

Task 4 Suggested Answer:

(Note: TS: Thesis Statement; T1: Topic Sentence 1; T2: Topic Sentence 2)

Q1: “Environmental Conservation is more important than city development.” To what extent do you agree or disagree?

TS: In Hong Kong, environmental conservation is more important to the citizens than city development.

T1: City development projects can only be implemented after environmental issues have been properly addressed.

T2: Citizens of Hong Kong are more concerned with the environment nowadays.

Q2: “Working overtime is inevitable in the modern workplace.” To what extent do you agree or disagree?

TS: Working overtime is necessary in the modern workplace.

T1: Employees have long working hours because their companies nowadays operate 24 hours a day.

T2: Unions need more power to fight for employees’ working hours.

Q3: “Obesity is a result of poor parenting skills.” To what extent do you agree or disagree?

TS: One reason children become obese is because of poor parenting skills.

T1: The poor eating habit of parents can negatively affect the diet of a child in a negative way.

T2: Parents do not have the education to control the poor eating habits of children.

Q4: “Same-sex marriage is immoral.” To what extent do you agree or disagree?

TS: In a conservative society like Hong Kong, same-sex marriage would have a significant moral impact on society.

T1: Same-sex parents, as a result of same-sex marriage, would not be accepted in HK society.

T2: Same-sex married couples would have a significant impact on traditional Chinese

Q5: “The Internet is killing communication.” To what extent do you agree or disagree?

TS: The Internet is not killing communication, people are.

T1: People can control how they make use of the internet for communication purposes.

T2: The Internet is indeed a platform for better communication.

Q6: “Social Networking platforms are more effective communication channels than face-to-face communication” To what extent do you agree or disagree?

TS: Social networking platforms cannot replace face-to-face communication.

T1: Social networking platforms can only ever be a virtual platform.

T2: Emotion can only be conveyed through face-to-face communication, not emoticons.

Q7: “Establishing a comprehensive social security system is what a responsible government should do.”

TS: A responsible government should only help the poor by giving them opportunities instead of establishing a comprehensive social security system.

T1: A responsible government should help the poor but not subsidize the poor.

T2: A social security system may help the poor but not society as a whole.

Q8: “A university degree guarantees a fruitful life in Hong Kong.” To what extent do you agree or disagree?

TS: In Hong Kong, a university degree only provides opportunities for young people, not a guaranteed fruitful life.

T1: People improve their chances of obtaining a good job by obtaining a degree.

T2: A fruitful life has to be fought for after graduation.