

滙心集(七)

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《滙心集》可說是「滙基人」的創作天地。由《滙心集》(一)至今期《滙心集》(七)經歷了八個年頭(由於前年是三十周年校慶,我們出版了三十周年特刊,《滙心集》暫停了一期)。

每一期的《滙心集》都收集了老師和同學的作品,有的是新詩創作,有的是散文描寫,有的是生活小品,不論是什麼體裁,什麼內容,這些作品都是滙基師生深情與至誠的表達。同學的文筆和技巧,雖不能與大師級作家相比,但細閱每一篇,你定能了解他們的內心世界,亦能感受年青人在成長中面對生離死別、環境轉變、理想尋覓、真理探索等心路歷程。我盼望這本《滙心集》(七)不單能成為你書櫃中的一份子,更能為你的心靈帶來一絲暖意。滙基的同學,更應好好細閱每一篇文章,盼望下一期的《滙心集》能見到大家的作品。

# I 得獎作品

第三十一屆全港青年演講比賽普通話公開組講題,是次演 講榮獲冠軍。

評判、在座各位,大家好。

在「物競天擇,適者生存」的地球上,各種生物都要千 方百計的為生存而奮鬥。動物如果要在汰弱留強的競爭中 繼續繁衍,只能按照牠們的本能化解危難:羚羊只會一溜 煙的逃跑、烏龜只會瑟縮在龜殼裏、刺蝟也只能把身上的 硬刺伸出,擺出防衛的姿態。唯獨人類,能夠認識自我, 在生活中不斷尋求突破,可以主宰全世界。

俗話說:「成功非偶然」,一個人若要成功,固然要付出努力。可是大家別忘了另外一句話:「萬事俱備,只欠東風」。有時候,我們空有一身本領,卻苦無機會,有勁使不出,那就太可惜了。

機會,是一件很奇妙的事情,有時候它會不斷在你眼前出現,但是有些人卻視而不見;有時候雖然稍瞬即逝,不過一旦給人把握得到,成功,就離他不遠了。《聖經》中有這麼一個比喻:一位主人要到外地去,把錢分配給家中三

個僕人去管理,其中兩個,把錢拿去做生意,結果都賺了一倍。最後一個,因為怕主人的責罵,於是把錢埋在地上。你們看!機會就這樣白白的給浪費掉了。

人生確實有很多不完美的地方,但是,如何能在不完美中揚長避短,就是自己的責任了。一個人如果看到自己的缺點,只是消極等待,怨天尤人,這是無濟於事的。唯有把握機會,作出改變,才能活出不一樣的人生。君不見殘疾運動會上的運動員,在乒乓球、劍擊等方面,他們的技術,跟一般的運動員可以說是毫不遜色;在田徑比賽上,他們做出的時間和成績,比起我們這些普通人來說,更是有過之而無不及。所以,只要有適當的訓練機會,即使在身體上有缺陷,一樣可以取得理想的成績。缺點,只有對於懦弱的人來說,才是一道難關;堅強的人,很快就會把它克服了。

世界上沒有兩片完全相同的樹葉,同樣,世界上沒有兩個完全相同的人。人是獨立的個體,不同的人,都有不同的個性;而一個人的個性,對於他的人生來說,又有非常深刻的影響。有些人,天生外向,喜歡交朋結友,他們可以在商場上長袖善舞;有些人剛好相反,內向的性格,使他們不怕單調沉悶,可以在圖書館的工作上獲得滿足。

能夠順著自己的天性,努力前往自己想去的方向,是人生最幸福的事。如果你是一枝筆,便請你去寫出美麗動人的詩篇;是一根蠟燭,便要努力地燃燒自己,照亮他人。人,天生都有各自獨特的天性,只要能夠把握機會,努力做好自己,就是最盡興的人生。

最後,讓我跟大家講一個故事:美國的音樂家蓋希文, 成就卓越,名聞遐邇。可是他還想跟法國音樂家威爾第學 作曲。於是他遠渡重洋,來到巴黎,沒想到威爾第竟不領 情,一口就謝絕了蓋希文的請求。蓋希文感到非常失望,但這個時候,威爾第卻說出了一句耐人尋味的話:「你已經是第一流的蓋希文了,何苦要成為第二流的威爾第呢?」我們要學別人,不管學得多像,也只能成為別人的第二。走別人走過的路,就會迷失自己的腳步。堅持自己的個性,把它發揮得淋漓盡致,你就可以成為一流的自己了。每個人都有自身獨特的價值,東施效顰、邯鄲學步,只會是適得其反。今天在座各位參賽者,他們對《把握機會一演繹自我》這個題目,都有不同的看法。我衷心希望每一位演講者,都能把這個題目盡情地演繹出來。謝謝。

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#### 評判、各位來賓:

你們好!今天我想跟大家講一個故事。從前有一個商人,他開了一間賣西服的商店,每一套西服賣九百塊,可是生意一直不好,商人每天都很不開心,擔憂商店快要倒閉!一個月之後,在他對面的那間西服店,因為生意不好倒了,不過一個星期以後,卻有人開設另一間西服店。這回慘了,他賣的西服竟然是六百塊一套,吸引好多的顧客。連平時光顧商人的顧客也給吸引去。當然這個商人的店的生意越來越差,有時候一個月也賣不到一套西服,但他堅決不降價,每套西服依然賣九百塊。可是好奇怪!這一家商店卻沒有倒閉,而商人卻天天快樂。各位朋友,你們知道為什麼嗎?對!答案很簡單,對面的一間商店,也是這個商人開的。

有時候,我們遇到挫折、困難,就會覺得自己倒霉,說總是遇不到好機會,然後就放棄,就像那個決定把西服店

結束經營的老闆。相反,有時候只要我們不放棄,機會還是要出現的,就像那個商人,他決定等待對面商店倒閉後,買下對面的商店,多開一間西服店,然後把西服賣六百塊一套,結果就賺大錢了!這個故事告訴我們,機會是可以自己創造的。希臘哲學家蘇格拉底說:「最有希望的成功者,並不是才幹出眾的人,而是那些最善利用每一個機會去發掘開拓的人。」許多時候,我們不能成功,不是因為我們不夠幸運,而是我們自認倒霉的性格,把許許多多的機會都趕跑了!

相信大家也認識著名作家杏林子,她十二歲就患上類風濕關節炎,如果要說倒霉,她就真的倒霉,她身上百份之八十的關節已經損壞了,上天沒有給她讀書的機會,她只能在病床上過日子,但是她沒有放棄生命,也沒有怨天尤人,她寫了許多優秀的作品,鼓勵了許多活在失望裏的人,但大家不要忘記,杏林子連小學也沒有畢業。她在一九八零年當選為十大傑出女青年,一九八三年獲得國家文藝基金會散文獎。雖然杏林子沒有機會當上一個運動員、但是她卻因為自己的病,有機會當上一個能以生命影響生命的作家。怪不得美國總統威爾遜說:「命運中沒有偶然,一個人在遇到命運前,完全是由自己創造出來的。」

各位朋友,我們可能會覺得上天真的好不公平,有一些人比較幸運,有一些人比較倒霉,但是以上所說的故事告訴我們只要我們不自認倒霉,機會還是可以碰上的。《易經》云:「天行健,君子以自強而不息。」當機會來到之前,我們必先擁有承載機會的能力。怎麼才能擁有承載機會的能力呢?就是要充實自己、自強不息。既然上天給每個人都有不同的天賦,我們就應該先了解自己的優點和缺點,然後好好發揮自己的才幹,改善自己的弱點,確定自己的

價值,接受自己,不要跟別人比較,因為每個人都是獨立的個體。就像梁啟超說:「因自己的才能、境地,做一種勞作做到圓滿,便是天地間第一等人。」

各位朋友,如果我們要喝水,我們也得先拿一個杯子; 人家送您禮物,我們也得把手伸出來,既然機會是常有的, 我們就得先充實自己,讓自己有承載機會的能力,當機會 來到的時候,就好好把握,演繹一個屬於自己的故事。希 望我的分享,可以和你們互勉,謝謝。

# 本文獲公開組季軍

# 親愛的婆婆:

十月金秋,涼意襲來,對於我這個怕熱的人來說,實在 是一種享受。可是近來由於工作的關係,已有一個多月未 能登門拜候,懇請見諒。

記得你曾對我說過,在你年輕的時候,為幫補家計,在工廠加時工作,在所不惜。幼時的我不識趣的問:「你怎麼就只顧工作,不理家庭?」幸而,你並不介意我這樣唐突的質問。今天,在社會工作已有五年的我,才明白你的難處。現在的我,不就是你當年的翻版麼?在艱難的境況下,你不但沒有丟下家庭不理,反而處處為家庭著想。每一分、每一秒的工作,為的就是賺取每一分、每一毫。這份深厚的愛,豈是天真的小孩所能理解呢?媽媽曾說過她有一個快樂的童年,細想之下,如果不是你的付出,媽媽又怎會如斯嚮往呢?

在過去艱苦的歲月裏,你為我們一家勞心勞力。如今,

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兒孫都已成家立室,開枝散葉,這一切都是你當年辛勤的成果。然而,你並不甘於平凡地「安享」晚年,仍不辭勞苦地奔走世程,到長者中心當義工。雖然不再年輕,但同樣有著年輕人的活力,為其他長者注入生命的能源,讓他們在你身上,感染一份喜悅。別人形容長者,是「風燭殘年」,而在你的身上,燭光是照亮世人,燃點希望的工具。俗語說「家有一老,如有一寶」,你這一個活寶貝所發出的光輝,豈止惠及我們一家?還有許多其他長者,他們的生命因著你的緣故,變得更加精彩動人。

我此刻心中不禁在想:自己到了你這樣的年紀,我能作什麼呢?我是否能像你一樣,有著一個豐盛的人生呢?我還年青,這些事或許太遙遠,超越了我的想像。幸好,有你這一個模範,使我深信,只要能夠跟隨你的腳蹤,效法你的行事,人生一定可以很精彩!我會以你為榜樣的。

走筆至此,窗外忽然刮起陣陣陰風,是冬天來臨的徵兆。 天氣將會轉冷,敬請保重,小心身體。下月初我有三天的 假期,到時和筱玲來探望你。

祝

身體健康,身心康泰

外孫 兆強 敬上 二零零五年十月三十日

本文獲高中組冠軍

# 親愛的爺爺:

生我者父母親,知我者莫過於爺爺您,數一數日子,我們已共渡過二十個年頭。從我呱呱落地,牙牙學語,再喊著要爺爺抱,要爺爺帶我逛鬧市的成長歲月中,你一直是我的守護神,當我摔倒,你總是第一個扶起我、安慰我;當我傷心地掉眼淚,你總會耐心地與我傾訴,開解我。

如今,我已亭亭玉立,不再爬上你的腿數你滿額的皺紋,不再下棋時出術騙你,不再容易摔倒,摔倒不再容易哭,因你教會我堅強,那麼爺爺您還把我視做小娃娃嗎?是的,在您心目中,我永遠只會是小娃娃,因我在成長,你亦在成長,不同的是我收集的記憶愈來愈多,而你的卻拚命在扔,你知道這樣很讓我傷心很讓人難過嗎?可我不能怪你,只能將我倆的回憶牢牢刻在心坎中,一遍遍說給你聽,需要的時間比較長,也許永遠都說不完,你可要耐心的聽哦!記得你喝了六十年的酒,抽了半世紀的煙,在一九九七

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年七月一日戒掉了,你戒煙的理由是這一天是個好日子, 大家都該過好日子。自此家中便多購買香口膠和橙汁。記 得每天放學回家,你最緊張的就是我肚子有沒有餓,不是 忙遞水果給我,便是忙著介紹要吃的好菜餚,自此我養成 了「即家便吃」的習慣。記得每次我挑燈夜讀的時候,你 口裡叫我睡覺,然後便為我泡一杯蜜糖水。仍記得冬天的 杯子會冒煙,炎夏的杯子會冒汗,不知道是喜歡還是習慣, 爺爺泡的總有著爺爺的影子,有著爺爺的氣味,自此蜜糖 水成為我愛喝的咖啡。

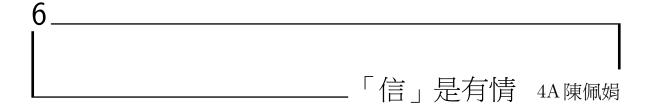
猶記得你打趣自己的皺紋能把蒼蠅給夾死,猶記得每次 與你對弈,我總愛欺負你那雙撐著千疊眼皮的眼睛。至今, 看著你每一條皺紋皆能讀出一篇篇生活的論文,我相信與 你相處,我將會讀出更多。我亦明白雙眼支撐著的不是眼 皮,而是無形的責任,重重的負擔,爺爺您感疲倦嗎?

現在,我想喝咖啡!

祝

身體健康

孫女 小珊敬上 零五年·秋



本文獲高中組亞軍

# 親愛的婆婆:

你好!首先,請你不要為我的來信而感到驚訝,因為雖 然我們朝夕相對的住在一起,但是,我心中有很多說話是 難於啟齒的,故特此寫信來向你細訴心底話和表達敬意。

由於爸媽都要上班的關係,照顧我的責任便落在你的身上了。記得小時候,我患了腸胃炎,要留院觀察,每天你都是風雨不改的到醫院給我送飯,所以你經常都要忙到晚上十一、二點才回家,有時太晚了,你就甚至不回家,一直在醫院陪伴著我。不久後,我病愈出院了,你還是無微不至地關心我,看見你對我的關心,我心裏特別感動呢!婆婆,你對我真好,我真的要從心裏感謝你啊!

