦introverted: 內向的</p> <p>⑧bookworm: 書蟲</p> <p>⑨Life of the party: 活躍、有生氣的人</p> <p>⑩Wholeheartedly: 全心全意地</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Success is a Choice</u></p> <p>Dearest students, ①<u>can you tell me when the last time you saw yourself as successful was?</u> If your answer is never, you ①underrated yourselves.</p> <p>②<u>No matter how accomplished</u>(有才藝的) <u>your career is</u>, all you need to be successful is to make a choice. Choosing to do what's meaningful to you is what makes you successful.</p> <p>Hopefully it is not too ②presumptuous of me to want to share my path of becoming a CEO with you. I was just a secondary school student, like all of you, when I decided to own a toy company. I wanted to bring joy to children. I ③started my business right after I graduated from university.</p> <p>③<u>The harder the job was, the more determined I became to succeed.</u></p> <p>④Needless to say, I made it in the end. I became the CEO of an international enterprise.</p> <p>The things that I have learned are way too many to list out in this short article. ④<u>Not only have I learned more than ever about myself, but I have also learned to ⑤polish my strengths and ⑥refine the areas that I lack in.</u> I started my career as an ⑦introverted ⑧bookworm, and now I am always ⑨the life of the party.</p> <p>I believe the most valuable thing in my life is my passion. <u>It is crucial to have passion in everything I do.</u> I ⑩wholeheartedly love what I do, whether it is to make a new toy, to meet a new business partner or to spend time with my lovely family. Passion is all you need to make your life worth living.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(264 words)</p>	<p>題目要有創意，並能總括全文</p> <p>起首要引起讀者興趣</p> <p>要注意對象讀者是中學生</p> <p>多根據題目答題，想想玩具企業有何特別之處？</p> <p>結尾要令人印象深刻</p>



Writing Guideline

Introduction

- a short intro 簡單介紹主題
- 1-2 sentences to bring out the topic 只需用一至兩句帶出主題

1st body paragraph: What makes a person successful 成功的因素是什麼?

- briefly state the key to being a successful person 簡短指出成功的關鍵
- elaborate 闡述

2nd body paragraph: How I became the CEO of Toys of Joy 我成為公司 CEO 的過程

- a short narrative of how you became the CEO 說出自己成為 CEO 的過程
- a short conclusion of how someone can become successful in his career 概括如何才能在職場取得成功

3rd body paragraph: What I have learned over the years 這些年來學到的東西

- list out the skills / other life lessons you've learned over the years 列出你所學到的技能或人生道理
- the importance of these skills / life lessons 這些技能或人生道理的重要性
- how students can learn from them 學生可以如何從中學習

4th body paragraph: The most valuable things in life 生命中最寶貴的事

- introduce what you think the most valuable things in life are 介紹你覺得什麼是生命中最寶貴的事
- advise students to treasure these things 勸勉同學要珍惜這些事物

Common Mistakes / Traps / Reminders

✗ colleague (常見錯字)

✓ colleague 同事

✗ I was a staff... (staff 是指一組僱員，或籠統指全公司的僱員，不能用來表示「一位員工」)

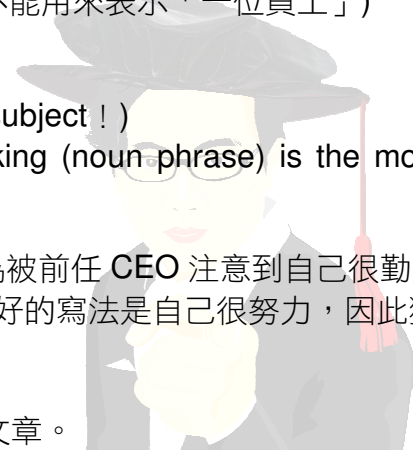
✓ I was a staff member... / I was an employee...

✗ Hardworking (adj.) is the most important thing. (形容詞不能當 subject !)

✓ Hard work (n.) is the most important thing / Being hardworking (noun phrase) is the most important thing.

要小心邏輯上的錯誤，不少考生均寫自己本來是低層職員，但因為被前任 CEO 注意到自己很勤力而立即獲晉升成 CEO，這種情況在現實中基本上不可能發生，較好的寫法是自己很努力，因此獲得晉升機會，一步一步下來，最後成為了 CEO。

考生要一定對職場有基本了解，才能寫出有真實感的 workplace 文章。



Part B

2. Learning English through Sports Communication (Popularity: 33.8%)

You recently interviewed a famous athlete. Write a speech for your school's Sports Week about the athlete. In your speech, you should include the challenges the athlete has encountered, how he/she overcame them and what the students can learn from him/her.

Techniques	Model Essay	Remarks, Tips & Traps
<p>句式 ① It is + adj. + that... (這是...的)</p> <p>② was anything but... = was absolutely not... = 絕對不...</p> <p>③ post-modifier: 'both of whom...' 後修飾句</p> <p>④ It was (subject) that... 句式</p> <p>⑤ Being..., (clause) 「因為...」 句式</p> <p>⑥ complex sentence 以逗號附加說明</p> <p>Vocab ① mental health: 精神健康</p> <p>② essential: 必須的</p> <p>③ pursue 追尋</p> <p>④ torn between 掙扎於... 之間</p> <p>⑤ resolute 決絕的</p> <p>⑥ compromise 妥協</p>	<p>Good morning everyone,</p> <p>Every year I am always incredibly (難以置信的) excited for Sports Week. I hope you are the same. Sports are important for both our physical and ①mental health. <u>①Therefore, I believe it is ②essential that we familiarize ourselves with different aspects of sports.</u> One of these aspects is the local athletes. Recently, I have had the opportunity to interview the famous swimmer, Peter Chan.</p> <p>As all of you may know, Peter Chan is the Hong Kong record holder in 50m freestyle swimming. He has gone far from where he began his career as a 16-year-old secondary school swimmer. However, his path to becoming a local champion <u>②was anything but easy</u>.</p> <p>Peter told me in the interview that he had almost given up swimming at 18. He was struggling(努力, 奮鬥) to balance swimming and school. Because of the long training hours he had, his academic results were slipping. His mother was convinced that he needed to give up swimming in order to get into a university. His coach and teammates, on the other hand, believed he should ③pursue his swimming career full-time. He was ④torn between his mother and his coach, <u>③both of whom he loved dearly</u>. According to himself, it was the most difficult time in his life. Not only was he under the crushing(非常嚴重的) pressure of the tremendous(巨大的) workload he had, he also had many heated(激烈的) arguments with his mother about the issue. Their fights were so serious that sometimes they would stop talking to each other for the rest of the day. <u>④In the end, it was his father who helped him make up his mind.</u></p> <p>“It surprised me, you know,” he told me. “My dad is a quiet and peaceful person. He usually stays out of fights.” Regarding this issue, his father just asked one question, “Do you think you can live without swimming?” To that, Peter’s answer was a ⑤resolute “no”. After that, his father just looked at his mother and nodded(點頭). Amazingly(令人驚詫的), his mother softened her attitude(態度) after that!</p> <p>Of course, <u>⑤being a gentle and caring person, Peter agreed to ⑥compromise.</u> It was how they reached their agreement: Peter had to finish his secondary school study, attend the DSE exams, and receive at least a level 2 for every subject. After that, he could focus on becoming a professional swimmer. He explained to me that the purpose of taking the public exam was to ensure that after his athletic career ended, he could get a tertiary education if he so chose. After all, it was obvious that an athlete’s career would be shorter than most other professions’.</p>	<p>起首介紹背景</p> <p>簡介人物</p> <p>遇到的困難</p> <p>留意講者剛訪問過此人，應提起你們的會談，不要只講述事件，否則似網上資料搜集</p> <p>如何應付困難</p> <p>人物的前景</p>

