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## Introduction

This year is the second year that examinations have been reinstated after the disruption of Covid. It is pleasing to see that candidates generally have responded well to the questions in this year's writing paper.

## Paper Overview

Question 1, candidates chose equally between option 1a and 1b, responding well to both questions. However, for Question 1a, some candidates had misunderstood bullet point 2 "where you often go shopping", instead, writing about "how often you go shopping." For Question 1b, some candidates misunderstood bullet point 1 "when you usually eat out", instead, writing about "how often you eat out". For Question 1b, some candidates also misunderstood "eating out" (出去吃饭) to "having take-aways" (叫/买外卖).

Question 2, an equal number of candidates chose either Question 2a (Supporting young people) or 2b (Technology). Candidates performed well in both these question tasks. For Question 2a, candidates were asked about their past experiences of taking exams and the pressures faced at school. They gave good answers listing friendship issues, expectations from school and teachers, the amount of homework, and the time spent doing extra-curricular activities, etc. Some candidates misread bullet point 2, which is about pressures faced at school, and instead, wrote about expectations from parents. For Question 2b, candidates responded well by discussing using mobile phones and/or laptop computers. Some candidates misunderstood bullet point 4 "how you will use social media in the future", instead, writing about using mobile phones or the internet.

Question 3, Translation question, though candidates have responded well to this question, a few characters in the translation passage proved to be challenging for some candidates: famous (有名的), several (一些), polite (有礼貌) and friendly (友好). Some candidates mixed up next summer (明年夏天) and next summer holiday (明年暑假).

Despite the reminders from previous years' Examiner reports, a number of candidates still choose to answer both a and b options in Question 1 and Question 2. This should be discouraged, as candidates only need to choose one option to answer. Answering both options will not gain candidates any additional marks.

Centres are reminded to inform their candidates not to use spoken Cantonese in their writings, as they should use written language when answering the questions.

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