在我讀初中時,我時常都很懶惰,不愛讀書,婆婆你便 苦口婆心地對我說:「你爸媽工作很辛苦,你要好好讀書, 不要辜負他們!而且,『知識就是命運』呢!」你當時的教 誨,我一直牢記心中,到現在,那番話已經成了我學習上 6. 「信」是有情 4A 陳佩娟 20

的座右銘,鞭策著我前進,婆婆,謝謝你的一席話啊!

由於我已升讀高中,所以功課特別多,要做到很晚才可睡覺,每天晚上,窗外的風輕輕的吹拂著金黃的樹葉,發出「嘶嘶」的聲音,雖然我感到一絲絲的涼意,但是,為了盡快完成功課,我根本就不會去添衣,而你總會為我披上外套,婆婆,你知道嗎?你的外套除了替我保暖外,它還把你的愛也給我披上了。

你的愛總是無處不在的,你一直陪伴著我渡過難關,在 我傷心時安慰我,在我驕傲時教我學會謙虛,在我迷惘時 為我作出指引,婆婆,我一定會努力讀書來報答你的!

你是我在世上最親、最愛、最重要、最尊敬的人。不知不覺間,你的愛已經深深地刻在我的心中,我永遠也不會忘記你的愛!婆婆,我愛你!我真的很感謝你一直以來對我的寵愛!謝謝你!

祝

身體健康,生活愉快

外孫女 佩娟敬上 二零零五年十月十六日

本文獲高中組季軍

公公:

你近來好嗎?

我們很久沒見了。雖然從我家步行至你家只需七分鐘的路程,但是,我們都不常見面,一年才見三、四次。這都是我不好,每逢有家庭聚會的時候,總忙著去玩,永遠把與你見面的機會推至最後……

雖然如此,請你千萬不要以為我就是不愛你、不尊重你。 其實,打從我小時候開始,已經十分喜歡親近你。

我永遠都會記得,我還在唸小學的時候,媽媽經常出入 醫院,爸爸又工作至夜深,你因為擔心只有我在家中會發 生危險,所以你每天也會跑來照顧我。當你洗澡後,總會 因為太累的關係,在沙發上睡著。那時候的我十分頑皮, 常騷擾你,令你睡不安寧。可是你從來都沒有責怪我。只 會默默的爬起來跟我玩耍,真對不起,當時愚笨的我沒有 領略到你對我的愛。 7. 「信」是有情 6C 司徒曉桐 22

你知道嗎?那時候,我十分喜歡聽你訴說故事。就像伴你走過日本侵華、結識婆婆以及你做鞋匠時的日子。當你要為你的故事做個總結的時候,每每也會教導我一些做人的道理及生活的小智慧。我對你的敬意,不是在於你對親人不問收穫、無私的付出,還建基於在你退休後亦不忘為社會服務。你退休後並沒有頓時失去人生目標,你認為在你身體還能自由活動時,便應為社會出一分力。所以便到社區中心去,當他們的義工,我最欣賞你這種精神。

你一定十分奇怪我為甚麼會知道這些事情,雖然這些年來,我們疏遠了,但是媽媽仍會常將你的近況告訴我,我也在猜想,你一定很想知道為何我會突然抗拒你吧!說起來真是不好意思,那時表弟妹剛升上了小學,你又忙於照顧他們,開始把原先對我的注意力放在他們身上,我感到被你忽視了!於是便索性不再找你,那時候的我太孩子氣了。不過,現在回想起來,你結婚以後便照顧兒女,兒女結婚後你又要照顧他們的兒女,但你從未埋怨半句,你對我們的付出實在太多了!

現在的我,已從淘氣的孩子長成高中生了,明白到親情的可貴,在以後的日子,我會更加珍惜與你共處的日子! 爺爺,請原諒我的幼稚!

> 孫女 曉彤上 2005年10月27日

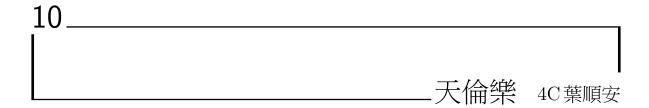
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- 陰風摧地動,
- 濁浪蓋天來。
- 岸上驚濤湧,
- 鄉間遍野哀。
- 傷心呼遠海,
- 仰首嘆高臺。
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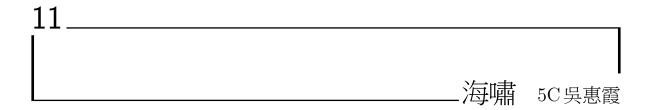
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- 祖國回歸血脈連,
- 自由來訪譜新篇。
- 從前境外森嚴地,
- 今日關通不夜天。
- 商賈歡顏迎客旅,
- 風光明媚倚山巔。
- 亞洲都會名聲顯,
- 經濟繁榮手互牽。



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風雨同簷下 富貧永念親 心牽家溢暖 樂享共天倫



本詩榮獲第三十一屆全港青年中文詩創作比賽新詩公開組季軍

沉睡的海醒了伸個懶腰 便已 捲走無數的生命 帶來無盡的傷痛 天堂 與 地獄 渾然一體……

風蕭蕭地吹 是舖天蓋地的哀叫 浪呼呼作響 是直上雲霄的嚎哭 熾熱的悲傷溶入大自然之中 燃燒四周的空氣 吸進一口 腐蝕人骨髓的毒氣 心被掏空了

一個由眼淚和悲傷組成的天幕 籠罩灰暗的大地 抽取裏面的氧氣 吸噬人們的生命 天空是黑色的 臉頰是土色的 明日是暗淡的

從驚恐中逃出來的人 摸著冰冷的身軀 在大海中漂蕩的人 抓緊浮木 無家可歸者 在生死之間徘徊 抱抱 讓世界來給你擁抱 一個溫暖的擁抱 援手 紛至沓來 一場無情的災難 化為一幕送暖的行動 愛是不分疆界 膚色 種族 生命的無常 教人更會珍惜無私的奉獻

醒過的海又睡了 聽著你的呼吸 平靜而有節奏 我撐一艘小船 回到海的懷抱 重拾她 那一份 剛失去的溫柔

本詩入選香港教育城創作天地詩詞組 2005年6-9月得獎作品

煙霧裡 不時有噴起的火花 盡力地 哼 喊 號 叫 音量要無限大

拍掌聲才更與拍子和協 匯聚成一條急流 將結他線沖刷得更凌亂

音符在笑 在雷聲下 高呼 用手搖動喉核 數秒震音

雨勢更大 洪水浸死了自己 但屍體尚存一點憂鬱

這叫搖滾樂 最痛快的宣洩 人們聽了會很興奮 但我是歌者

# 中一級作文比賽冠軍

每個人總會有他生命中最重要的人。對我而言,我最著 緊的就是我的母親。

她的樣子也許並不出眾,只能算得上是平凡:她有一頭染成紅色的短曲髮、個子不高,看起來像個大冬瓜,又矮又胖。然而她的個性隨和,很容易和別人相處。遇到突發事情,總能處變不驚,臨危不亂,想出最合適的方法來處理解決,所以很多人都很喜歡她。但是,在八歲以前,我卻很討厭她,因為我覺得她不關心我,只顧自己的事業,在她眼中,我比什麼都渺小。可是,經過一件事後,我對她完全改觀了。

八歲那年的暑假,父親帶我和姊姊回母親的老家鄉沙角渡假。沙角是個鳥不下蛋的地方,但同時亦是我父母相識的福地。七月時,我和姊姊每天都盡情地玩,日子過得逍遙自在,可是快活的時日總不長,到八月中,我染上了一場大病,染上了很嚴重的流行性感冒,每天得躺在床上休息,還在不停發高燒。在患病期間,媽媽一直放下手上的

工作來照顧我。我每天看見她盡心竭力的照顧我,使我感到很溫暖,討厭她的感覺都消失了。

回港的日子快來臨,但我還是發著高燒,我的心情一天 比一天緊張。回港的前夕,母親把一支支冰用毛巾包起來, 放在我的額上,令我感到很舒適。長夜很快就過去了,我 的體溫也因為冰條的效用而回復正常,但當我看見母親疲 倦的樣子,我的心情也從高興變為不安和抱歉。母親看到 我的表情,微笑對我說:「傻丫頭,放心吧,為了你,我犧 牲一點又有何關係呢?只要你記住,你,永遠是我最疼愛 的女兒!」聽到這番話,我的心頭一酸,便哭起來,同時, 也哭掉對她的誤解和討厭。

自此以後,母親便成了我生命中的天使,因為沒有她, 我也沒有今天的樂觀和自信。我找到了生命中的天使,你 呢?

# 中二級作文比賽冠軍

在我的夢裏,常常出現一個和藹可親的笑臉,那就是我的母親——我生命中的天使。從我呱呱落地的那一刻,母親便全心全意地照顧我。為了我的成長,她不惜付出自己的一切。每天,她艱辛勞苦地工作,也只是為了我的將來。但她總是毫無怨言,有空也只是想著晚餐該吃什麼,明天轉涼了叫我多穿件衣服……直到這一刻,我長大了,她還是辛勤地工作,不辭勞苦地為我的前途鋪路。母親是我生命中的天使,沒有她就沒有我的出現,更沒有我的成長。

我每一次的失敗,都是在母親的關懷下渡過的,不明白當初就只會用淚水面對挫折,是母親教會我不要逃避現實,要勇敢面對挫折失敗。小時候不明白這是什麼意思,總是哭著在母親的懷裏撒嬌,聽著她溫柔地說:「乖,不要哭……」我就漸漸地沉睡過去,等到醒來了,只是看見她那忙碌的身影為我準備著早餐。如今長大了,再也沒有那溫柔的呵護,但是一句句激勵內心的支持,終於,在母親的鼓勵下,我學會了失敗後重整旗鼓。是她教會我「失敗並

不重要,重要的是懂得在失敗後站起來」。就這樣,我沒有再在失敗後哭過。在母親的鼓勵下,我一次又一次的站起來,再向成功邁步。母親是我生命中的天使,沒有她守護著我,也許我就不能成長得這樣快。沒有她,也許我還是個稚氣未脫的小女孩,更不會去談論什麼人生道理。

小時候,我還是個驕傲的小女孩,不懂什麼叫遷就,更不懂如何去禮讓。有一次我和弟弟爭玩具,我輸了,就憤氣地拍床,最後把母親那最愛的花瓶也打破了。事後,我很後悔,也害怕母親回來會罵我,甚至打我。當她回家看見這一地的碎片,但沒有說什麼,只是靜靜地清理殘局。之後的那幾天,我都在擔驚受怕,日後母親卻連半個字也沒有提到那個花瓶。隨著日子的流逝,我也漸漸忘了這件事。但是在某一個寧靜的下午,母親竟然提起那個花瓶,我的心頓時忐忑不安,最後她對我說了很多話,其中,有幾句話深深打動著我的心,至今我也不能忘記。她說:「一個花瓶,算不得什麼,但如果你懂得不計較,你就不會怪責是誰打破的了。嘗試著凡事放開點,別太執著,你的生命也會美麗些。」我終於明白了,是母親的寬容,帶來了我深深的悔悟!母親,我生命中的天使,用她寬容的心,喚醒了我。

終於,我發現自己長大了、成熟了,在母親的關懷和教育下,我活出了一個新的自己。她是我生命中的天使,帶著幸福降臨到我的身邊,指引我,喚醒我,讓我找到了一條堅定而正確的路,活出一個美麗而精彩的生命!