<p>⑦hailed 被讚揚</p> <p>③scenic 好風景的</p> <p>⑨monstrous 怪獸般的</p>	<p>We all know how that story continues. Now at 25, Peter is ⑦hailed as the most promising young athlete of the year, and is expected to compete in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.</p> <p>I think what we can learn from Peter is his willingness to compromise when facing a difficult choice. He understands that sometimes we have to take an indirect(間接的), time-consuming path to chase our dreams. As long as we never lose sight of what we set out to achieve, it is ok to take the slower, more ③scenic path.</p> <p>As teenagers, our biggest worries are probably not quite big. Maybe they are just some disagreements with our parents. We need to remember that no matter what ⑨monstrous obstacles we come across in our life, there will always be someone who will stay by our side; and someone who will support and love us.</p> <p>Remember, sports are never just about competitions. Through sports we learn more about ourselves and what we are capable(有能力的) of, ⑥just like Peter, who, through his passion for swimming, realized how much his family meant to him.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your time. I hope we can all enjoy the rest of the Sports Week.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(629 words)</p>	<p>同學可以如何向人物學習</p> <p>非常簡短結尾，重提 Sports Week</p>
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Writing Guideline

Introduction

- intro to Sports Week 簡介運動週
- intro to the athlete 簡介運動員

About 1-2 body paragraphs: intro to the athlete 介紹運動員

- the athlete's strengths 運動員的強項
- the athlete's accomplishments 運動員的成就

About 2-3 body paragraphs: difficulties / challenges faced by the athlete 運動員遇到的困難

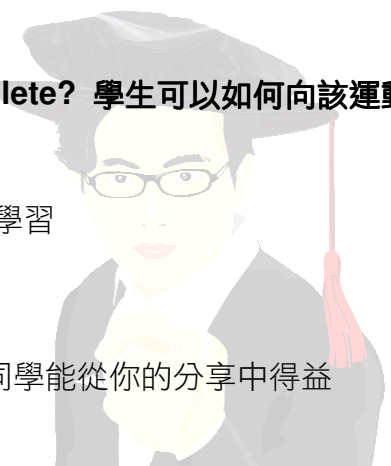
- what challenges has he/she faced? 他/她遇到什麼困難?
- how did he/she overcome them? 他/她是如何克服困難的?

About 1 body paragraph: what can students learn from the athlete? 學生可以如何向該運動員學習?

- the message of the athlete's story 運動員故事的啟示
- encourage students to learn from the athlete 鼓勵同學向運動員學習

Conclusion

- mention the Sports Week again 重提運動週
- hope the students can learn something from your sharing 冀望同學能從你的分享中得益



Common Mistakes / Traps / Reminders

- × Sport Week
- ✓ Sports Week (sports 要有 s，可抄題目)

這題是全卷最多考生選答的題目，亦比較容易奪分。

留意考生可自行決定用現實的運動員或虛構的運動員去回答問題。最重要是要多以覆述訪談內容的模式，例如多用點“he told me...”或“she replied that... when I asked her about...”等覆述句，否則就失去了你會訪問過這運動員的意義，反而令講辭內容像從網上抄寫的資訊。

3. Learning English through Drama (Popularity: 9.2%)

As the Chairperson of the Drama Club of your school, you are invited to write an article to encourage more students to join your club. In your article, you should share your personal experience as a drama director as well as the benefits of participating in a drama production. Give your article an appropriate title.

Techniques	Model Essay	Remarks, Tips & Traps
<p>句式</p> <p>① not only... also 不但... 而且...</p> <p>② such + adj. + that... 非常...所以...</p> <p>③ For starters... 首先...(口語)</p> <p>④ 重覆同一句式以增強語氣</p> <p>⑤ Present participle ...的時候</p> <p>⑥ noun phrase + is + what ...是...的原因</p> <p>Vocab</p> <p>① annual 一年一度</p> <p>② appointed 被委任</p> <p>③ walk in the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Join Drama Club to Have a Memorable School Life</u></p> <p>Have you ever dreamed about becoming another person? Well, if you join our Drama Club, you can!</p> <p>Our School Drama Club holds a weekly meeting every Friday afternoon. In these meetings, <u>①not only do we learn about the different aspects of drama, including acting and production(製作) techniques, but we also perform our own productions!</u> Every year after the final exam, we have an ①annual performance. Last year, I was ②appointed the drama director of our school play. <u>②It was such a life-changing experience that I feel I have to share with you here.</u></p> <p>Being a drama director was no ③walk in the park. From the beginning I have to be involved in every single step of the production. For example, the scriptwriting(劇本寫作) was the first process to be carried out. Since I wasn't the best writer in the club, I have invited a club member, Mary, to ④collaborate with me on producing the script of the play. While Mary is a sweet and gentle person, we are different people after all. We had our disagreements, and, although they had never ⑤amounted to serious arguments, they did slow down our progress. However, you cannot imagine the joy and ⑥thrill we felt when we finally wrote a play we were both ⑦enthusiastic about. Mary and I have become best friends since then.</p> <p>Of course, at that stage we still had a lot more to prepare before even starting the ③rehearsals. <u>③For starters,</u> we needed to start the casting(選派演員) process, find a composer(作曲家) for the background music, hire a lot of backstage support personnel, and consult(諮詢) a lighting expert. I will not bore you with too much detail on that. All I can say is the entire process of producing a one-hour school play is ⑧tedious, complicated, and frustrating(使</p>	<p>以問句引起讀者興趣</p> <p>簡介 Drama Club</p> <p>開始分享個人經歷</p> <p>可加入額外資料使講稿更自然，例如這裡便交代了講者與 Mary 的軼事</p> <p>針對作為導演的職責再作簡介</p>

