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HKDSE English 皇牌課程

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(Paper 2 適用)

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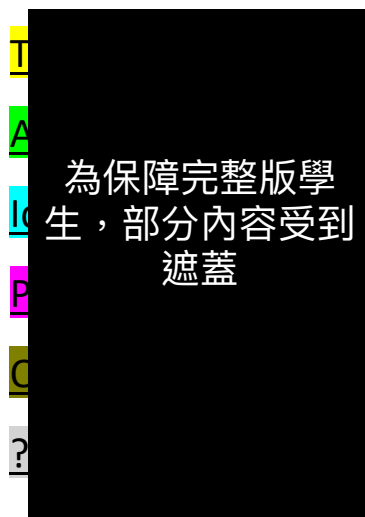
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2. 5** Formulae for Introduction and Conclusion of an Argumentative Essay

2.1 Elements of an Introduction (TAIPO?)



2.2 Introduction Sample

2015 DSE Writing Script [Part A]

Question: A recent article in the Young Post suggested that an 8:00 am start to the school day makes students feel tired and sleepy. Write to the editor of the Young Post expressing your views on the following:

- why students feel tired

- whether or not a 9:00 am start will solve the problem

Have you ever seen students with weary faces on the streets in the morning?

[Question] Given that school starts at 8:00 am [KW], it is an omnipresent phenomenon that students wake up very early in the morning [KW] —

[Punctuation] probably 6:00 am or 6:30 am — which makes them feel

exhausted. As a Secondary Six student of Hong Kong College [Identity], I am writing this letter to [Aim] elaborate on the reasons why students feel fatigued and to justify why a 9:00 am start will not solve the problem.

[Outline]

2015 DSE Writing Script [Part B]

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make this decision, as well as the impacts on local schools and overseas students. [Outline] Read this article [Aim] to find out more about them!

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you are still wondering which club you should join, why not read this article to figure out more about the benefits of joining the Poetry Club?

2.5 Elements of a Conclusion

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2.6 Conclusion Sample

2015 DSE Writing Script [Part A] (Typed Version)

It is deplorable that students feel exhausted when they go to school early in the morning. Given that the root problems leading to this phenomenon are academic pressure and little self restraint [Summary], a 9:00 am start will not solve the problem [Restate stance]. It is hoped that students can establish good time management skills and realize the importance of sleeping – so that we will no longer see weary faces in the morning! [Hope]

2015 DSE Writing Script [Part B] (Typed Version)

Given the desirable English environment and liberal learning style overseas [Summary], parents are more keen on sending their children abroad to

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3. Expanding Ideas and Rebuttal Skills

3.1 How to Expand Your Ideas [RICEE]

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3.2 Eleven Easy Ways to Make Convincing Rebuttals

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● Causal relationship

■ CA: $A \rightarrow B$

■ Rebuttal:

◆ $A - X \rightarrow B$

◆ $C \rightarrow B$ (Not okay) 唔可以只係話有另一個 Factor 導致問題產生，因此 A 就唔係導致 B 嘅原因

■ CA: Engaging in extra-curricular activities will cause students' academic performance to decline.

■ Rebuttal:

The crux of the matter (問題癥結) lies in their time management only. Students who are equipped with excellent time management skills can strike a balance (取得平衡) between extracurricular activities and studying so it is not a definite (必然的) cause of the decline in academic performance.

- CA: Students will focus more on their academic studies with the removal of PE lessons in the curriculum.
- INVALID Rebuttal: Students nowadays are addicted to computer games (C). Therefore, they tend to spend most of their time indulging in the virtual world and will not focus more on their academic studies. (B).
- [Where is A? This is C → B without mentioning A (key) at all, thus the rebuttal is invalid!]
- CA: Students will focus more on their academic studies with the removal of PE lessons in the curriculum.
- Rebuttal:
Students nowadays are more likely to be hooked on playing computer games. Even if they have more spare time due to the

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families cannot afford them.

■ Rebuttal:

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- CA: Some parents claimed that learning through drama could adversely affect students' academic performance for they associate the fun drama orders with distraction.

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● Isolated case

- CA: Teenagers can strike a balance between their studies and part-time jobs and achieve brilliance in both fields. They are not contradictory to each other.
- Rebuttal: Admittedly, some capable students equipped with extraordinary time management skills may perform well

academically even when they need to work on a part-time basis, but they are only a small minority. Teenagers who are still in their developmental stage usually find it insurmountably difficult to strike a balance between the two and will fail in either field in the long term.