縱使某天我生命中的天使不會再在我身邊了,我還是會 將她留在我的心中,謹記著她的話,繼續堅強獨立地走下 去。

# 中三級作文比賽冠軍

天使總給人一種安全的感覺。無論是你感到失意痛苦, 或快樂幸福,他總會在你身旁,張開雙翼,默默守護你, 陪你度過任何困難。而我生命中的天使,伴我度過了十四 年的苦與樂,仍抓緊我的雙手,對我不離不棄。她是我的 媽媽,是我生命中的守護天使。

自出娘胎,我在哭,她在笑,她還伴我度過很多快樂的時刻。小學第一次派發成績表,在課室門外站了很久,心裡忐忑不安,突然,一個緊緊的擁抱靠到面前,是媽媽,她從內到外都看得出非常高興。「很棒呀!第七名呀!」只是第七名,但是看起來很像我考第一名似的,她甚至比我還要高興。小五時,第一次學小提琴,回家急不及待地演奏給家人聽,初學者,拉得五音不全、連那是甚麼歌也聽不出來,但是媽媽臉上卻帶著一抹微笑,是一抹滿足的微笑,那臉容我到現在也能清晰記起。

人生百事總不能盡如人意,在我失意時,她是多麼關心 我,用那溫柔的表情行動來鼓勵我。有一次小學做報告, 跟一名結識多年的朋友鬧翻了,心情挺複雜,很憤怒也很後悔,越想越不開心。回到家中,依然悶悶不樂,媽媽又以那熟悉的擁抱抱著我,用那溫柔的聲線鼓勵我,還教我如何跟朋友和好如初。結果,第二天,在媽媽的鼓勵下,我跟她和好了。

又記得有一次,我哮喘病發進入醫院,碰巧是弟弟的生辰,那晚,我非常不開心,盛大的生日會,豐富的食物,刺激的遊戲,我通通全錯過了,我脾氣發了很久,媽媽一直坐在我床邊,手捧著那預留給我沒忌廉的蛋糕,輕輕地對我說:「你沒有去生日會,媽媽陪你,你不能玩,媽媽也陪你,沒有那色彩繽紛的蛋糕,媽媽也陪你,不用傷心。」語畢,不知道為什麼傷心減輕了,那晚,兩母女就在病房裡吃那沒忌廉的蛋糕。

我的媽媽也許沒有天使的純潔,天使的高貴,但是她總以那天使的愛心去默默愛我,以天使的耐心在我身旁鼓勵我,以天使的包容去包容我的不足,這一切一切,盡流露在我們的生活當中,不論大與小,她就像天使般張開翼,默默守護我。在我開心時,她能更比我開心百倍;在我失意時,她也能支持我、鼓勵我,帶我走出困局。她就是我媽媽,是我的守護天使。

### 中四級作文比賽冠軍

橋,在我生命中並不陌生。

三十多年後,我再一次回到自己的故鄉,那條回家的路依然沒改變,穿過金黃色的大稻田後,就是那條熟悉的小橋。回想起那時放學之後,父親總是拿著幾個饅頭站在橋頭上等我。如今留在小橋上的就只有回憶。

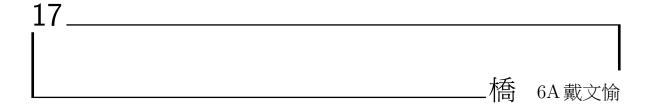
我站在小橋上,才發現橋上早已長滿了亂草野花。身旁的兩個小鬼正好奇地玩弄著從石隙中生出來的小花。在橋上環顧四周,到處都是草木林立,不時傳出青蛙和蟋蟀的叫聲,活像一首偉大的樂章。橋下面是一條河,河水悄悄地緩行,好像是怕驚動了樹林中的猛獸。

黃昏的陽光直打在的的臉上,我彷彿回到童年的時代, 在我出生的時候,母親就離開了我。自那以後,父親面對 的不單是日常繁重的工作,還要兼顧這位剛出生的小孩的 起居飲食。經過日夜的摧殘,令他蒼老了不少,頭上的銀 絲也因此與日俱增。當時少不更事的我總是覺得甚麼都不 好,現在身邊這兩個小鬼總算給我明白了做人家的父母一 點也不容易。

小鬼們終於累了,我抱起他們坐在橋的欄杆上,遠遠地 欣賞著美麗的夕陽。這個情景非常熟悉,我小時候一不開 心就愛走到這裡看夕陽,當然為的不是夕陽的美,而是父 親每次都會拿著糖果來這裡哄我。累了,就偎在他那既寬 大又溫暖的肩膊上睡,直到現在,我還清清楚楚地記得那 不是單是一種肉體上的享受,還是心靈上的滿足。

凝望著熟睡中的兒女是多麼珍貴,它的價值比寶石還要高。很難想像到父親硬著心腸把我送到外國去的那傷痛,小橋正是我們分別的地方。當時我有千萬個不願意,但父親的絕情,最後我還是帶著恨走了。現在我深深明白到他不比我好受,甚至比我痛千萬倍。我真的後悔了,可是我再也補償不到。

滴!滴!雨下得很大,我再次抱起兩個小鬼奔回家去。這時我發現河裡的小魚都躲在橋下避雨。橋就是這樣,為了這些小生命無私地奉獻自己的一生,縱然風雨有多大,橋都是無冤無悔,當我想報答他的時候,他已經走了。樹欲靜而風不息,子欲養兒親不在,這時,我再也分不清臉上的是雨水還是淚水來呢。



### 中六級作文比賽冠軍

橋,是將兩岸連結的設施,無論兩岸相隔多遠,橋都能 使人安全到達彼岸。即使是一條馬路之隔,還是一個大海 之遠,橋總是連著安全的陸地,不會動搖。

橋將兩岸相連,這其實是人生的縮影。

當我來到這個世界,我一點也不認識,不能辨別方向,不知道何去何從,像是處身於一個孤島上,孤立無援。我 望見周圍有很多小島,可惜就是找不到辦法過去對岸,直 至我見到一道橋,就是我的父母。

這橋指引我該往哪裏去,帶我認識我從未接觸過的對岸。 起初我不太願意走到對岸,因為我害怕面對陌生的環境, 又怕過橋之時會失足墮下,但父母親告訴我這橋會將我安 全送到彼岸,因此我膽顫心驚地踏上我的旅途。

當我安全抵達另一個島,我便懷著興奮、好奇的心情去 探索那個新世界,了解過後,又希望可以過去別的海岸, 有是父母帶我過去的。如此的情節重覆又重覆,我過橋時 不再懼怕,而且對世界的好奇心一點也不減。 我在多個島上不斷探險,父母親一直沿途護送。我開始 學懂思考,想著來往其他小島的方法,用盡智慧發掘,絞 盡腦汁,就是希望擺脫橋的限制。兩岸很相近時便用自己 的能力跳過去,較遠時便用木伐,我亦聽不到他們的呼喚, 不要他們的指示。

直至一次,我終於在一個島上迷了路。我無助地呼叫,總得不著別人的回應,我走到一處高地,只見島上都是茂密的樹林,找不到出路,失望地環顧四周,見到遠遠的群島,更顯得我的渺小。環看,驚覺發現自己已經走過無數小島,發覺從前我橫衝直撞,原來非常危險,因為島與島之間的大海,像個無底深潭、萬丈深淵、有像澒洶湧的熔岩,隨時把我吞噬。此時,我才想到起初我在橋上走過的情景,那是多麼的安全、多麼的穩固!

我沒有依著父母的指引,將橋所帶來給我的興奮,我的 安全拋諸腦後,我後悔了。

正當我極度失意之時,我突然看到一道橋,這橋連著一個美麗的世界,我的希望重燃了。我急步朝著那道橋走,驚覺原來在我最無助的時候,父母親仍對我不離不棄,他們無懼大海的吞噬,只願救我脫離無助之地,將我安全地帶到另一邊漂亮的世界。

父母親對我的愛是多麼珍貴、多麼重要啊!我緩步走過 這道橋,一道全世界最堅固、最美麗、最宏偉的橋。

我走在父母親的這道橋上,彷彿走在一道彩虹上,是多麼的珍貴、多麼的壯麗。這是我獨有的機會,我是多麼的 感恩啊!

# II 詩意情深

信, 你竟然一走了之。 自從你走了後, 我們一家就經常吵架, 因為我們都不信任對方。

信,你究竟到了哪裡去? 我們都希望你回家呀! 只有你, 我們才能停止吵架, 求求你 快點回來吧!

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		——百感交雜	4D胡金慶

人生的點點滴滴就像 各式各樣的調味料 有甜、有酸、還有苦…… 三歲陽光明媚的一天 我卻淚流滿面 因為心愛的小狗去世了 我知道……那是苦

五歲生日那天 媽媽給我買了一個細小的蛋糕 閃亮著幾顆祝福和喜悅 我記得……那是甜的

七歲濛濛細雨的一天 外婆躺在病床上給我講故事 微弱的聲線幾乎鑽不進耳裡 我吃的大蘋果怎麼又甜又酸? 19. 百感交雜 4D 胡金慶 44

十七歲的一天 路邊的電視沙啞地說著 天晴,間中有兩 那繽紛的蛋糕卻好像 再沒有什麼味道

二十七歲 烏雲佈滿了天空 我失去了人生的味覺 辨別不了那各式各樣的調味 是甜、是酸、還是苦...... 鐵鳥,載著你去哪方尋夢?
飛得很遠很遠惺忪間桌旁那一封離別逼出了我淚光別流下——然而初夏的雨卻同情我飄灑在這邊昏黑的大地而你仍在飛翔吧於那片以你畫筆繪畫的天空應該尋不著半點陰沈亦找不到半點屬於我的痕跡這片天空中

會是你揮畫所用的顏料嗎?

我在哪?

能融入你的畫筆

化作你的天地嗎?

20. 思念 4D 袁敏龍 46

可恨

我不是鐵鳥,載不了你高飛 不是顏料,滲不出些微色彩

雨,還在下著,在窗外

雨,還在下著--在拿著信的人那裡 落著,落著

飛吧!相信 某一天 天邊盡處,會是你的晴空 那時,我會抬頭觀看—— 盼想你的出現

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		-憂傷	4D謝志亮

那班列車開走了 亦把我的理想和一切努力 都開走了

內心充斥著自責 忽然 挫折劇烈的抱緊我 呼吸緊促我跌坐在哀傷的世界中 被失敗和時間嘲笑 笑我徒勞無功 永遠做不好一件事

在月台上 那些上不了理想列車的人 都顯得十分哀傷 在那失望的月台上漫無目的地呆站 21. 憂傷 4D 謝志亮 48

如果有機會乘坐回頭車 這班幸福的列車 我一定會乘搭

這班列車 滿載童年的快樂和溫暖 可惜始終歸不去 歸不去 雷鼓在空氣中咆哮 熱風在咆哮中吹來 人如驚鳥 遠飛天涯 那個夜我並沒有逃去天涯 那何望過去 竟只隔一里 我半入夢地憶起往日 浸半入夢涼快的河水 喝消暑的涼茶 喝一片時間曾載滿的痛快 隨初秋成為落葉 一里路 其實沒有什麼保證 海市蜃樓的捉弄 更多夏的暇想碎裂成 點點汗珠 也許是水晶似的霜花 從來六月是任人定義 也許是一個微細冷雨的愁季

我選擇這是一個愁季才沒離去 不惜流汗地追逐 貧童在沙地掘井的一次 我不安地看到 與赤地之隔 也許有五十個夏的日子

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	 ・離別	3E林少芬

誰人伴流秋淚, 哪個共把臂遊。 曾嘗把它停留。 人生無常, 離合不能強求。

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	天淨沙・幻境	3E 黃嘉茵

水間映照山嶺, 林間四散光螢, 天間高掛繁星。 朦朧月夜, 遊歷虛實幻境。

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	天淨沙・禽流感	3E鄭永豪

雞鵝鴨鴿烏鴉, 候鳥飛過你家, 無人不感害怕。 禽流疫情, 全球無人不掛。

# III 隨筆偶書

## 我終於明白她是愛我的了 1A 李楚琪

鐘聲響起,老師匆忙地帶著同學到操場集合。校長宣布 掛起了三號風球,還有暴雨警告,著所有同學都要小心回 家。

我期待已久的時間終於到了,同學們陸陸續續的離開校門。但亦有部分人因沒帶兩傘,唯有致電回家,請家長來接他們。我也撥了一通電話,可是電話不通,那我只好留在學校呆等。

在我呆等的時候,看見同學們的父母都為自己的兒女遮擋風雨。他們會替孩子揹書包,總不讓孩子負重。有些若只帶來一把傘子的,就寧願自己的身體濕透,也不願孩子著涼。當時我想,媽媽一定只留在家中看電視和睡覺吧。

大雨停下來了,我終於可以回家休息。當我走在回家的路上,我強烈的感到媽媽不愛我,讓我苦等了一個下午。 回到家的時候,更發現媽媽不在家。

不久,一個電話打來,我立即接聽,聽筒的一邊說:「我 是明愛醫院的醫護人員。你媽媽現正需要留院檢查,你.....」

我急忙跑到醫院,進了病房,看見媽媽躺在床上,我不但沒有慰問她,還大聲責罵說:「你不來接我放學也算了,

怎樣連電話也不聽?」忽然,醫生走進來,說:「你媽媽本是要接你放學的,但不小心一滑,滑倒在地上,你不但沒有關心慰問,還責罵她,你怎配做別人的女兒?」

聽到這一番話,我十分慚愧,更深感內疚。細心的想, 其實媽媽是愛我的,我怎能這樣對待她?我以後一定要孝 順她!