<p>park 非常容易</p> <p>④collaborate 合作</p> <p>⑤amounted to 演變成</p> <p>⑥thrill 刺激感</p> <p>⑦enthusiastic 雀躍</p> <p>⑧rehearsals 彩排</p> <p>⑨tedious 乏味的</p> <p>⑩standing ovation 站立鼓掌</p>	<p>人氣餒的) at times, but ④how do you feel <u>when you see the play you've paid so much effort in is performed on stage? When you hear all the audience laughing along with the humorous(幽默的) lines you've come up with? When you get a ⑩standing ovation at the end of the play?</u> Nothing else can ever beat that feeling. Believe me, being a part of the Drama Club may not be the easiest, but ultimately(最終), it will be extremely rewarding(有意義的, 有回報的).</p> <p>There are many benefits students can enjoy by joining our club. For example, you can learn to produce a drama professionally, since we provide actual theatre equipment for our member. Also, ⑤<u>having produced a full-length stage play at such a young age is perfect for your CV. It will undoubtedly (無疑的) bolster(增強, 改善) your university application.</u></p> <p>Other than the material (實體的)benefits you can expect from joining the club, don't forget all the new friends you can make and all the excitements you can get! We drama lovers are loud, friendly, and open-minded. We always make sure every one of our members have no trouble fitting in here. We are a tight-knit(緊密相連) group who are glad to help each other out when there is trouble, and we love to meet new people! Making a stage play is both stressful and exciting, but ⑥<u>having each other is what makes the process worth all the hard work in the end.</u></p> <p>As the chairperson of the Drama Club, I would like to end this speech by telling you this club is one of the biggest reasons I love our school so much. If you are interested in drama, don't hesitate! Join us now!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(564 words)</p>	<p>加入學會的好處</p> <p>從情感方面吸引人入會</p> <p>最後再作呼籲</p>
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Writing Guideline

Introduction

1st body paragraph: intro to the club 介紹學會

- What do students do in Drama Club? 同學在戲劇學會會做什麼?
- Information for the club, e.g. meeting schedule 學會基本資訊, 例如聚會時間

About 2 body paragraphs: sharing your experiences as a drama director 分享作為戲劇導演的經驗

- The responsibilities of a director 導演的職責
- How the drama was produced 話劇的製作過程
- Challenges you faced and how you overcame them 遇到的困難及如何解決

About 2 body paragraphs: benefits of joining the club 加入學會的益處

- 2-3 benefits with examples 列出二至三項好處, 並加入例子

Conclusion: call for action 呼籲有所行動

- 1-2 sentences to tell students to join the club 以一至兩句句子呼籲同學加入學會



Common Mistakes / Traps / Reminders

這題相對直接，亦有明確指示，沒太多陷阱。

同學可留意導演的職務主要為領導，一般不需親自進行細微的雜務，但因為是學生戲劇，要身兼多職亦合理，所以只要言之成理都可以接受。



4. Learning English through Social Issues (Popularity: 23.1%)

Recently, there have been multiple incidents where mothers who breastfeed their babies in public were harassed or even had their photos taken and uploaded to social media. This has raised many debates. Some people believe that women should not breastfeed in public as it is indecent to expose themselves in front of others, while other people argue that breastfeeding is the most natural and healthy thing for mothers to do and women should have the right to breastfeed in public without disturbance.

Write a debate speech to express your opinions on this situation. State which side you agree with and raise three arguments.

Techniques	Model Essay	Remarks, Tips & Traps
<p>句式</p> <p>① -ing + noun phrase 由於...</p> <p>② most + adj. + to infinitive 最... 的做法</p> <p>③ equating + noun phrase / gerund + to + noun phrase / gerund 將... 與... 混為一談</p> <p>④ It is + adj. + how... ... 真是...</p> <p>⑤ It is + adj. + that + clause ... 真是</p> <p>⑥ not only... but also 不但... 而且...</p> <p>Vocab</p> <p>① argue for the motion 支持辯題</p> <p>② formula 配方奶粉</p> <p>③ vital 重要的</p> <p>④ shawl 披肩</p> <p>⑤ unintentionally 無意地</p> <p>⑥ obscene 猥褻</p>	<p>Honorable judges, worthy opponents, and everyone,</p> <p>Today, our team here would like to ①argue for the motion that new mothers should have the right to breastfeed in public without disturbance.</p> <p><i>Firstly, breast milk is the healthiest food for newborn babies. While modern milk ②formula has existed for almost a century now, it is never meant to replace human milk completely. Human milk can provide ③vital nutrients and vitamins that milk formulas cannot replace(代替). Studies have shown that breastfed babies are less likely to have minor illness such as ear infections, diarrhea and other viral infections. ①Having all these benefits, it is ②most sensible to encourage breastfeeding, instead of condemning it.</i></p> <p><i>Secondly, breastfeeding is definitely not an act of indecent (有傷風化的)exposure (暴露). Some people believe that breastfeeding in public is a form of indecent exposure. Our team can argue with absolute certainty that, no, there is nothing indecent about breastfeeding. Not only do most breastfeeding mothers always take extra care in covering their privates with their clothing during breastfeeding, a large number of them also use a ④shawl to cover their body when breastfeeding in public. We can assure you the amount of exposure is very low when breastfeeding. Not only that, even if the mothers does ⑤unintentionally expose themselves, there is nothing sexual or ⑥obscene about that. ⑦Frankly, if anyone sees a mother breastfeeding in public and considers it a sexual exposure, the problem actually lies in them, not the mothers. Breastfeeding a hungry baby was always the norm (正常行為) in the past, even in Chinese societies. Why should we suddenly be ashamed of such innocent act? ③Equating(使...等同) <u>breastfeeding with indecent exposure</u> reveals the plain ignorance (無知, 愚昧) of certain people.</i></p> <p><i>Thirdly, mothers have the right to feed their babies at all time, no matter the manners of feeding. No one finds it problematic when a mother feeds her baby with a bottle, so we shouldn't treat a breastfeeding mother any differently. ④It is simply ③baffling to see how some people online criticize the mothers upon seeing secret photos of them in the process of breastfeeding but find no faults in the person who actually took these photos secretly and immorally(不道德的).</i></p> <p>On a final note, while breastfeeding in public should not be ⑧ridiculed, ⑤it is undeniable that many mothers feel uncomfortable doing so. Not to mention</p>	<p>超簡短說明自己是正方或反方</p> <p>第一論點 (斜體字為 topic sentence 主題句)</p> <p>第二論點 (駁論屬選擇性, 非必要)</p> <p>第三論點</p> <p>最後補充</p>

<p>7 Frankly 坦白說</p> <p>8 baffling 莫名其妙</p> <p>9 ridiculed 嘲笑</p>	<p>the fact that with there is a very limited number of public nursing rooms in Hong Kong, mothers have few chances to breastfeed their children in private. As a result, most mothers prefer formulas to breast milk, which, as mentioned, is a less favorable option in terms of nutrients(營養物). Therefore, <u>not only do we need to educate the society about breastfeeding, but also provide more physical space for breastfeeding.</u></p> <p>To conclude, there is absolutely no problem with breastfeeding in public and we believe the people who are against this have misconceptions(誤解) regarding the topic.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(481 words)</p>	<p>重申立場</p>
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Writing Guideline