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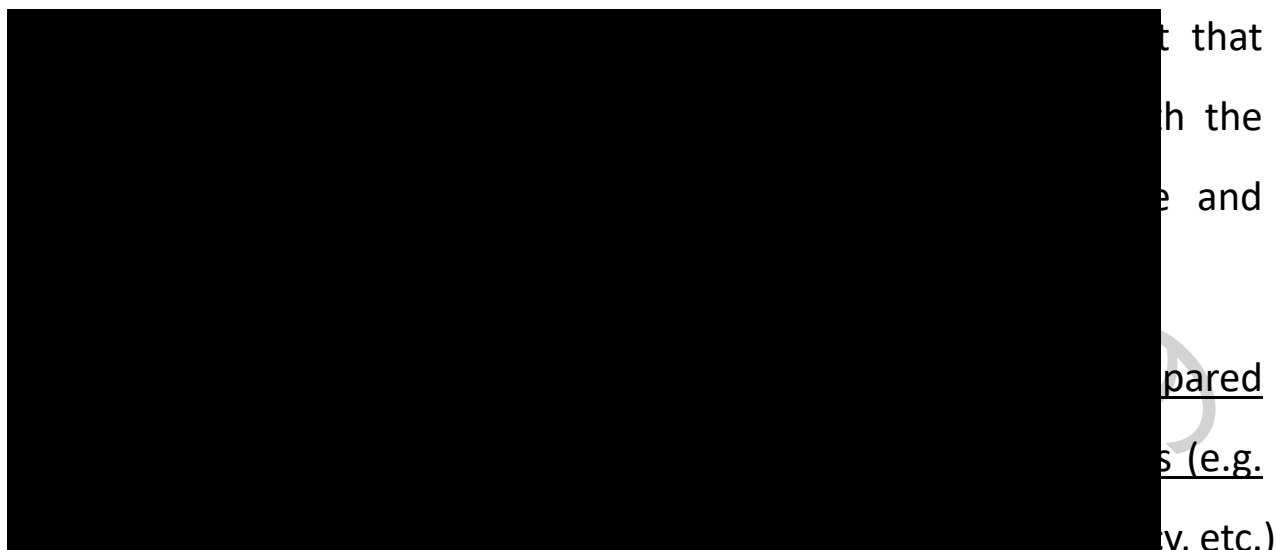
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avoid the even higher costs in the future.



than disadvantages.

- **Availability of alternatives**

- CA: Opponents may claim that hiring more social workers will place a heavy burden on the schools. The school is now facing a lack of funds.

- Rebuttal:

Alternatives are always available. The government will always assist schools with initiatives that are beneficial to students' development.

We can also ask for help from our generous alumni. The financial strain can be alleviated by readily available alternatives.

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- CA: Cheerleading will lead to chaos. Therefore, it should be forbidden from sports day.
- Rebuttal: Yes, as students are mentally immature, cheerleading without guidance may lead to chaos. However, with proper teacher guidance and constant monitoring on the day, it is unlikely that cheerleading will turn into chaos.

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the phenomenon of teenagers being pampered and over-protected nowadays should be attributed to such a way of teaching students.



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- Mutual exclusiveness

- CA: Students should not attend tutorial classes because studying hard can also help you achieve good results. It is unnecessary to attend extra classes on top of the curriculum.
- Rebuttal: Attending tutorial classes and studying hard are not mutually exclusive. Yes, studying hard alone may lead to satisfactory

results, but learning examination skills in tutorial classes may help expedite the process and help students grasps the key concepts more effectively. Striking a balance between the two will help students get the best of the two worlds.

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- CA: Advocates of cancelling PE lessons assert that students will focus

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3.3 Further examples illustrating rebuttal skills

● From 2015 DSE Writing Part A My Own Script

In view of the alarming situation, some people suggest that a 9:00 am start to the school day will solve the problem. However, I do hold some reservations towards this view, given the fact that it **does not tackle the root [Effectiveness]** of the problem. Apparently, students will have one more hour to sleep – **which is idealistic but unrealistic [Feasibility]**. Owing to the **fact that students attach inordinate importance to academic results, rather than to sleep for one more hour due to the late start of school, they will do homework or revision instead. Another possible situation is that students will use the extra time on their favorite video games. At the end of the day, the crux of the matter hinges on [Causal relationship] how students utilize their time, but not how much time they have.** Stating school late will further aggravate the problem, as students will return home later, creating a vicious cycle. **A better alternative [Availability of alternatives] is to reduce the amount of homework and convey the message to students that sufficient rest prevails over revising until midnight.** Given that teenagers have little self-restraint, **time management skills should also be cultivated to ameliorate the habit of procrastination.** In a sense that the crux of the matter does not depend on the amount of time, a 9:00 am start will not tackle the root problem, but will exacerbate the problem instead.