. 郊游洣涂記 1A 林珠利

說起「郊遊」,心裏便猶有餘悸。記得有一年夏天,我和 幾個要好的同學相約到大嶼山郊野公園郊遊,但卻迷途了。 出發那天的清晨,天氣特別晴朗。一大清早,太陽出來 了,初升的太陽亮得耀眼,望著萬里無雲而蔚藍的天空, 心情既興奮且愉快。當我們到達目的地的時候,我們隨意 地走進樹林,看著那些美麗的花朵,就禁不住要駐足細賞; 望著那成熟而鮮艷果實,就更要研究它是否可吃。我們忘 形地走著,竟不知已闖進樹林的深處,也不覺黃昏已經臨 近。

到驚覺的是時候,竟找不到出路來。或許是我們太高興了,每一個人都沒有留意究竟是怎樣走進這片森林裏的。 一下子,我們都驚惶失措起來。

我們努力地剋制內心的恐懼,盡力搜尋腦海裡的記憶,看看是否能找到出路。幾經嘗試,還是失敗了。眼看天色越來越暗,我們心焦如焚。突然,有一個女孩子哭了起來,在此情況之下,大家就更慌亂。就在這時候,突然有人說:「我有電話!可以求救!」這時大家才放下心頭大石。

等待救援的時間雖然很漫長,但我們總算有盼望。我們

27. 郊遊迷途記 1A 林珠利 58

坐在地上,大家互相勉勵。忽然,有人感到很冷,另一人 立刻脫下他的外套給他披上。在這漫漫長夜,大家都抱著 等待救援的心情,互相支持和幫助。

救援隊到了,我們心中的大石終於可以徹底的拋進大海。 從此以後,凡聽見別人說要去「郊遊」,我都會叮囑他們: 不要得意忘形,要緊記小心認路,別像我一樣,做了一次 迷途的笨遊人。

## 一個不怕困難的人 1D林淑敏

一想起誰不怕困難,就想起我的偶像——瑞典人諾貝爾。小時候,曾因為父親生意失敗,諾貝爾生活得十分艱苦。後來他爸爸轉到俄國做生意,生意好轉了,諾貝爾才和他的弟弟一起到俄國定居。

由於他的英文程度很差,很多學校都不願取錄他。諾貝爾的爸爸唯有聘請家庭教師給諾貝爾補習英語。諾貝爾即使面對很大的壓力和困難,始終堅持下去,寧願通宵達旦地溫習,也不願放棄,一定要學懂為止。他決心要從一個英文「文盲」,成為一個能說流利英語的人。經過多番努力,他除了學會英文外,還學會了德語和法語。

長大後,諾貝爾決心為人民服務,研究安全炸藥,幫助 往戰場的軍人。他也經常做研究,在一次意外中,弟弟去 世了,爸爸也受了傷。當時,親友也勸他放棄研究,但諾 貝爾卻說:「不,為了科學,我不怕失去生命。」憑著不怕 困難、不屈不撓的精神,經過四百多次的失敗,諾貝爾終 於衝破重重障礙,在一次偶然的機會下,竟然發現了那偉 大的科學秘密,研製出安全炸藥。自此,他的事業蒸蒸日 上、一片光明。 最後,他成為了發明家、科學家和企業家,是瑞典的傑出人物,而且財富很多,但諾貝爾不想將巨額的遺產留給子女,反而設立了化學、物理學、醫學、生理學及和平這五大獎項,以表揚後世對社會有貢獻的人。

諾貝爾是個高瞻遠矚的偉大愛國者,具有崇高的理想, 他被後世稱為炸藥大王,永遠贏得世人的尊敬。即使他去 世了,但通過諾貝爾獎,卻吸引了許多人關心科學、文學 與和平運動,而諾貝爾獎也被公認為最有權威的學術獎項。 諾貝爾的至理名言永遠令人懷念,他的名字和所創立的獎 項將流芳百世,永遠留在人們的心中。 年復件,日復日。不知不覺,大街小巷到處都播放著賀年歌曲,各處都掛滿了新年的飾物。尖沙咀海旁的風依舊那麼清涼,但清涼的海風伴隨著對面海岸的新年燈飾彷彿有著一股暖意。這時候令我驚醒過來,原來新年已快到了。過新年,顧名思義就是舊的一年過去,新的一年來臨。

也意味著是一家團圓的日子,是一個帶給家人及朋友祝福的日子。這是一個多麼圓滿,多麼有意義的日子啊!但現今,一個物質重於精神的現代社會,新年這個節日往佛又有只一種意義。我在一門商場裡購買智年禮物的時

但現今,一個物質里於精神的現代社會,新年這個即日 彷彿又有另一種意義。我在一間商場裡購買賀年禮物的時候,在旁也有一對夫婦也在挑選禮物,丈夫說:「隨便買一個便行,何必買這麼貴的呢!」那女的卻說:「笨蛋,羊毛出在羊身上。藉著新年我們送好一點禮物給你上司,這樣你也會有好處,可能升職也會快些。」聽完那個婦人的話後,我繼續在熱鬧的商場中閒逛,我一邊走一邊想:難道這才是如今現代社會過新年的意義?如果不是,那真正的意義到底是甚麼·如果不是,那原來的意義又有多少人知道呢? 30\_\_\_\_\_

苦瓜頌 2E 許煒君

我的媽媽非常愛吃苦瓜,所以餐桌的菜餚常常都會看見它——「苦瓜炒蛋」。苦瓜,顧名思義是一種味道苦澀的瓜果,是一種蔓性植物,需要攀附籐枝來生長。

苦瓜的外貌醜陋,味道也不討好,幾乎人人都不愛吃, 大概是因為那種特殊的苦澀味令人難以忍受吧!雖然我也 不愛吃,但卻欣賞苦瓜的特質。苦瓜有很高的的營養及藥 用價值,有著去熱殺菌、降血壓及美膚明目的功效。中醫 更認為苦瓜有降血糖的作用,這是因為苦瓜含有類似胰島 素的物質。苦瓜雖然樣子不討好,但是他能默默耕耘,做 個有用的人。

苦瓜又名涼瓜 君子菜,你也許會明白為何叫涼瓜,但你可知它為甚麼又叫作「君子菜」呢?這是因為苦瓜跟別的配料一起烹調時,從來都不把自己的苦味滲入其他配料中,它的正直,它的堅守原則,是一種多麼可貴的特質啊!所以在各式各樣的瓜果中,只有苦瓜才配得起「君子」的美名!

只要你嚐一下苦瓜,你便會發現其味道真的很苦!但細 味之下,你又會發現苦瓜其實有另外一種味道,是甘的, 30. 苦瓜頌 2E 許煒君 63

是甜的。苦盡甘來,我想苦瓜其中一個價值就是告訴我們這個道理,因為黑夜過後,就會出現曙光,「吃得苦中苦, 方為人上人」,這話告訴我們能通過逆境磨練的人,才叫人 真正成長,苦瓜就是這樣鼓勵我們。

雖然苦瓜在一些人眼中是個討厭的傢伙,但我卻尊敬它。

蔡恩鈞,一個漂亮極了的名字,人如其名,擁有一張標 緻的面孔,站在人群中,她必定是最漂亮的一個。而芸芸 女生之間,她更是最負責任及懂事的。

她擁有一把長長而帶褐色的頭髮,一雙水汪汪的眼睛,還有高挺的鼻子和櫻桃小嘴,聲音清脆而響亮。我佩服她並非她的外貌吸引,而是她對工作和對人的態度。

以前她是我班的女班長,做事認真,班上每個女同學都十分愛戴她。縱使課業繁多,但她每天仍會抽空與我們傾談,為我們解決問題,如社工一般,幫助同學掃除心中一切的不快,這點我覺得不是每一位班長都能做到的。除了上學的生活外,她還會替同學分擔家裏的事.....

在功課方面,她會很細心地點教導我們,又不會嫌棄同 學愚蠢,所以同學都十分喜歡她。

她 —— 就是令我最愛戴的同學,一個永遠都愛幫助別人 的女班長。 32

窗外 3B 趙俊銘

我打開窗子,溫暖的陽光照在身上,柔和的涼風迎面吹來。望向窗外,眼前盡是一片綠油油的草地,青翠的小草隨微風的旋律翩翩起舞,像是在跟我打招呼。看!一對美麗的蝴蝶也來湊湊熱鬧,與小草共同起舞著。一群馬兒在大草地上無拘束地奔馳著,偶爾停下來,吃著地上的青草。仰望天空,盡是一片藍天白雲,一朵朵的白雲乘著微風緩緩地飄著,飄著。多羨慕那天空中的鳥兒啊!能自由自在地飛翔著,享受那只屬於牠們的天空。望向遠方,是一座座連綿不斷的山丘,山丘上滿是翠綠。我完全地陶醉於這些翠綠、寧靜的大自然美景中。

「嗶...嗶.....」這突如其來的聲音把我帶離這世界。我張開雙眼,發現自己躺在床上,原來剛才的美景只是一場夢罷了,是刺耳的鬧鐘聲把我帶回現實中。

我望向窗外,綠草如茵的大地不見了,眼前就只有一段 又一段縱橫交錯的馬路;草地上奔馳的馬兒不見了,只見 瀝青路上一輛又一輛的汽車;翠綠的山丘不見了,只見一 座又一座的高樓;空中的鳥兒也不見了,只有天上滑翔而 過的飛機。車輛行駛時的嘈吵聲取代了柔和的風聲,令我 的心境沒法平靜下來。

我愛翠綠的大自然,它使我忘卻煩憂;我愛寧靜的大自然,它使我的疲累得到紓緩;我愛那充滿生氣的大自然,它能使我更有活力。然而,隨人類不斷地發展,那大自然已離我們越來越遠。生活在石屎森林中的我們,誰又能從窗外看見美麗的大自然呢?

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童年記趣 3E簡偉滔

一年了,再次踏著興奮的腳步回到家鄉。望著同一個蔚藍的天空,卻籠罩著悶人的氣息,不再像往日簡樸寧靜的小鎮。現在,城鎮高速發展,破壞了舊日的風貌,我只感到混濁的空氣滲透我每一個毛孔,再找不到昔日鄉村小鎮的閒適舒服,那昔日在家鄉生活的感覺。

漫步每一條大街小巷,一切也面目全非。在迂迴曲折的 馬路上,還架起高速公路,一幢幢高樓大廈從地冒起,衝 上雲霄。我突然停下腳步,不禁自言自語:「往日這裡不是 一大片田地的嗎?」我心裡像長了一根刺,我的童年回憶被 一間間店舖所淹沒。

望著這塊鋪滿石屎的土地,誰也想不到我曾愛上它,那 是六年前的事了。

「雞滔,去農田玩嗎?」我的朋友興奮地問我。「好呀!」

一有空,我跟他都會在田地度過,我並不是去耕田,而是到田裡「探險」。還記得有一次,我和他為了發掘新的田路,走上一條狹窄曲折的小徑,我們小心翼翼,互相扶持,順利地走過小徑的前半段,但來到中段,一棵粗壯的大樹

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挺立在小徑上,阻擋了我們的去路!我們竟不知天高地厚, 以為這是更好玩的挑戰,便摸著粗粗的樹幹,硬要沿著樹 幹擠過去。

「沒想到是這麼容易!」我開始自傲起來。

「救命呀!救.....」我的朋友突然亂叫起來。

正當我想了解事情,卻發現自己身上佈滿了一條條綠色的小毛蟲。我發瘋地在狹窄的小徑上亂跳,本想把小蟲們甩掉,卻一不小心,失腳插進田裡去。結果換來我的朋友哈哈大笑,我不服氣地捉住他的小腿,猛力一拉,把他整個人也拉進田裡,兩人在田裡 起泥土互相攻擊,直到黃昏才回到家中。

很多人說:回憶總是美麗的。那時雖然飽受皮肉之苦,卻甜在心頭。隨著成長,我已不能回到往日無憂無慮的日子,現在,面對著冷冰冰的牆壁,人的冷言冷語,不禁嘆息。社會進步了,難道就不能留住往日令人嚮往的東西嗎?

重遊故地有感 4B丁錦東

一路走,一路走。回到了小學。記得自己踏出這校門時, 是沿著成長的路走,趕了二十年的路,卻又重回成長的起 點,是我迷了路嗎?

校門前掛了個注目的校徽,走過的人都會自然的抬起頭來望一眼。校徽沒有改變,不見有歲月添加的風霜,是剛翻新過?還是一直堅毅的等待每一個早晨出現的微笑呢?

穿過校門,拐過彎,就會看到一棵大樹,它是甚麼品種?我一直都弄不清楚,但這並不重要,重要的是它還是老模樣。在這棵樹下,有很多故事,我和家寶就曾在這棵樹下比高度。在樹身上刻上自己的高度,每年如是,結果就記下了我們成長的歷程。指尖輕撫著樹身的傷痕,你痛嗎?

坐在樹旁的長椅上回憶這一切,看著牆上的毛蟲努力向上爬,卻又跌回原處,一次又一次,爬到了頂峰,又摔下來,也許最後毛蟲才會發覺高處不勝寒。這條毛蟲令我想起另一件事,那時候,女生都很害怕小昆蟲,男生卻又很喜歡藉此來捉弄女生,我正是其中之一。記得那個女生整整惱了我一星期,我覺得不是味兒,最後送了一盒巧克力

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給她才放過我、才放過了自己。那時是多麼率直的感情, 喜歡就喜歡,不高興就說不高興,沒有「匿怨而友其人」 這回事。成人的社會爾虞我詐,其實大家都吃不消,但卻 沒有人用一盒巧克力來解決問題!

我沒有走上樓去探望老師,怕的是「桃花依舊,人面全非。」到這裡流連一會已經夠了,已經看到想看的了。

成長的路的確是向前的,不過亦有些人的路,偶爾會回到起點,他們因著不同的原因,有人太渴求尋回昔日的微笑,有人希望找回天真的自己,總之,這一切都成了大家走完人生路的動力。

論「讀萬卷書不如行萬里路」 5C 張維利

常聽人說:「讀萬卷書不如行萬里路。」「萬卷書」,指的是知識;而「萬里路」,指的則是見識。到底在廿一世紀,這資訊爆炸的年代,知識與見識的一戰,戰果會如何呢?我認為「讀萬卷書不如行萬里路」這句老生常談仍能在衝擊中站立得住。

釀成這場「知識」與「見識」大戰的原因,是因為互聯網絡的盛行,把知識輕易地帶進了每一戶人家,只要安坐家中,就能知天下事,試問這種「讀萬卷書」的方法,不是遠較長年去累積經驗,增加見識為快,更有效率嗎?由此而推說讀萬卷書勝過行萬里路,可以嗎?