Introduction: background + stance 議題背景及立場

- briefly introduce the controversy (you can use the question by revising it a little) 簡介議題，可將題目用自己文字改寫
- your / your group's stance on the topic 說出你或你一組人的立場

3 body paragraphs: three reasons 三個論點分三段

For each paragraph:

- topic sentence: sum up the paragraph's argument with 1 sentence 主題句：以一句總括全段的論點
- elaboration on your argument 詳細解釋你的論點
- examples (if any) or illustrations (by creating a scenario to demonstrate your point, e.g. "imagine if...") 例子或例證(可設想一個情況以引證論點)
- optional: refute a counter-argument in your third reason 可在第三個論點中進行駁論(非必須)

4th body paragraph (optional): additional information (非必須)補充資料

- anything else you would like to add regarding the topic, e.g. Hong Kong does not have enough public nursing rooms or similar facilities 再補充有關主題的其他要點，例如可以提及香港哺乳室數量不足的問題。

Conclusion: restate your stance 重申立場作結

Common Mistakes / Traps / Reminders

- ✗ Copy the content of the question as your entire standpoint and continue by repeating similar sentences. 有考生照抄題目以作個人立場，不但沒有加入自己想法，更不斷重覆同一論點而不加以補充
(例如：“Breastfeeding is the most natural and healthy thing for mothers to do and women should have the right to breastfeed in public without disturbance. It is healthy for mothers to breastfeed...”)
- ✓ 利用題目論點無不可，但要識得改寫，及以額外論點加以補充

以上面範文為例：“Firstly, breast milk is the healthiest food for newborn babies. [...] Human milk can provide vital nutrients and vitamins that formulas cannot replace.”

這幾句同樣是說明人奶比奶粉較健康，但就用了跟題目不同的句式，並加入了人奶可提供奶粉不能提供的營養，具體地指出了說人奶「健康」有何根據。



✘ Flawed logic 邏輯有誤 (比較多持反對立場的學生犯此毛病)

Example 1 “Breastfeeding in public is indecent. It shows that those mothers have no consideration for others and are uneducated.”

同學可以用公眾場合餵母乳是不當地暴露身體為反對論點，但暴露身體不等於那些母親是低學歷人士。

Example 2 “Mothers can breastfeed in toilets. Therefore, they should not breastfeed in public.”

說母親們可以進洗手間餵哺母乳不是有力的論點，首先要考慮衛生問題，其次是即使她們「可以」在洗手間餵哺，也不能支持她們「不應」在公眾地方餵哺母乳的論點。例如我們「可以」在外用膳，但不代表我們「不應」在家吃飯。這是一個常見的邏輯謬誤(logical fallacy)。

留意哺乳室的英文可以用 nursing room，絕對不能用 toilet 代替。

而奶粉除了 milk powder 外，也可以叫 formula，或 milk formula/formula milk (兩者均可)

5. Learning English through Debating (Popularity: 3.1%)

Your debate team has lost the most recent competition. Write an email to Mr. Lee, the teacher in charge of your team, to describe how the competition went down, comment on your team's performance and suggest some ways to improve for the competition next month.

Techniques	Model Essay	Remarks, Tips & Traps
<p>句式</p> <p>①Notwithstanding 雖然...</p> <p>②n. / noun phrase... + had left us + adj.</p> <p>③so + adj. + that... 非常... 所以</p> <p>④It is + n. + noun phrase + that... 正是因為... 所以</p> <p>⑤not only... but also 不但... 而 且...</p> <p>⑥not because... but... 不是因為... 而是 因為</p> <p>⑦... find + (something) + adj. 覺得(某事物)...</p> <p>Vocab</p> <p>①morale 士氣</p>	<p>Dear Mr. Lee,</p> <p>I am writing to give you a report regarding our recent defeat in the debate competition. I understand this is a disappointing outcome, which is why I would like to give you a full description on how we lost in the competition and discuss with you about our team's performance, as well as suggesting some ways to help us improve for the competition next month.</p> <p>First of all, the very low ①morale was the sole ②culprit of our loss in this competition. Merely an hour prior to the competition began, we received the sudden news that Peter, our first speaker, had fallen ill and could not attend the competition. ①Notwithstanding everyone understood his difficulties, ②the ③abruptness of this news had left us helpless and anxious. Since none of the other members could recite(背誦) Peter's strong opening speech. In the end, we had to improvise(臨時, 即興做) and write an opening speech that was not convincing(有信服力的) enough to sway(說服) even ourselves.</p> <p>Moreover, since we had to stand in for Peter, all sequences(次序) of speeches and arguments became ④chaotic. The speech of our speaker, Mary, who had to take the place as the second speaker at short notice(在短時間內), was ⑤halting and uncertain. ③It was so stressful for her that she even forgot her speech halfway(在中途的) through the delivery.</p> <p>All in all, while our debate team was well-trained for debating, we were not well-prepared for ⑥emergencies. This defeat in the competition had revealed(揭露) our weakness in dealing with a ⑦crisis. ④It is exactly</p>	<p>起首要簡潔，並能概括全文</p> <p>原因一</p> <p>原因二</p> <p>小結</p>

<p>②culprit 罪魁禍首</p> <p>③abruptness 唐突</p> <p>④chaotic 混亂的</p> <p>⑤halting 猶豫的</p> <p>⑥emergencies 緊急狀況</p> <p>⑦crisis 危機</p> <p>⑧frantic 恐慌的</p> <p>⑨implement 實施</p>	<p>because of the lack of foresight(先見之明) that we became so disorganized and ③frantic.</p> <p>I have two main suggestions to prevent similar situations from repeating in the competition next month.</p> <p>Firstly, I believe we should recruit new members as stand-ins (代替者) for emergency situations. Our loss in last competition demonstrated the damage it cost us for not having substitutes for any absent members. For this purpose, we could recruit inexperienced(缺乏經驗的) or weaker students into our team. These students will then be responsible for familiarizing (熟識) themselves with everyone's speech. In case a similar incident happened, we can have a substitute speaker, who knows the content of the absentee's speech, to take his/her place. Hence, no one else on the team will be affected by the absence of a single teammate. <u>⑤Not only can this prevent the issues that arose in last competition, it can also attract more new members to our team.</u></p> <p>My second suggestion is that we should ⑨implement a rule that every one of our team members needs to share a copy of his/her own speech with everyone else. Every member should have each other's speech when attending competitions. Therefore, we will not feel as stressed as before if we have to speak in someone else's place.</p> <p>To conclude, <u>⑥we lost our competition not because of our lack of skills, but our inability to deal with emergencies.</u> If we can have backup plans ready at all time, we can surely prevent a repeat of our defeat.</p> <p>I hope <u>⑦you'd find my report satisfactory and the above suggestions useful.</u> It is hoped that our competition next month would be more successful.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Chris Wong</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(524 words)</p>	<p>過渡至建議</p> <p>建議一 + 好處</p> <p>建議二 + 好處</p> <p>總結</p> <p>展望未來</p> <p>知道對方名字 的 email 要以 Yours sincerely 作結</p>
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Writing Guideline