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Dear Editor,

Have you ever seen students with weary faces on the streets in the morning? Given that school starts at 8:00 am, it is an omnipresent phenomenon that students wake up very early in the morning – probably 6:00 am or 6:30 am – which makes them feel exhausted. As a Secondary Six student of Hong Kong College, I am writing this letter to elaborate on the reasons why students feel fatigued (疲倦) and to justify why a 9:00 am start will not solve the problem.

作文點樣可以用多 D 靚生字？可以用以下方法查同義詞：

- 1) Word → 按右鍵已經會有 “Synonyms”
- 2) Thesaurus 網頁

但係！要超級小心，最好每個字都查下，尤其是係注意例句，因為好多時同義詞用法同意思有少少唔同（跟嘅 preposition 可能唔同，或者某個字如果用於其他字句可能會顯得奇怪）。

以下提供比大家嘅字係用 Word Synonym/ Thesaurus 查，但已經篩選過同埋比左例句大家參考。同學如果想增加詞匯量其實以後作文都可以一邊查 Thesaurus 一邊作，最緊要唔確定時要睇多 D 例句，甚至作文比學校老師改就最萬無一失。

Omnipresent: 普遍的/無處不在的

可替代詞語： Popular/ Common/ Widespread/ Prevalent/ Pervasive/
Ubiquitous（無處不在的）

e.g. It is prevalent for students to self-learn using electronic resources. 學生使用電子教材學習是十分普遍的。

e.g. What a pervasive phenomenon that people in Hong Kong are living in small flats! 香港人居住在小房子是十分普遍的現象。

Of all the reasons why students feel tired, none are as significant as the fact

that they are addicted to electronic gadgets. Given the results are not satisfactory, their examination results cannot live up to the expectations of parents and teachers. In a bid to pass exams with flying colors, students attend tutorial centers which use flamboyant marketing campaigns and examination techniques as the selling points. Afterwards, not only do they have to complete the numerous stacks of homework, but they also need to revise till midnight in order to achieve outstanding results. Worse still, addicted to electronic gadgets [Reason], students rather glue their eyes to smartphones and computer screens for relaxation than go to bed, which further exploits their time for deep rest [Impact]. The bad news is: they have to wake up early in the morning! Without a doubt, students feel exhausted due to a lack of sleeping. [Small Conclusion]

Flamboyant: 浮誇的

可替代詞語: Flashy/ Ostentatious/ Showy (炫耀的) / Exaggerating (誇張的)

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hinges on how students utilize their time. Starting school late **will further aggravate the problem** as students will return home later, **creating a vicious cycle (惡性循環)**. A better alternative is to reduce the amount of homework and convey the message to students that sufficient rest prevails over (...比...重要) revising until midnight. **Given that** teenagers have little self-restraint, time management skills should also be cultivated (培養) to ameliorate the habit of procrastination. **In a sense that the crux of the matter does not depend on the amount of time, a 9:00 am start will not tackle the root problem, but will exacerbate the problem instead.**

Ameliorate: 改善/減輕

可替代詞語: Improve/ alleviate/ lessen

* 注意! Alleviate/ Ameliorate 都係及物動詞 —— 咩意思? 即係後面

一定要跟名詞 (or passive voice with a noun before it)

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e.g. CORRECT → The government should help alleviate/ ameliorate the housing problem by increasing the supply of public housing.

INCORRECT → The housing problem can alleviate/ ameliorate if the government increases the supply of public housing.

CORRECT → The housing problem can **be** alleviated/ ameliorated (passive voice) if the government increases the supply of public housing.

e.g. CORRECT → The situation will improve/ the situation will be improved (by someone)

e.g. CORRECT → The problem will lessen.

(注意雖然文法上無錯, 但意思上好奇怪, 因為明明無人行動, 問題點會自己識得解決?)

CORRECT → The problem will be lessened. (問題會(被某人)減輕。)

Exacerbate: 惡化/加劇

可替代詞語: Intensify/ Aggravate → 及物動詞, 後面跟 NOUN