當然,結論不能下得這麼快!原來「知識」是有弱點的,就是未必有深入的分析;或是只能知道,卻感受不到。如蘇軾的詩「日啖荔枝三百顆,不辭長作嶺南人」,藉這詩,我們「知道」荔枝是十分鮮甜味美的,但有誰能單靠「鮮甜」、「味美」這幾個詞彙,就感受到荔枝的味道嗎?當然不能!只有真正嘗過荔枝的人,才知道荔枝鮮美好味,才感受到為什麼蘇軾會產生不辭長作嶺南人的想法。

戰國時趙國有一年輕人叫趙括,他飽讀兵書,精通治軍

之道,每當討論起兵法,有時連他當趙國將軍的父親都不 敵於他,毫無疑問,趙括就是讀「萬卷書」的代表人物。秦 國又有一個將軍白起,他是一介武夫,近乎目不識丁,但 卻征戰沙場多年,累積了多年行軍經驗,也可說是行「萬 里路」的代表人物,但當兩邊代表一戰,誰勝誰負呢?答 案是白起活埋了趙括所領的二十萬精兵,似乎高低立見了 吧?

我並無意貶低知識的重要,但正如剛才所言,知識所帶來的好處,是有限的。而且有時資訊太多,更是弄不清孰真孰假。日本早前打算篡改教科書,刪改侵華史實,要是成事的話,那日後日本學生所知道的歷史,就與事實大不相同了。然而只有親身走過當年的戰場,聽過當年受害者的控訴,才能清楚事件真相。總之,若要完全的知道,就必須有親身的經歷和體驗。

書本是傳達知識的最好方法,但若是比起親身感受,書本所能做到的,實在太少了!

「見識」與「知識」的一戰,戰果已不言而喻吧!

「早會啊!快下操場。」女班長聲如洪鐘,把正埋首於功課的我給驚醒了。望一望女班長,心中不禁咒罵了一句:「又是早會!」然後「依依不捨」地離開課室......

我還未站得住腳,講台上便響起了訓導主任威嚴的聲音:「這次集會較上一次遲了兩分鐘,希望下次同學可以快點.....」話未說完,我周遭的同學已經不耐煩了。我抬頭望望講台,只見訓導主任仍然喋喋不休地說著,再望望我身邊的同學,有些人自顧自的聊天,有些在溫書.....在一輪搜索下,終於找到了一名專心致志的同學,怎料,看清楚,原來他是在睡覺。

這時響起了一陣掌聲。「終於說完了。」我心想。不料一個訓導主任下去,又上來另一個。「怎麼搞的!」我右邊的同學說。

「早晨,今天我想跟大家分享我的學習生活.....」

講台下數百對耳朵,數百雙眼睛被台上訓導主任的分享 吸引住了。就是平時最頑皮的同學也專心起來。的而且確, 老師的分享太觸動我們!

「那時我因為不懂回答老師淺顯的英文題,觸怒了他,誰

想到他竟命令我爬回座位,就因為這個屈辱,我哭了。」訓導主任說。我感到老師的說話中語帶唏嘘。

「要訓導主任哭真的很難。」我說

「分享自己哭不是更難嗎?」前邊的同學說。

「因為這個屈辱,因為這個老師,我決定學好英語,無 論什麼也不能使我放棄。因此,今天我有機會站在這兒跟 你們說話。」訓導主任說,我看見無數同學在點頭以示贊 同。「同學們不要怕失敗,要戰勝失敗,不要放棄,沒有人 可以教你們放棄。」訓導主任結語。台下傳來一陣雜著笑聲 的掌聲。

到校長報告的時候。部分人竟又回復到之前的模樣,聊 天的聊天,睡覺的睡覺。最後校長在一陣熱烈的掌聲下, 步下講台。早會完結。

在回班房的途中,我不斷反思訓導主任的說話,雖然我 這次考試成績不好,但我不能怕失敗,要戰勝失敗,我不 能放棄,沒有人可以教我放棄!

難忘的友伴 5C林曉敏

日子晃眼而過,偶爾拾起那些舊事細味,讓封塵的過去 灑一抹陽光,舊日的情感,倏地竄上心頭,偷襲回憶的暗 處......

我想起貽亮,那說著彆腳廣東話的小男生,其實他不矮小的,至少個子比那時候的我還要長半個頭。祇是對他的印象就定格在那跟門把一樣的高度。貽亮住在隔壁。

不記得那是春天還是夏天了,就是木棉花開得熾熱的時分,貽亮一家搬來了十八樓。那張像窗外木棉一般紅紅的臉孔,在走廊蹦跳著,然後咧嘴而笑,那模樣讓人看了高興,我禁不住在門的隙縫中問他的名字,就這樣認識了他。

以後每天,從學校裡回來都與貽亮在樓梯間走廊上嬉遊耍玩,猜著剪刀石頭布,玩紅綠燈、躲迷藏,後來玩膩了,就自家發明小玩意,如把紅彤彤的背心膠袋纏在線軸上放風筝,又如把家裡雪白的廁紙從走廊釋放到平台上,一卷廁紙往往不夠抵地,就黏合起兩卷來,好幾次媽媽從市場買菜回來,從梯間的欄杆看見白花花的紙條從天而降,也會嚇得呆了眼,我和貽亮就會蹲在地上笑岔了氣,好歡樂好愉快。

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童年就是這樣嘻嘻哈哈的在無聲無息中過去,木棉花開 合散離了好幾趟,我們都長大了。貽亮會說流利的話了, 長得又高大又黝黑,老是抿著唇,再很少看見他那傻笑的 模樣,我覺得好陌生。

貽亮學壞了,會喝酒會抽煙會偷家裡的錢,好幾次給攆 出門去,然後又好久不再看見他,那時候的我不明就裡, 或甚至現在也不明白,到底他怎會變成那個樣子?

沒待木棉花再開合幾趟,我就搬走了,沒再看見過貽亮, 而回憶因繁瑣的生活而拉遠了距離,變得遙遠和陌生,彷 彿那是很久前的舊事,而這友伴的身影也漸趨模糊,祇是 初相識的印象依然難忘。

難忘的友伴 5C 鄧相恒

在家閒來無事,不期然拿起電話,又按下那八個號碼。 但往往還沒有撥出,我就把它掛斷了。我想電話筒的另一 方,也不期盼我致電吧!

雖然五年沒有聯絡,但他的一切,我都清楚記得。他身型高挑,皮膚白晰,為人沉默寡言,性格內向。猶記得我小學三年級和他同班,不斷和他說話,他都置若罔聞,好像不屑和我談話似的,但那時我毅力驚人,憑著鍥而不捨的精神,終博得他罕有的回應。記得我將近十歲生辰,我和他透露我希望有個新筆盒,沒想到他沒有忘卻我這輕輕一語,送了一個西瓜太郎筆盒給我。當我拿著這份禮物,除了喜出望外,還感溫暖窩心,直到現在,這筆盒和他的心意,我也一直藏在抽屜內,偶然回想,也會叫我會心微笑。

就是這個筆盒,兩個性格大相逕庭的人,竟變成了莫逆之交,我和他無所不談,上至國家大事,下至同學是非,也逃不過我們的法眼,一一被我們評頭品足,不亦樂乎。他就像我的親人般,一日不見,如隔三秋,就連小學作文,寫長大後的願望,我也要和他一起生活,直到風燭殘年。

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我和他的一切,看來是美好絢麗的,但可惜,到升上中學 後,才明白我和他的友情卻是如此脆弱。

縱然和他升讀了不同的中學,各散東西,但幼稚的我, 卻一心認為這關係能依舊美麗,可惜,我的幼稚終被殘酷 的現實揭破,到了中二的時候,我倆完全沒有聯絡,關係 大不如前,我想給他撥個電話,但卻苦無藉口,直至最近, 在街上偶遇他,當我想開口問候時,他卻和我擦身而過, 終於知道相見如同陌路人的痛苦,一手建立的友情,也給 我倆一手摧毀了。

仍舊按了這個號碼,仍舊給我掛斷,在我熱淚盈眶的一 剎,心裏湧起一句話:「桃花依舊,人面全非。」

成長 6C劉巧珊

北風呼呼地吹著,我倚在「他」身旁,陪伴他走最後一程。我喜愛聽屬於他那獨一無二的成長故事,用文字記下一段段的回憶。他唏嘘地說:「有一種體驗叫成長,只要你細看不同季節的我,便能讀出我的領悟和感受.....」

春臨大地,處處生機盎然。春雨滋潤了泥土中的種子,種子便鑽出芽來,芽苗再探頭而出,新生命便這樣從土壤的懷抱中甦醒,園丁看著,面露出無限的喜悅。微風輕輕撫摸幼苗,幼苗也就隨風搖晃,儘管根兒很短,但有泥土支持,便不致摔倒,泥土亦供他所需要的,幼苗就這樣在百般呵護中成長。

熱情的太陽慶祝樹的成長,放射活力的光芒。樹根好奇地搜索各種的玩意,愈走愈遠,生命也漸漸與別人聯繫在一起,甚至糾纏不清。個子高高的他,有著與前截然不同的視界,看看自己健壯的枝幹能舉起綠油油的葉子,不禁沾沾自喜。時間一久,曾讓他自豪的綠葉已不能夠滿足他,有了綠葉,他又追求那鮮艷奪目的花兒,開了花,他又期待結實纍纍的果子,就這樣,樹為外表來營營役役。

秋風喚醒他了,樹的枝體吱吱嘰嘰的回應著,秋風為他

請來了醫生,啄木鳥醫生一眼識出體內作病,樹的吸收能力和消化系統變弱了,枝體衰殘,讓綠葉不再綠,讓花朵凋謝,讓果實掉下來,為了換回健康,樹無奈放棄那些他追求而來的一切,只可惜他盡一切努力也買不回健康,最終憂心得發黃的頭髮亦辭枝而落。

秋去冬來,老樹依然站立,但身驅已不比以前壯健,他 看著身下散滿一地的黃,有名譽、財富、權勢、執著、計 較......輕嘆一口氣,吹散在風中。

一顆種子從發芽到出土,到落葉殘衰的生長過程,正如人的成長,不但經歷季節的交替,在他破土而出的當兒, 周遭的世界便向他傳遞不同的訊息,他的思想便漸漸豐富; 樹苗不斷長高,每一吋的成長都會有不一樣的視界,他看 見的事物總會給他另一種思想的衝擊,而不管是好是壞, 都無法逃避,因為他依然要成長。他不斷學習,努力吸收, 直到有一天,才覺悟失掉了健康,便不再有成長...... 香港素有「美食天堂」之譽,在這彈丸之地,各式各樣的食物確實是琳瑯滿目,但最著名的美食,非本地茶餐廳 莫屬。由於茶餐廳的食物多為香港人自己研究和創製出來, 所以風味別樹一幟。從各地遠道而來的旅客,假如要認識 一下本地飲食文化,當然要到茶餐廳一遊。而很多香港人 都對茶餐廳的食物情有獨鐘,亦成為它的常客。

香港茶餐廳的食物不但價格廉宜,而且配搭種類多,最重要的是食物極具香港的地道風味。

茶餐廳的奶茶,顏色是淡啡色的,看似跟快餐店或跟自己在家烹調的分別不大,然而喝一口,便知道這是奶茶中的極品,味道非常濃郁香滑,能夠烹調出這樣一杯奶茶的,秘訣之一,是用人手縫製的白帆布隔著茶渣,沖出紅茶,再配上淡奶和糖,便炮製成這杯港式奶茶。由於白帆布長時間使用,被紅茶染成啡色,而白帆布本身布質堅韌,猶如絲襪一樣,所以這杯奶茶又名為「絲襪奶茶」。香港的上班族習慣了每天到來享用一杯正宗的「絲襪奶茶」,以提起精神,讓自己不用睡眼惺忪地上班去。香港人又巧妙地把咖啡和奶茶這兩種東西融合,發明了一種新飲品一鴛鴦,

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它既有咖啡的香濃,又有奶茶的幼滑,把兩種飲料獨特的味道配合得恰到好處,喝起來另有一番滋味。

除了各種特色飲品外,茶餐廳的麵包也非常馳名。要數到茶餐廳最具代表性的食品,那當然少不得菠蘿包,而「名副其實」的菠蘿包,其實不是真的用菠蘿製成,只不過是因它凹凸不平的表面像菠蘿而命名的。麵包表層有一塊金黃色的酥皮,香脆美味,且麵包鬆軟可口。假如在菠蘿包中間夾一塊厚厚的牛油,便成了「菠蘿油」,菠蘿包的甜味再加上牛油的香味,簡直是完美的配搭。奶油多士也是茶餐廳的招牌食物,把方包用多士爐烘乾,令方包變得硬且脆,再塗上牛油和煉奶,便成為奶油多士,吃起來不但香脆,而且帶有煉奶的甜味。

香港茶餐廳佈置簡約樸素,餐廳內兩旁多是以卡座為主,絕對沒有高級餐廳高貴典雅的裝飾。而茶餐廳所使用的餐具為單一顏色,且非常單調,不會像高級餐廳使用名貴和精巧的餐具。茶餐廳侍應的衣著簡單,多穿上印有茶餐廳名字的制服,又愛在耳後面掛放著一支筆,方便拿起來為客人「落單」。而且他們的說話較粗鄙,每當他們聽到最熱門的新聞話題,便和顧客議論紛紛,有時為了表達不滿的情緒,還會在言談間夾雜著粗言穢語,決不像高級餐廳的侍應般穿著整齊的西服,戴上領呔,看起來隆重又斯文,舉止溫文又有禮。雖然茶餐廳在多方面都不能媲美高級餐廳,但在茶餐廳進餐時,總是有著一種舒服自由的感覺,因為客人們不需要拘謹於各項煩瑣的餐飲禮儀,例如左手持叉,右手拿刀以及進食的先後次序等都一概不需理會。即使吃得狼吞虎嚥,也不會受到別人批評。由於茶餐廳往往予人親切之感,所以茶餐廳總是座無虛席。

縱然香港的食肆林林總總,美食應有盡有,但茶餐廳在

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香港飲食文化中的地位始終屹立不倒,全因它能夠在保留 原有食物特色的同時,又善於創新求變,推出日、越、韓 等食品,以迎合香港人的口味,難怪茶餐廳每天仍是客似 雲來。有人說,香港人適應力強,勇於求變,以面對新挑 戰、新環境,踱進這地道食肆,你可體悟一點點港人的文 化嗎? 