Introduction: background 背景資料

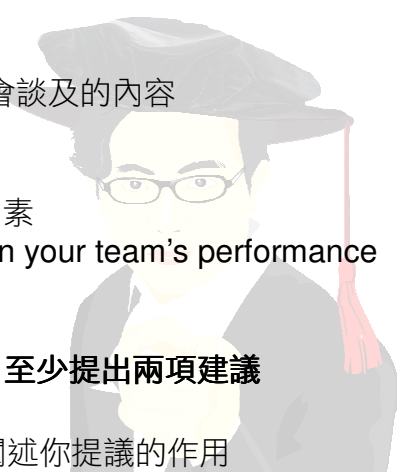
- point out your team has lost the competition 指出比賽落敗
- introduce what this email is going to be about 解釋這 email 將會談及的內容

2-3 body paragraphs: reasons for losing 分析落敗原因

- state the factors which lead to your loss 指出導致你們落敗的因素
- narrate what happened during the competition and comment on your team's performance 敘述比賽中發生的事，及評論組員的表現

2-3 body paragraphs: at least 2 suggestions for improvement 至少提出兩項建議

- suggestion 建議內容
- what your suggestion can do / how it can improve your team 闡述你提議的作用



Conclusion: indicate hopes for the future 表達對未來之期望

- tell Mr. Lee you are hopeful that the team can win the competition next month
向 Mr. Lee 表達下次比賽會勝出的期望

Common Mistakes / Traps / Reminders

這題選答同學較少，因此沒太多常犯錯誤。

考生可以多注意 email 的語氣，這篇文章應該要比較有禮貌及拘謹，但直接說“*We are so sorry we lost.*”等字眼有點不恰當，因為題目只要求你匯報，而非道歉，考生可改為寫“*I am sorry to inform you that we have lost the competition.*”之類意思，會更貼近匯報壞消息的前題，語氣亦會比較正式。

6. Learning English through Workplace communication (Popularity: 12.3%)

You are the manager to a chained fashion company, *Fashion Whisperer*. Recently, *Hong Kong Magazine* had ranked your company as number 1 in their ‘Top Ten Most Ethical Companies 2021’ list.

Write a public email to all the employees of your company. In your email, you should congratulate everyone for their success, talk about what makes *Fashion Whisperer* such an ethical company, and provide advice on further improving in the future.

Techniques	Model Essay	Remarks, Tips & Traps
<p>句式</p> <p>①It is with (n.) that I inform you... 我很(情緒名詞)地告訴你</p> <p>②notwithstanding 句式</p> <p>③not only... but also 不但...而且...</p> <p>④It is... that 「由於」句式</p> <p>⑤It is hoped that (希望...)</p> <p>⑥It is no wonder that... ...實在不稀奇</p> <p>Vocab</p> <p>①beloved 心愛的</p> <p>②endangered 瀕危的</p> <p>③slain 被誅戮 (主動式: slay)</p>	<p>Dear all,</p> <p>①It is with the greatest pride(驕傲) that I inform all of you that recently our ①beloved company <i>Fashion Whisperer</i> has been ranked number 1 as the most ethical(道德的) company of 2021 in <i>Hong Kong Magazine</i>. I would like to use this opportunity to congratulate(祝賀) every single one of you and reflect on what qualifies us as an ethical company.</p> <p>Firstly, <i>Fashion Whisperer</i> makes sure no animals is harmed in our line of production. Despite the suggestions from some of our contracted designers, we firmly refused to produce fur coats. We do not wish to further promote this disgusting trend which involves ②endangered animals being ③slain just to produce a series of ④vanity ⑤garments. In fact, we even take one step further by only producing faux leather (人造皮革) clothing, <u>②notwithstanding this will harm our potential profit</u>, as our ⑥clientele are of middle and upper classes and they normally prefer genuine leather. We believe our reputation is built upon an animal-friendly image. It is our principle(原則) to protect innocent wild animals when we can.</p> <p>Secondly, our company always pays the extra expenses to ensure that our factory workers are treated fairly, with all the rights of our employees. With the alarming increase in the number of reports of different ⑦sweatshops and the harm they cause to the workers. We take extra care in making sure our appointed factory has a humane(人道的) and satisfactory working environment. Our factories are mostly located in India and our management team schedules an annual visit overseas to observe the operation of those factories.</p>	<p>作為上司寫的 email 可以非正式一點，可用 Dear all</p> <p>只需用一小段講恭喜</p> <p>第一個獲獎原因</p> <p>第二個獲獎原因</p> <p>第三個獲獎原因</p>

<p>④vanity 虛榮</p> <p>⑤garments 衣服</p> <p>⑥clientele 客戶</p> <p>⑦sweatshops 血汗工廠</p> <p>⑧in accordance with 按照</p> <p>⑨mandatory 強制性</p> <p>⑩rest assured 放心</p>	<p>Last but not least, our company insists(堅持) on producing clothes ⑧in accordance with the principle of sustainable (可持續的)development.</p> <p><u>③Not only do we limit our use of water and heat in our overseas factories, but our offices in Hong Kong also follow a series of environmentally-friendly policies.</u> With our newest computer systems, we can store most of our business documents digitally, which can reduce the use of printing paper.</p> <p><u>④ All of the above factors combined</u> gave us such an achievement. Being classified (歸類) as “ethical” is the biggest honor (榮耀) a modern corporation can receive. Before I end this email, I have one piece of advice for all you: Don’t be afraid to voice out your opinion! Last year when we began to pay more attention on promoting a green office operation, we hit a bump in the road (錯折) when we only had few actual policies we could consider. When we sent out an open letter to ask for suggestions, we only received minimal number of responses. In the end, we decided to draft a ⑨mandatory questionnaire on the environmental policy in our office and the ideas we received were tremendously helpful! I completely understand the fear that your suggestion may not be good enough, but ⑩rest assured that our company always listens to you ideas with an open mind! You may have the best idea no one has ever had! <u>⑤It is hoped that we can have your feedback more frequently (頻繁發生的) from now on.</u></p> <p>I would like to say once again how proud I am of all of us. With such a passionate team, <u>⑥it is no wonder that we have successfully become the most ethical company of 2021.</u> Let’s hope we will continue to strive (努力、奮鬥)for a better future for the world!</p> <p>Best wishes, Chris Wong Manager Fashion Whisperer</p>	<p>建議</p> <p>以再次恭喜及展望將來作結</p> <p>作為上司可以用 informal 的結尾，例如 Best wishes. 亦要留意列出自己身份的方式，正確次序為：名字 → 職位 → 公司名稱</p> <p>(550 words)</p>
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Writing Guideline