## 荊軻先生:

您好!小女子姓邵,名芷琳,是您死後二千二百三十三年的人。雖然您我相距上千年,但我從各典籍中,認識了您,並對您的事跡深感興趣,對您崇敬非常。

您可知道,在刺秦王一事上,你那種無所畏懼的大勇, 盡顯了意氣縱橫的男子氣慨,為人津津樂道,長存歷史至 今。不論是文人,或雅士,像漢代史官司馬遷,晉代的陶 淵明、清代詩人張弘敏、梁佩蘭......在你以後的詩人、詞 人,都一一詠讚您的事跡,認為您雖然人已亡,但情操能 跨越時間、空間,世人永遠記在心上。可是,不少人認為, 您那情操是建基於報答燕太子丹的知遇之恩,是出於一片 私情,我卻不敢苟同。

首先,您答應刺秦王一事,是希望脅迫秦王,令其歸還 侵吞六國所得的土地,以解六國的危難;其次,您不是因 為太子丹尊您為上卿、讓你住在上等的館舍、供給豐盛的 酒席、送珍貴的物品及讓您盡享物質、美女的慾望後,才 答應赴秦,可見您是心繫家國安危,保天下安定,免生靈 塗炭的正義之士,而抗暴秦之政,絕非單為「報丹」知遇 之恩的私心。

我知道您是個有氣節的英雄,但卻不明白為何在天下存亡的關鍵時刻,仍要遵守與太子丹的約定,不殺秦王!

因為秦乃虎狼之國,從不守信用。在刺秦之前,秦欲伐齊,怕齊楚從親,便派使赴楚,要求楚王與齊絕交,還答應楚國割商於之地六百里予楚,秦伐齊後,不兌現諾言。秦歷來如此,又怎麼能相信歸還侵地的諾言呢?

而且,秦王好大喜功、極愛面子,若您脅迫他歸還侵地, 令其面子盡失,必惱羞成怒,大舉攻燕,再席捲其他諸侯 國。六國覆亡,天下盡歸秦,才可滿足其大慾。只可惜你 一時婦人之仁,刺秦失敗,令秦大逞淫威,舉兵攻打六國, 統一天下,施行暴政,焚書坑儒,以致生靈塗炭,百姓生 活於水深火熱之中,不能自保。

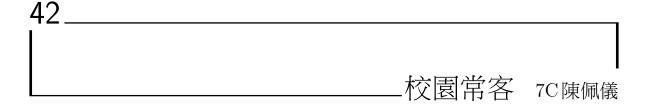
如果當日能狠下心腸,一劍把秦王刺死,所謂「一國不能一日無君」,秦國突然失去君主,必全國大亂,六國便有喘息的機會,聯手抗秦,六國或許能因而得以保全。而且,秦國無君,朝中必有一番爭權奪位之戰,為握大權、鞏固地位而誅除異己,「兩虎相爭必有一傷」,更何況是「數虎」,這必令秦國元氣大傷。此時六國再聯手攻秦,秦國面對內憂外患,必無力招架而被滅。這樣,便能改寫歷史的大悲劇了。

可惜,現在已是改變不了的事實,但你不要過份自責, 因為您的英勇已得世人認同。

祝

安康!

正琳上 二零零六年三月二十日



「哈哈」,是他的名字,更是校園的常客。

不論在教室、操場,或是小花園,都能找到他的蹤跡。 他喜歡悄靜無聲地潛進同學的圈子,出奇不意的揚聲高呼。 不知不覺間,竟陪伴我們走過了預科的歲月。

會考放榜,不得升讀原校,曾使我百般惆悵。離開了母校,也離開了舊日的歡笑。不知道是否緣份的注定,來到了匯基書院,那時心情才安定下來,但仍常悶悶不樂。望著陌生的環境,卻思念從前的一切。忽然,我聽到一把熟悉的聲音,沒料到竟能在這裡重遇你—— 久違了的笑聲。

你每次出現,都令人喜上眉梢,深深牢記。記得某節課, 我糊塗地把「股」當作「臀」,文章的意思都變了,同學皆 報以奇怪的目光,我卻繼續懵然,傻呼呼地望著他們。全 場靜止,你突然闖進來,爆發一陣狂笑,驅走一室的尷尬, 也令我如夢初醒。小息是你最常出沒的時候,同學往往三 五成群的胡言亂語:「何以你這樣悠閒呢?姓葉的嗎?這般 「德嫻」!」一陣諧音的笑話此起彼落......

有次,某位同學拿著插上天線的筆袋裝作收音機,還問 四周的同學想聽哪個電台,弄得大家捧腹大笑。總之,你 42. 校園常客 7C 陳佩儀 87

就是這樣充塞在校園的空氣!那暢快的感覺很窩心!或許, 有人以為這都是些無聊事,我卻覺得人生難得無聊,值得 回味。試問勞累的都市人何曾偷得半刻悠閒?

不過,今天的你一改平時來去無終的作風,變得有節奏、富規律。「一、二、三、笑」,「再來,一、二.....」同學露出不同的笑臉,有的燦爛,有的含蓄,但當中似欠點開懷,你似乎少了往日的傻氣,多了幾分愁緒和依依。是捨不得習慣多年的校園生活?還是捨不得年少無知、任意妄為的逍遙?百般滋味,薈在心頭。中學以後的生活總給人無限的憧憬,又叫人戰戰兢兢!

臨別在即,有三分鐘雀躍、半點唏嘘。若有幸成為天子門生,當然歡喜若狂;萬一名落孫山,要投身社會,又會是一番什麼景象?人常說世途險惡,但即使前面有萬尺惡浪,千道難關,我們也當永不言敗,向著各自的夢想啟航。將來可能名成利就,也可能庸碌終生,驀然回首,但願大家永不忘昔日我們的故友——歡笑。他曾倍添我們生命的色彩,化解我們串串的哀愁,只有結識了你,滿載愉悅,人生才算精彩無憾。

預科生活中,你我成了莫逆之交,結伴同行,走過兩年崎嶇的路,希望以後在校園外的某個角落與你重逢!

經過一天的忙碌,我拖著疲倦的身軀走在回家的路上。 路過天橋底,火車聲轟隆轟隆地響,天空也被括起的沙塵 塗上了一層灰色。腦海中浮現了今早在巴士站候車時被騙 的經過,心中仍有點氣憤不平。

天氣漸冷,路上行人稀少。刺骨的寒風迎面而來,使我不禁打了個哆嗦。突然,耳邊傳來一陣孩子的哭聲。循聲望去,才發現在公園的角落,隱約看見一大一小的身影,而哭聲正是從那裡傳出來的。在好奇心的驅使下,我上前察看。只見一位年約三十歲的女人抱著一個三、四歲的孩子,瑟縮在涼亭的一角。母親和兒子只穿著單薄的衣服,且滿面污垢。小兒子哭著對母親說:「媽媽,我肚子餓啊!什麼時候才有東西吃呀?」母親一臉愁容,安撫兒子道:「兒子,對不起,媽媽知道你餓,但媽真的沒辦法,這幾天也拾不到什麼東西換錢給你買飯吃……」接著是一陣抽泣聲。這時,年輕的母親發現了我,對我乞求說:「小姐,你行行好吧!我兒子好幾天沒飯吃了,請您給我們廿元買個飯盒吧!就當施捨我們兩母子好了!」看著這對衣衫襤褸的母子,境況十分淒涼,心中竟有點戚戚然。

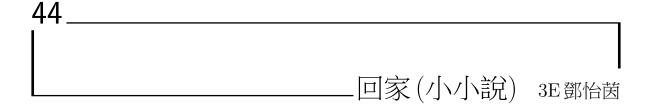
這時,我回想起今天清早乘車受騙的經歷。本以為自己做了善事而滿心歡喜,隨後卻從同事口中得知自己被近日流行在巴士站、車站附近行騙的不法之徒蒙騙了。想到那個行騙者也是穿得破破爛爛,一副可憐兮兮的樣子。誰想到在同情心驅使下,我竟上了他的當,白白被騙去二十元。如今,眼前這兩母子的身世似乎更加淒涼,更值得同情。然而,在受騙後,同事對我的忠告又在我耳畔盤旋:「世界上就是有很多騙徒利用人的同情心來行騙,而你就是太易動慈心,才會受騙的,所以你要記著:害人之心不可有,防人之心不可無!」

為免再一次受騙,即使該母親對我苦苦哀求,我仍假裝 若無其事,頭也不回的離開公園回家去了。

深夜,母親回到家後,說起近日在附近公園流連的女拾 荒者和她的小兒子因饑餓過度昏了過去,幸而給途人及時 發現,被送往醫院救治。

當下,內心的愧疚油然而生。一次受騙的經歷不單使我失去了一張廿元鈔票,更令我成了一個「不仁」的人。

窗外的北風呼呼作響,我躺在床上,想起了早上的一次 受騙和晚上遇見的母子,久久不能入睡。



「女兒,你已經很久沒回家了,何時才回來呢?」聽筒裡 傳來母親的聲音,瑤不耐煩地掛了電話。

從她決定離家出走的那天開始,她便再沒有回家的念頭,可是媽媽卻接二連三地催促她回家,令她對這個家愈來愈 厭倦。

但從前的她並不是這樣子的,她乖巧又純良,卻因為父親工作的關係,她不但居無定所,學校也轉過好幾次。終於,她喜歡家的感覺消失了,取而代之的,是討厭。她討厭家令她沒有朋友,建立不了友情。

瑤把迷你裙再拉高一點,原本烏黑的頭髮已被染得五顏 六色,清純的外貌也被濃妝遮蓋了。現在的她,在別人眼 中只是個貪圖玩樂的不良少女。

在街上, 瑶花枝招展的打扮吸引行人的目光, 有錯愕的, 有好奇的, 也有輕蔑的, 眾人的目光都投射在她的身上。但在街角的某處, 正有幾對噬人的目光在盯著瑤。

「看!大姐頭,那個不知死活的丫頭竟打扮得這麼招搖!」 皮膚黑黑的女孩忿忿不平。

「哼,她找死了!竟敢搶我的風頭?姐妹們,把她捉回

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來,我要好好教訓她!」被稱為大姐頭的人說。

不消幾分鐘,瑤被她們粗暴地拖進幽暗的後巷。

「放手阿!你們在幹什麼?」瑤不斷掙扎,用修長的指甲 抓傷了緊拉著她頭髮的女生。

「啊!」那女生後退了幾步,鐵青著臉地看著手上的抓痕。「你竟然敢抓傷我?想不要命是不是?」

「不····不關我的事啊····我不是有心的呢!」瑤欲哭無淚,看著她們步步逼近,瑤的身子不禁顫抖起來。

「姐妹們,給我打!」在大姐頭的命令下,那群女生立刻 出手攻擊瑤。

有人揪住她的頭髮用力地拉扯,有人不斷掌摑瑤的雙頰, 更有拳腳交加。

「救···救命阿!」瑤在這些攻擊下,已是遍體鱗傷了· 像有人聽見瑤的叫喊聲般,一個身影正跑向那群女生。「你們給我住手!」那人推開那些女生,把瑤擁入懷中。

「你少管閒事,走開!」大姐頭見對方是女的,剛才的驚慌感立刻消失了。

「不行,我不能讓你們傷害她!」那人大聲叫嚷。

「好,那你去死吧!」大姐頭怒地隨便抓起一旁的物品擲 向她。

「啊!」血頓時在她頰上流下,此時,那群女生也被嚇得落荒而逃。

瑤睜開雙眼,一個熟悉的臉孔映入眼簾,撲簌簌的眼淚從眼眶流下。「媽.....」

「乖,已經沒事了。」媽媽輕撫瑤的頭髮。

「媽媽沒事,只是你,被揍得渾身是傷,媽媽十分心痛。」

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「對不起……」瑤的淚,弄濕了媽媽的衣襟。

「別再說對不起了,回家好嗎?」

瑤輕輕地點頭,媽媽的嘴角,也泛起了笑意,而且弧度 愈來愈大。

「我回家了.....」瑤輕聲說出。

「好!我們回家吧!」媽媽也不禁流下淚來。

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夜深了,在城中仍有一戶人家亮著燈,燈光在夜裡顯得 特別明亮。

在二樓的一扇窗戶,一個小女孩倚著窗戶望向滿天繁星。「嚓」一聲,房門被一個年輕婦人打開了。

婦人走近女孩,揉著她的長髮,溫柔的說:「寶貝,快睡了。」

女孩睜著烏溜溜的大眼望著母親應道:「好,媽媽要唸故事我聽喔。」

掀開被子讓女孩躺好在 上,婦人微笑著說:「我跟妳說 薰衣草精靈的故事吧.....」

「薰衣草精靈是什麼?」女孩握著母親的手,好奇的問道。 「薰衣草精靈是隻只會帶給人幸福、幸運的精靈,只要妳 肯為她佈置一個新家,讓她住下來,她就會帶給妳幸福快 樂。」婦人解釋道。

「是真的嗎?」女孩疑惑的看著母親。

「當然了,如果妳現在睡覺,說不定薰衣草精靈會在妳夢中顯現喔。」婦人說後,便在女孩額上印下一吻,然後退出 房間。 女孩閉起雙眼,伴隨著寧靜的夜入睡了......燈光熄滅,城鎮落入一個既寂靜又安祥的環境中。

時開眼,眼前盡是一片紫色的花田,空氣中飄散著淡淡的薰衣草味道,香香、甜甜的。

女孩一步步的向前走,踩過的土地軟軟的,就像踩在綿花上一樣,天空佈滿了彩雲,五顏六色的,一切也似幻疑真,令女孩不禁發出一聲又一聲的驚呼。

「你好!」驀然,女孩面前出現了一個只有手掌般大的女生,女生有著一頭閃亮的金色短髮,身上披著一件紫色的纱裙,背後有一雙不停拍動的透明翅膀,是一隻精靈?

女孩伸出手想觸碰眼前彷彿是幻覺般的人兒,卻在快接觸到的瞬間停下來了,女孩怯生生的問:「妳是薰衣草精靈?」

精靈轉動著翡翠般的眼珠,咧開一抹淺淺的笑容道:「對呀,我是住在妳家的薰衣草精靈。」

「我家?但我家沒有養植薰衣草……」女孩露出一臉疑惑 的說。

「那只是妳不曾發現而已。」精靈神秘的一笑。「妳要參觀我的薰衣草世界嗎?」

「嗯!」

隨著薰衣草精靈的帶領,女孩走進一個充滿泡泡的空間,每一個泡泡也有一些影像,這全都是一些充滿著幸福快樂的泡泡。

「這是什麼?」女孩問。

「這是人們的快樂和幸福呀,人們常說我們會帶給他們幸福、快樂,但事實帶給他們幸福、快樂的是他們自己,反而是我們需要感受他們的愛才可生存下去。」

「為什麼愛能令你們生存?」

「因為愛令人溫暖,只有溫暖,我們才可以生存下去。」 精靈回應。「妳要回去了,天快亮了。」

「我可以再見到妳嗎?」女孩充滿希望的問。

「在妳不刻意找我的時候,我們或許會在夢中再見。」精 靈神秘的說完便消失了......

時開雙眼,這次映入眼簾的不再是紫色的花田,而是米白色的天花板,女孩喃喃的說:「不刻意找她.....」

「寶貝,妳醒了嗎?」婦人推門而進。

「媽,我看見薰衣草……」女孩的目光落在窗外的一個角落,是一株紫色的薰衣草,在隨風起舞……



這個寒夜彷彿特別冷。

真希在房裡正預備後天的考試,她一直埋頭溫習,時鐘已指著午夜一時半了,正想走出房間去喝點水時,瞥見了廳中央的飯桌,就是這個不經意的動作,勾起了她一直藏於心底的回憶......

還記得那時她正忙著預備升讀大學的考試,那個冬天,她每晚都溫習至深夜,每當寒冷疲累之際,眼前總會出現一碗媽媽精心炮製的熱湯,只要喝一口,整個身子也會暖和起來,再充滿拼勁繼續努力。久而久之,真希開始期待那碗寒夜裡的熱湯。

那次考試真希以優異的成績考進了大學,並得到學校的 資助,參加了往外國的交流團。母親知道消息後,二話不 說,立刻替女兒收拾行裝,還替真希預備了一個暖壺,真 希知道暖壺內必定是媽媽的愛心靚湯了,心頭泛起一陣溫 暖。在機場臨別時,真希清楚看到母親欲言又止,通紅的 雙眼透露了母親對自己萬般的不捨。她心中忽然有一個感 覺,好像以後再也看不見母親這張慈祥的面容,但她以為 只是自己胡思亂想,又想到交流團這個千載難逢的機會, 46. 寒夜裡的熱湯 3E 林少芬 97

便忍痛抱著那滿載媽媽愛心的暖壺展開她的旅程。

真希造夢也想不到,她的預感竟應驗了,在交流團的第三天,接到電話,說她媽媽在一次交通事故中喪生。真希知道消息後,既驚且懼,只有匆匆的趕回香港,心中一直希望這只是愚人節的餘慶節目。但當消息被證實後,她唯一懂得做的,是躲著哭,不停的哭!媽媽的微笑、那張滿佈皺紋又慈祥的臉、那寒夜裡的熱湯不斷在真希的腦海中閃過。她最後花了很大力氣,也用了很多的時間才從這件事的陰影中走出來。

真希驚醒過來,發現自己正站在飯廳,奪眶而出的淚水已濕透了滿臉,鼻子也變得酸酸的,她走過去摸著那曾經放過熱湯的飯桌,彷佛它還帶著熱湯的餘溫。真希發現原來今個寒夜特別冷,原來不單只是因為天氣,也是因為家裡的冷清和缺少了那寒夜裡的熱湯。

我的名字是愛德華艾力克。說實話,我以前很喜歡這個名字,直至幾年前,我繼父到來,這名字對我來說就成了一個恥辱。我不喜歡繼父,討厭他的樣子,討厭他的髮型,討厭他對媽媽的愛護,討厭一切有關他的東西。而令我最討厭的是他的名字竟和我的一樣,他也名叫愛德華。

他是個退役軍人,右手殘廢,常要媽媽照顧他,真不明白為甚麼媽媽會下嫁給這個傢伙。與他同住的日子很不好受,雖然他經常裝出一副關心我的樣子,但我就是無法接受他,我就是打從心底憎恨他。除此之外,每當媽媽呼喚「愛德華」的時候,總有兩個人回應,這令我很不好受。為甚麼爸爸要死?如果他還存活的話,我一定過得比現在愉快。為甚麼媽媽可以在爸爸死後不足三年便和另一個男人走在一起?難道她就一點不掛念爸爸嗎?

「愛德華,可以到廚房來嗎?」媽媽高聲地說。

「房子裏有兩個愛德華,一個才十多歲,是這家的少主人。而另一個卻是中年而厚顏無恥地在我家白吃白喝的殘 廢人,請問你在叫誰?」

「當然是叫那個年青又沒禮貌的愛德華了。」媽媽不悅地

說。

「沒禮貌總比白吃白喝的來得強。」我總在找機會挖苦那繼父。

「不許你這樣說話!」媽媽開始生氣了,我就乖乖閉嘴。 當我想到這些對話被繼父聽到後的情形,心中實有無比的 暢快。但奇怪的是繼父總有辦法容忍我的冷嘲熱諷。

日子日復一日,媽媽與繼父不經不覺已結婚一年,時間 不能將我對繼父的憎恨減退,卻增加了挖苦他的方法和言 語。

「愛德華,去叫繼父出來吃午飯。」媽媽說。

「為甚麼?我才不要叫那堆垃圾出來!」

「我是怎麼教你的,我叫你不許說繼父的壞話,況且我就 喜歡要你叫他出來,是不是不聽話?」

「不是。」聽到媽媽這樣說,我有點無奈。

「不是的話就去做,我真不明白你,都已經一年了,為甚麼還不肯接受繼父呢?」

「我只承認那個生我下來的親爸爸,其他人甚麼都不是。」 「但爸爸已經死了,他不會再回來的了。」媽媽開始激動。 「爸爸死了你就可以另嫁他人嗎?我想他現在一定很不高 興。」

「我這是為你好,我不想你生長在單親家庭之中。」媽媽 生氣地說。聽到這番話,我更加為爸爸而忿忿不平,忍受 了一年的怒氣終於要爆發了。

「倒不如說那堆垃圾春心動,喜歡上媽媽你而娶了你吧, 自從他踏進這家門,我們家就被別人說閒話,說媽媽你在 爸爸生前已背夫偷漢,和這男人勾三搭四。我聽多了,也 開始相信媽媽你紅杏出牆呢!」

「啪」的一聲,我的臉上多了一個紅紅的掌印,媽媽她竟

然出手打我,就是為了那繼父。我的眼淚不斷湧出來,我 傷心極了,轉身往門口衝過去,一隻手掩著那灼熱的掌印, 一隻手在抹那不能受控的眼淚。

我不斷跑,不斷地跑,自己也不清楚跑了多遠,就只顧著跑。不久,來到了一間破舊的校舍前,記得那是媽媽年青時就讀的中學。我走進校舍,校舍現在已經荒廢了。我走著走著,透過窗口,竟看見其中一個課室有個女孩子。

「為甚麼會有女孩在這裏?」我心不禁疑惑。

我大著膽子,推門進去。那一刻,神奇的事發生了,由 課室往窗外望,校舍不是荒廢的,而是像新建成似的,再 望望另一邊的景色,竟有很多我從未見過的舊式建築物。

課室內的一切都充滿生氣,唯獨女孩則坐在課室的角落,滿臉哀愁。看到那女孩,我總覺得有點面熟,但就是說不出是誰。本來傷痛的情緒被那份好奇心淹蓋了,於是我走過去,她也發現了我。

「你就讀這間學校嗎?」我主動的打開話匣子,她微微點頭。

「為甚麼只有你一個坐在這兒,其他人呢?」

「都放學了,我在這裏想要靜一靜。」

「靜一靜?有甚麼不高興嗎?如果是的話,說出來,多一個人分享不是更好嗎?」她露出了一副疑惑的眼神,我馬上明白到她的疑慮。

「喔,對!我們才剛見面,還是陌生人。你不想說那可以不說。」

她似乎判斷過我無甚惡意後,便放心地將藏在她心裏的事一一訴說出來。原來她已經20歲了,本與一個男人熱戀,但無奈男人被征召入伍,一去便不知何時才回來。女孩便帶著這相思之苦度日。

我見她如此坦誠,便將與媽媽吵架,因繼父而傷心的事 說出來,說完後,心裏也舒暢了不少。而我們也因互訴心 事而頓時變得熟絡,有種很知心的感覺。

「時間不早了,明天再見吧!」我對女孩說。推開房門, 嶄新的校舍又變回廢墟,一切回復之前的原狀。我對這位 新認識的朋友很感興趣,一直回想著剛才所發生的事,也 就忘記了問那女孩,為甚麼校舍會自動轉變的謎團。但自 那天開始,我每天都會回到舊校,每次回來,女孩也在課 室中。我經常和她聊天,感情變得愈來愈好,她由初時相 遇的哀傷而變得越來越愉快,更會分享各自的秘密。我更 發覺她的言行舉止,甚至樣貌,竟和我媽媽很相像。我常 拿她和我媽媽開玩笑。

歡樂的時光過得特別快。回家後,又想起我忘了問她校舍的謎團,不知為何,我心裏就是有種「她必定知道答案」的感覺,明天我一定要問她這是甚麼回事。

第二天當我回到舊校時,她一副很高興的樣子,手中拿著一封信,我問她發生甚麼事,她對我說,她的軍人男朋友右手中槍,傷了筋骨,再不能被派上戰場,那代表他很可能於幾月內回來,我也為她可與男朋友再見而高興。忽然,顯光一閃,想到了一些事情,問道:

「請問你男朋友的名字是甚麼?」我現在才知道我連那女 孩和她朋友的名字也不曾問過。

「為甚麼這麼問?」

「先回答吧!」

「他叫愛德華。怎麼了?」

我聽見後,相當震驚,不會吧?只是巧合吧,於是又問:「你的名字是不是叫特麗莎?」

「你怎麼知道的?我有告訴過你嗎?」

原來我面前的這位女孩就是我的媽媽,我竟然連自己的媽媽也不認得,而愛德華就是她的戀人。那為甚麼媽媽會變得如此年輕?我真有點不知所措,驚慌得立刻衝出班房,遺下年輕時的媽媽而離開了。這中間一定有蹊蹺,事情實在太複雜了,我實在搞不清楚。愛德華既然是媽媽的初戀情人,為甚麼生我的不是愛德華而是我爸爸?為甚麼校舍會這樣奇怪,躲著一個年輕時的媽媽?我決定回家去找媽媽問清楚。

我將事情的始末完完全全地告訴媽媽。媽媽對這樣難以 置信的事也感到很驚訝,但當聽到我把她和繼父的事說出 來時,她好像也開始有點相信,漸漸鎮靜下來,複述當年 發生的事:

「當年我的確以為自己會嫁給愛德華,但是他退役後,幾個月仍音訊全無,你外公外婆怕他不會回來,便答應了另一頭親事,在父母的壓力下,只好順從他們嫁給了艾爾馮斯艾力克,那就生了你。而我對愛德華始終念念不忘,所以便讓你取名為愛德華艾力克。」

「那我錯怪繼父了!我本以為他是那種奪人妻子的男人, 原來爸爸才是破壞婚姻的人。」

「對,直至幾年前,你爸爸臨終前對我說他欠我太多了,知道我一心向著愛德華,也知道這些年來,其實我過得很不快樂。他說:若是可以的話,希望我能和愛德華在一起過些幸福的日子。」說著媽媽流下眼淚。

在爸爸死後兩年,媽媽再遇上繼父,他們兩人都很高興, 便決定結婚再續前緣。

原來就是這麼一回事,我頓時覺得自己當初是如此的無知。我對錯怪繼父,並不斷對他冷嘲熱諷而感到十分悔恨, 幸而心中對他的憎恨已不經不覺消失得無影無踪。繼父從 房中走出來,看見我和媽媽憂愁的神情感到很疑惑。此時, 我竟突然冒出一句:「爸爸,對不起!」

因為我這句說話,我們的生活揭開了新的序幕。我們過 著很愉快的生活。之後再去舊校,原來已準備清拆了,難 道那校舍的謎團將隨塵土一併給埋藏在地底?