Introduction: congratulations and brief intro 恭喜員工及簡介

- congratulates the staff 恭喜員工
- mention what happened (the company was ranked no. 1 as the most ethical company)提及獲選為十大最有道德公司之首

2-3 body paragraphs: reasons for receiving the title 分析獲得殊榮原因

- 2-3 factors that make *Fashion Whisperer* an ethical company 使 *Fashion Whisperer* 成為有道德公司的因素
- elaborations and examples 闡述、例子



1-2 body paragraphs: at least 1 suggestions for improvement 至少提出一項建議

- suggestion 建議
- what your suggestion can do / how it can improve the company 建議的實質作用

Conclusion

- congratulate the employee again and indicate hopes for the future
再次恭喜員工，及表達對未來之期望

Common Mistakes / Traps / Reminders

不少選這題的考生不明白 ethical(合乎道德的)的意思，以為獲獎是因為公司整體成功，結果 email 內容只解釋了公司有何出色之處，沒有從人道等立場出發。

犯以上錯誤的考生因為離題，Content 分不會高於 2。

其他錯誤主要與 Part A 的常犯錯誤相似。尤其常將“a staff”當成「一位員工」的意思。

7. Learning English through Popular Culture (Popularity: 12.3%)

The death of the actress Carrie Fisher, who was most famous for playing ‘Princess Leia’ in the *Star Wars* franchise, had saddened many people.

As the editor for your school magazine, write a feature article to discuss the impact of movie stars in our lives. You can use Carrie Fisher or any other actor as an example. In your article, you should talk about the importance of movies and movie actors, how movies can affect people, and what the actor you mentioned means to you on a personal level.

Techniques	Model Essay	Remarks, Tips & Traps
<p>句式</p> <p>①so... that 非常... 所以</p> <p>②Parallel structure 平衡句式</p> <p>③not only... but also 不但...而且...</p> <p>④It is... that ...是...的</p> <p>⑤先彈後讚句式 = 讚</p> <p>Vocab</p> <p>①mesmerized 被迷倒</p> <p>②fantastical 奇幻的</p> <p>③dystopian</p>	<p>The sad news of Carrie Fisher’s recent passing has shocked many people. When a celebrity dies, the impact on our society is often tremendous. ①<u>This <i>Star Wars</i> star was so beloved by everyone around the world that even we in Hong Kong were shaken by the tragic (悲劇的) news.</u></p> <p>Indeed, movies and actors have long become a huge part of our life. Watching movies is almost a means to escape the reality (現實) for so many people. We are often ①mesmerized by those fictional(虛構的) worlds movies created, ②such as the ②fantastical world of <i>The Lord of the Rings</i>, the ③dystopian society of <i>Hunger Games</i>, and the futuristic(未來的，超前的) lifestyle of <i>Star Trek</i>. Movies ④stimulate our creativity and have become an inspiration (給予靈感的人物) for generations. Many writers and painters confessed (坦白) to having been influenced by particular scenes in movies in their creation. Therefore, we can see that movies can act as a ⑤catalyst for art and literary (文學的) creation.</p> <p>Personally, I think movies have the function of educating and informing people. For example, racism is a popular theme in many movies, such as <i>Crash</i> and <i>American History X</i>. ③<u>Not only can these movies show the ugly truth of racism(種族歧視) existing in our society, but they can also educate the audience to end ⑥irrational discriminations.</u></p>	<p>可引用問題資料起首</p> <p>電影的作用</p> <p>用平衡句式列出資訊可使文章更有詩意</p> <p>電影的影響</p> <p>演員的影響</p>

<p>反烏托邦</p> <p>④stimulate 刺激</p> <p>⑤catalyst 催化劑</p> <p>⑥irrational 不理智的</p> <p>⑦critically acclaimed 廣受好評</p> <p>⑧paradoxical 矛盾的</p> <p>⑨devoted to 致力於</p>	<p>Of course, ④it is paramount that we do not ignore the role of actors in movies. An actor gives voice to the character. They are the reason why the characters are convincing in some movies in particular. For me personally, I could never forget the stunning performance of Paul Walker in <i>The Fast and the Furious</i> franchise. ⑤Although this franchise has never been ⑦critically acclaimed, I enjoy the exciting actions very much. In the first film of this franchise, Walker played an undercover (卧底) policeman, Brian, whose mission was to befriend the criminal Dom (Vin Diesel) and his team in order to solve a series of highway robbery cases. Walker perfectly portrayed his character's conflicts throughout the story. As audience we can clearly observe the development of the friendship between Brian and Dom and how this made Brian reluctant (不情願的) to condemn(指責) Dom's crew. With such a simple and clichéd(陳腔濫調的) storyline, Walker's performance was crucial(關鍵的) to the storytelling of the film. ②He constructed a character who was ③paradoxical: both confident and insecure(缺乏信心的); both naïve and world-weary(厭倦人生的); both moral and immoral. As Brian drifts(飄移) between two sides of the law, we see the line of right and wrong becoming blurred (模糊).</p> <p>Unfortunately, Paul Walker died tragically in a car accident in 2013. The news was very upsetting (令人苦惱的) for me to hear as he had always been an inspiration for me. Walker was very ⑨devoted to charity and helping the people in need. On the day of his death he even planned to attend a charity event that night. The loss of Paul Walker hit me hard because it proved to me that life was short and full of surprises. Even good people such as Walker die young and we should cherish (珍愛) all the people who we love. On the day I heard the news of his death I even told my mother I loved her for the first time since I was in kindergarten!</p> <p>All in all, I think watching movies is a huge part of our life, and the actors and actresses in those movies may have more of an influence on us than we realize. I hope you can all treasure the joy and sadness movies have brought you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(573 words)</p>	<p>以個人經歷及自選演員為例</p> <p>再次用平衡句式，加強情感表達</p> <p>自選演員為自己個人帶來的的影響</p> <p>切身經歷能使文章更有說服力</p> <p>簡單總結</p>
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Writing Guideline

Introduction

- background info (e.g. Carrie Fisher's death)背景資訊，例如以 Carrie Fisher 的逝世帶出主題)

2-3 body paragraphs: importance of movies and movie actors 電影與演員的重要性

- the significance of movies 電影的意義
- examples 例子
- the significance of actors 演員的意義
- examples (name the actor you will talk about later here) 例子(應在此提起你將會談及的演員)

1-2 body paragraphs: how movies affect people 電影如何影響人們

- the ways a movie can affect people 電影如何影響我們
- examples 例子

1-2 body paragraphs: how an actor has affected you personally 一位演員對你個人的影響

- share your experience regarding that actor 分享你有關那位演員的經歷
- comment on whether the impact positive or negative 評論影響是正面或負面
- what you can learn from that actors (good and bad)你從該演員身上學到的事(不管好壞)



Conclusion

- short conclusion. Could be rephrased from the question 簡短總結，可以依題目改寫。

Common Mistakes / Traps / Reminders

×Star War

✓Star Wars (已經提供的電影名字不應錯，記得看清題目)

很多考生不知道自己談及的演員英文名字是什麼，常見到有考生強行將人名改寫或不當地簡化。

有些拼錯的人名尚可接受，例如將✓Harrison Ford(夏里遜·福)寫成×Harison Ford、✓Emma Watson(愛瑪·華生)寫成×Emma Wason等，只當簡單 misspelling。亦要留意成龍的英文名字應是✓Jackie Chan，而非×Jacky Chan，不少學生提起他時都寫錯。

但有些名字被簡化至難以辨認，例如有考生將 Benedict Cumberbatch 寫作 Benny，就不太理想，尤其因為該演員從來沒有被媒體用 Benny 來稱呼，寫錯演員名字會使文章說服力大減。

建議做法：若預先打算於 Paper 2 選 Popular Culture，可先熟記一兩個自己喜歡的演員及歌手的英文名字及他們的著名作品，考試時很可能。若真的沒有準備，可用自己比較肯定正確的人名，例如 Bruce Lee(李小龍)與 Jackie Chan 等，又或利用題目提供的例子(如有)，例如今次考題便可寫 Carrie Fisher。

8. Learning English through Poems and Songs (Popularity: 1.5%)

You cousin, Mary, has written a poem for her best friend as a birthday present. She has sent you the poem for advice.

Roses are red, violets are blue.
Writing a poem is hard,
But I'll do it for you.

You are my best friend. I love you so much.
I still remember when we first met.
We were only seven, but I knew you would be there forever.

Now you are eighteen, an adult finally.
I can't believe time passes so quickly.
I promise to be by your side, now and for always.

Write an email reply to Mary to give her your comments. Point out what you like most about this poem and what you think could be improved.

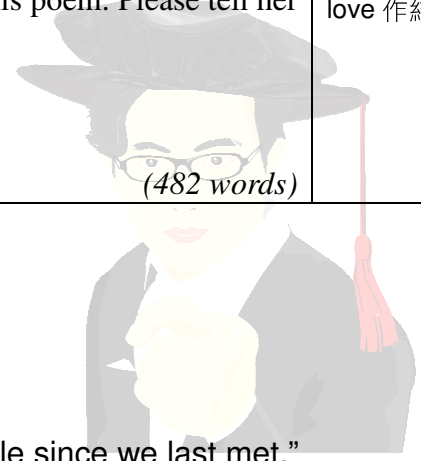
Techniques	Model Essay	Remarks, Tips & Traps
句式 ① That fact that... makes it... 因為這樣... 能使... ② ...in terms of... 在...方面	Dear Mary, It's been a while since I last heard from you. How are you? I am very surprised that you have written a poem! I remember you used to hate English lessons when we were in the same primary school. After reading your poem, I would like to point out a few things that I like about it, as well as the things I think could be improved.	以自己想像的事件帶入 email 可使文章更有真實感

<p>來說</p> <p>③It would be (great, lovely, exciting...) if you could 若你能... 就好了</p> <p>④Having said that,... present participle 句式, "having said that"亦有「話說回來」的意思</p> <p>Vocab</p> <p>①overused 過度使用的</p> <p>②Recounting 談及</p> <p>③syllables 音節</p> <p>④consistent 一致</p> <p>⑤omitting 省略</p> <p>⑥standardized 標準化的</p>	<p>Firstly, I really like your first stanza. It is a fun twist(轉折) to the ①overused 'Roses are Red' love poems. I think <u>①the fact that you acknowledged (承認) you think writing a poem is hard makes it even more touching (感人的) that you have written this poem just for your best friend!</u></p> <p>Also, I think mentioning (提及) the first time you met is a genius (天才的) idea. It is a poem about you and your best friend. ②Recounting the meeting when you were seven is surely going to bring back a lot of invaluable (寶貴的) memories for her.</p> <p>My favorite part is how you ended your poem with a promise to be by her side, now and for always. The line deeply moves (令人感動) me because it shows the depth of your friendship. You made me wish I had a best friend like you in this poem!</p> <p>All in all, <u>②I think your poem is absolutely wonderful in terms of content.</u> However, I would like to suggest a few improvements in terms of using poetic devices.</p> <p>My first suggestion is that you should try to use more rhymes(押韻). Right now, there are only two pairs of rhymes, which is 'blue' and 'you', and also 'finally' and quickly'. I think you could try to add another pair of rhymes into stanza 2, so each stanza would have one pair of rhyming words. For instance, I remember you once told me the two of you met next to a dirty river. You can change last two lines in second stanza (節) to 'I remember how we first met by the river. / We were only seven, but I know you would be there forever'. The rhyming last words will surely make this stanza more musical and fun to read.</p> <p>My other suggestion is that you could try to make the length of each line more ④consistent. For example, right now the lines in stanza 1 are significantly(顯著的) shorter than those in the other two stanzas. <u>③It would be lovely if you could make the lines in the second and third stanzas shorter.</u> If you can't find a way to shorten these lines without ⑤omitting some content, you can consider adding another stanza. A poem with 4 stanzas may look neater (整齊的) and more ⑥standardized too!</p> <p><u>④Having said that, your poem is very well done!</u> I believe my suggestions would be helpful for you. I hope your friend will love this poem. Please tell her that I wish her a very happy birthday!</p> <p>Love, Chris</p>	<p>列出喜歡的地方</p> <p>全文最好讚多於彈, 因為這email是給熟人, 不宜太直接批評</p> <p>最喜歡的一點</p> <p>過渡至改善建議</p> <p>第一項建議</p> <p>第二項建議</p> <p>結尾</p> <p>熟人可用love作結</p>
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Writing Guideline

Introduction: greetings 問候

- say hi to Mary 跟 Mary 打招呼
- mention some facts about the two of you, e.g. "It's been a while since we last met."



提及有關你們二人的事，例如說一句很久不見



1-3 body paragraphs: things you like about this poem 你最喜歡這詩的地方

- (for each paragraph) one thing you like (每段如是)你喜歡的一點
- reasons you like it 喜歡的原因

2-3 body paragraphs: suggestions for improvement 改善建議

- suggestion 建議
- why it can improve the poem 為什麼你的建議能改善這詩
- demonstration (you can write a few lines for Mary as an example) 展示(例如你可親自寫幾句詩給 Mary 作例子)

Conclusion

- congratulate her on writing this poem 恭喜她成功寫了這詩
- express your hope that her friend would like the poem 表示你希望她朋友會喜歡這詩

Common Mistakes / Traps / Reminders

這題只有極少考生選答，所以沒有常犯錯誤。

考生可以留意語氣，這 email 是 informal 的，不防多用輕鬆的口語，而且由於 Mary 是你的熟人，亦要避免太直接批評 Mary，最好先讚賞，後才列出要改善的地方，語氣亦要溫和及友善。

最後下款用“Yours sincerely”會略嫌拘謹，可選擇用“Love,”或“Best wishes”等作結。

9. Learning English through Short Stories (Popularity: 3.1%)

Your school is holding the annual short story competition. The theme this year is ‘the age of isolation’. Write your story and give it a suitable title.

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<p>句式</p> <p>①...was no different... 跟平時一樣</p> <p>②so... that... 很...，所以...</p> <p>③“was (someone’s) reply” 是(某人的)答覆</p> <p>④To add insult to injury... 更甚的是</p> <p>⑤present participles 句式：...的時候</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Day I Talked to My Mother</u></p> <p>The year was 2030. I was a Secondary 6 student in a ①prestigious school taught solely by virtual (虛擬的) teachers. Everyday I went to school at eight in the morning and school ended at exactly 4, never one second early or late.</p> <p>①Today was no different.</p> <p>“You have 5 text messages, 2 emails, and 14 ②hologram messages,” my ③android ④domestic helper, RS 2000, informed me. I sighed. I only received fewer than 20 messages in total! Why was everyone else in my school so popular? My classmates told me every afternoon when they went home, they often received over a hundred messages!</p> <p>“Ok, play the holo messages for me,” I ordered RS. It obeyed(順從) immediately(即時的). The messages were boring. Only a few were from my closest friends, and most of the others were from my teammates of different school project teams and sports teams, who only left few messages to discuss schoolwork with me. ②It was so frustrating that I wanted to yell (大叫).</p>	<p>故事的標題意思可以較模糊，以引起讀者興趣</p> <p>若寫科幻故事，可以加入對未來科技的想象，如 hologram 是指立體投影</p>

<p>Vocab</p> <p>①prestigious 聲望很高的</p> <p>②hologram 全息圖</p> <p>③android 機械人</p> <p>④domestic 家居的</p> <p>⑤metallic 金屬的</p> <p>⑥advocate 倡導者</p> <p>⑦recruiting 招募</p>	<p>My parents came home not long after (不久). My mom ordered RS to prepare our dinner and I went into my room to wait for it. Soon RS knocked (敲) on my door, and with his cold, ⑤metallic voice, he said, “You mother would like you to know that dinner is ready.” Great! I was just starting to get hungry.</p> <p>On the dinner table was the standard (標準) meal for a Wednesday. I realized (意識到) we hadn’t changed our weekly menu since we bought RS 2000, so I sent my mom a text.</p> <p>“Hey mom, can we change our menu?” I typed the message, pressed “send” and looked at my mom to wait for her reply. She looked at her holographic(立體投映的) phone screen, and started typing.</p> <p>③“Tell you father to change the setting of RS then. I’m too busy,” she only replied. I knew dad didn’t know how to change the cooking setting, because he was never a very good chef. Therefore, I let it go and didn’t mention it again. I guessed we would continue to have chicken every Wednesday.</p> <p>The next day when I was walking to school, I received no messages from my friends. I was so upset that I had to walk to school without entertainment(娛樂) from my phone. All of a sudden (突然間), a little girl ran out to the road. Her mother was replying to a message on her phone and didn’t notice her daughter had run out. I tried to yell at the people closest to the girl but they were all wearing headphones to listen to their holographic messages. No one could hear me. ④To add insult to injury, a gigantic(龐大的) truck was approaching this part of the road and the girl was just standing in the middle, not paying any attention.</p> <p>⑤Having decided that I needed to do something, I ran straight(垂直) to the girl. I didn’t slow down for a second for fear of not saving the girl in time. I was so grateful for my sports team training, because I made it just in time! I pulled the girl off the road just as the truck rushed by. Her loud scream (尖叫) of terror (恐懼) finally alerted(使...警覺) her mother. She ran to us and hugged the little tightly(緊密的), and cried, “Oh my god! I’m so sorry, honey!” I was shocked(感到驚愕). At eighteen years old, I’ve never heard anyone speak directly(直接的) to another person! People nowadays believed that leaving a message was the best way to communicate as everyone could always keep a record of what had been said.</p> <p>Seeing this mother speak out loud to her daughter had changed my life. From then on I decided to become an ⑥advocate in promoting (推廣) actual human interaction. We shouldn’t need to record a message just to ask someone what was for dinner! When I told my mother about this that night, with my own voice. She was stunned (感到震驚)! Then she started crying. “I didn’t know your actual voice sounds slightly deeper than I thought,” she hugged me and said.</p> <p>This is the story of how my mother and I formed ARC, “The Alliance (聯盟) of Real Conversation”. Our number of members has been growing steadily (穩步的) over the past five years. We are always actively ⑦recruiting new members. If you wish our next generation (一代人) could talk to each other</p>	<p>這段故意用了有漏洞的邏輯去表示未來人對生活常識見解的淺薄，讀者都知道，其實要設定一個機械人的餐單不需要懂煮食</p> <p>故事到達高潮</p> <p>來到這段讀者終於明白故事標題的意思</p> <p>結尾來一個驚喜：原來這故事的對象讀者是未來的人</p>
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face-to-face, instead of relying on (依賴) these pointless (沒有意義的) electronic gadgets, we welcome you to our growing alliance.

(723 words)



Writing Guideline

The structure of short stories is more flexible. 短故事的結構有很大彈性。

Below are the basic story components, using the model essay above as an example, for your reference:

以下為常見的基本故事結構，並以範文作例子：

1. Exposition 起首

Introduced the background of the story ("The year was 2030.") 簡介故事背景

2. Rising action 劇情推進

The family communicated with only their robot and electronic devices. 這家人只以他們的機械人和電子產品溝通

3. Climax 高潮

The writer saved a little girl and heard her mother talk. 作者救了小女孩，並聽到她母親的說話

4. Falling action 劇情回落

The writer goes home to talk to his/her mother. 作者回家跟母親說話

5. Resolution 尾聲

The writer and his/her mother decided to form ARC and they are now recruiting new members. 作者及母親其後組織了 ARC，並正在招募會員

Common Mistakes / Traps / Reminders

這題非常少考生選答，沒有常犯錯誤。

本文的題目是「孤立的世代」，最明顯的作答方式自然是說一個電子產品做成人們之間的溝通隔膜的故事，但考生不防再加入新意，例如上面範文便以這主題寫了一個科幻故事。值得留意，幾屆 DSE 的 Short Stories 平均分一般偏低，考績報告提及的正是創意不足的問題，因此選 Short Stories 的同學一定要有創新思維。

常見改卷標示

Symbols	Meanings
?	meaning unclear 意思不清晰
sp.	spelling error 串字錯誤
T.	wrong tense 時態錯誤
^	missing word/words 漏字
/	start a new sentence 請分句
gr.	grammatical error 文法錯誤
art.	wrong/missing articles (a/an/the) 冠詞(a/an/the)錯誤/遺漏
p.	punctuation error 標點錯誤
pl./sing.	the noun should be plural/singular 該名詞應該是眾數(pl.)/單數(sing.)