這天,我再回到舊校,想再次找回年輕的媽媽,但班房已空無一人,整潔的班房變得十分殘舊。望出窗外,盡是熟悉的街道和建築物。我走到校門,突然傳來老人家的聲音:

「我記得你,你是特麗莎的兒子。」

「老伯,你認識我媽媽?」

「當然認識!當年你媽媽還是學生的時候,我已是這裏的校工,她常常和愛德華在校溫習,他們的感情可好呢!他們就是在那間課室溫書的。」說著便指向我遇見年輕媽媽的課室。

「不知何時開始,那男生突然被征入伍,而你媽媽就好一陣子都在那裡獨個兒傷心。後來好像有個男孩每天來開解她,她才變得開朗了。然後竟嫁給了另一個,聽說是她父母強逼的。真是可憐的孩子!」

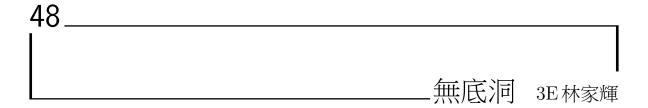
「你說甚麼?有個男孩每天開解她?那男孩是誰?是不是像我這般年紀的?」

「這我可不清楚了。只知道她結婚後常來這裏,又回到那課室,我想她是在回憶當年的情景吧!直到你出生,我便很少見她了,但說真的,你很像你媽媽呢!」

事情實在是太奇妙了! 難道當時的我進入了時光隧道,返回二十年前來開解我的媽媽,然後又和媽媽結成了好朋友?我想可能是我和媽媽本身便有一種連結,靠甚麼連結我不清楚,但肯定的是因為那課室是媽媽很重要的回憶,

媽媽和繼父無論是開心或失意,也在這班房度過,我想就是因為這樣,當我回到過去時,也在那班房「著陸」。現在回不了過去,我想是因為連結斷了,我也不可能再回到二十年前了。

想著想著,驀然回首,望著這舊校舍,希望在它清拆前, 把它牢牢記在腦海中。說到底,這校舍給了我、媽媽、繼 父很多珍貴的回憶。雖然二十年過去了,我改變了不少, 但以後的道路正等著我呢!



北美,北卡羅萊納洲,某小鎮。

他終於回到了故鄉,在這個七月,這樣的假期是很少有的,但這畢竟是家「人道」的公司,他已快兩年沒有放長假了......

「彼得!這邊.....」在他正在思考這無聊問題之際,兒時 玩伴以及中學的好同學 保羅已站在他的車旁叫住他了, 他趕忙提起行李走過去。

「好久沒見了!彼得,今晚一定要好好喝一頓,我有一大 堆話想跟你說呢!也想聽聽你這幾年在搞甚麼飛機!」

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彼得剛洗過澡,見保羅在門口等他,就走過去。保羅已在門口的平台上擺好了桌椅,露天晚餐啊!好久沒試過這樣了......

他們是對老朋友,也不作甚麼寒暄就直接坐下,談論那 幾十遍被女友甩掉一類的閒話。半醉之際,一隊人匆匆經 過,似乎還抬著一個人。

「那些人要到哪裏去?」彼得問道。

「無底洞!」保羅不以為然的吐出這句話。

「無底洞?」彼得有些疑惑。

「啊!忘了嗎?我們中學時.....」保羅還是淡淡地補充。 保羅說到一半,彼得便「啊!」的失聲喊出來,差點站 了起來,中學時的記憶便潮水般湧過來.....

那確是個無底洞,洞口直徑約2米,有高約50厘米的台基圍著洞口,由一些像是黑翟石的物質構成,那是硬得有些可怕的物質。保羅曾試過企圖用電鑽鑽一點來化驗,卻完全沒一絲裂紋,甚至連1毫米也沒凹下。中學時期彼得和保羅試過用買的、「借」老爸回來的、一共5000多米長的漁絲,吊著重物往下垂,但5000多米的漁絲用光了,還沒有到底,也沒有被甚麼抓住的感覺,想想就覺得可怕,試計算若一層樓高3米,就有1700多層樓的高度,而且還沒有到底。這樣的事他們不止做了一次,但5000米已是他們的極限。

彼得一拍自己的額,表示已經想起。又旋即苦笑。「怎麼了?」保羅問道。

「沒甚麼!只是有一次我出差到中國,也發現相同的洞, 只是......那些人用來做垃圾堆,當然那還未填滿......」

保羅不曉得用甚麼表情回應,只是呆望著彼得。

彼得又道:「對了!那被抬的人怎麼了?丟進去嗎?」

保羅終於回復過來,笑道:「不是呀!那人患上了絕症, 所以抬去醫治。」

「到無底洞醫絕症?」彼得驚訝道。

「嗯!那是無意中發現的,三年前有個醉漢倒在無底洞附近,在那裏睡著了,他醒來後也沒發現,但當到醫院複診時,才發現他的肝硬化和糖尿病都好了。雖然這引發了不少騷動,但很多人還是不相信。後來有個女孩的貓死了,

她聽說那裏能治病,就把貓放在洞口的石基上,走了,第二天那貓竟活過來。」

「那.....死人?」

「對於人來說,只能醫病,不能叫死人復活。」保羅答道。「那倒引起了我的興趣。」彼得有些興奮的道。

保羅輕輕皺眉道:「你想怎樣?」

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翌晨,他們駕車到了離保羅家約兩公里的無底洞,那洞口還是被黑翟石般的不知名物質圍著,四周還是及膝高的雜草,並帶著明顯有人經過而造成的痕跡。

彼得嘆道:「今次準備了昔日的四倍呢!20000米的繩子.....」

「這樣做不太好吧!」保羅在後面道。

「這些事不是第一次做吧!」

「不是啦!我是指那隻羊。」

「沒關係的!」彼得一邊把繩子縳在羊身上,一邊對保羅 說,說完就把羊放進洞內,並把繩子往下放。

那隻羊一直都很平靜,20000米的繩子也在不斷減少,彼 得覺得有些納悶,便問道:「昨晚那人真的醫好了嗎?」

「不曉得!但臉色好像好轉了不少。」保羅答道。

「第幾人了?」彼得問。

保羅意會他是指無底洞治好的人,想了一會道:「17人。」 「他們真的完全好了?」彼得意外人數之多問道。

「至少以現今的醫學知識來看是完全好了。奇怪的是他們 全部都是失去知覺,醒來便沒事的!」

「事情好像不會這樣簡單!」彼得剛說完,下面的羊傳來激烈的掙扎,兩人急忙把繩子往上拉,但可恨的是繩子早

就放下了超過一半,花了近一小時才把羊拉上來,羊似乎只是失去了知覺,並無大礙。兩人對著羊,良久,保羅才開腔道:「我們到底得到了甚麼?」

「這洞至少12000米深!」彼得答道。

「只有這樣而已?」保羅剛說完,羊的肚子似乎有點膨脹,兩人急忙跑開。

忽然,羊的肚子爆開,一頭類似海豹似的生物從羊的肚子中爬出來,望著他們,兩人屏住呼吸,不敢動一根指頭。「海豹」依舊望著他們,他們見「海豹」沒有進一步行動,嘗試後退兩步,又停下來。就這樣幾次「海豹」便跳回無底洞中。

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兩天後,早上五時。

「彼得快起來!大事不妙了!」保羅一邊大嚷,一邊搖著彼得,彼得被搖得七葷八素,只得難受地吐出「怎麼了?」 三個字。

「NASA接管了無底洞,並禁止其他人進入管轄範圍。」保羅焦急道。

「啊!這樣啊!」彼得還沒完全醒來迷糊的回答。

保羅補充道:「NASA在查問當地人對無底洞有甚麼認識,那些被治好的人可能……」

彼得搔了一搔蓬亂的頭髮,道:「沒人會說出這個吧?」「那你就太小看政府的情報能力了!」

「那我們該……」彼得還沒說完,樓下就有人在拍門。

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當天中午,無底洞前。

彼得兩人把所有的事情講了出來,說真的,兩人也想知 道無底洞到底有沒有底,而那17人接受NASA的檢查,也 並無任何異常情況,只是意外NASA會讓他們在旁觀看「探 索無底洞之旅」。

附近的雜草已被清除,洞旁放了一堆儀器,由於通訊沒有像某些科幻小說般受到干擾,於是NASA便把一輛無人哨兵直升機放進洞內。那直升機仿似一顆沒脫彀的花生,兩頭是兩個球體,中間多了兩副旋翼,上面裝著多具攝影機和射燈。攝影機正傳回影像至地面接收器的螢幕上。螢幕上顯示著仿似無盡的,傾斜向上升的「黑翟石」,說明探測直升機正傾斜向下飛墜。不知過了多久,朝下的鏡頭終於看到了無底洞的底,於是直升機徐徐降落。但四周並沒特別,同樣只是石壁。

地上所有人不由感到十分困惑,到底那「海豹」從何而來?若只是偶然,那又是誰要挖一個這麼深的洞呢?

忽地直升機又開始往下跌,影像顯示的赫然是一坐地下都市,三頭「海豹」朝探測直升機「遊」過來,但影像卻不覺是水底。

「聽得懂嗎?」忽然17個聲音道。

「是!」彼得反應過來道。

那些「海豹」似乎是用了那17人作「通訊器」。

「你們是甚麼?」彼得問道,旋即覺得失禮,又補充道:「雖然那有點失禮。」

「『我們』就是你們口中的海豹!」那17人道。

「那建造這裏的是你們?」保羅也反應過來道。

「不!我們只是僕人,建造這裏的是主人。」

「僕人?你們的主人是誰?又為何建造這裏?」

「那是個挺長的故事,細節就不說了。話說10000年前,

也即是大洪水前,地球的科技到達了頂峰,甚至進行星際殖民也不是件難事,但科技卻沒有朝這方面發展,有些人意識到必定會爆發戰爭,於是開始預備後路,但對當時的武器來說,安全的就只有地殼100公里以下的地方,於是便開始建造這些設施,利用地熱、核融合等能源,還有一些生存必須的技術,如氧氣制造等,都包括在這些設施當中……最後戰爭果真爆發了,倖存的大概只有你們現在的地中海、印度、遠東少數地區和已經潭沒的亞特蘭蒂斯。

亞特蘭蒂斯和大多數科技已在大洪水中蕩然無全了,大 洪水後剩下的就是你們現今文明的起源。而主人們則一直 生活在地下,起初只是數百公里的大小,人口也只有萬來 人。後來逐漸的發展,主人們擴展到別處,就成了現在的 狀況,也所以這樣的洞口並不只有一個。而我們的主人也 不能再到地上了,因為地上是屬於你們的。而我們則是經 主人改造,讓我們做一些他們做不到的事。最後,主人必 定協助你們維持和平,但不是現在,現在我們的科技你們 還控制不了,到適當的時候,主人會聯絡你們。」說完。就 把探測器放回無底洞之外,並重新關上兩個紀元之間的阻 隔。

良久,地面的所有人才能接受剛聽到的事實。

一個穿NASA制服的人嘆道:「我們連自已的地球也不完全瞭解,怎麼有資格探索宇宙呢?」說完轉向彼得等人道:「我們是NASA隸屬51區的研究員,有興趣加入我們嗎?」

彼得和保羅都曉得他們沒有拒絕的權利。

【筆者注:這是無底洞地面故事的結束,但卻是無底洞地底故事的開始.....當然,彼得和保羅的故事也並未完結.....】

## IV English Portfolio

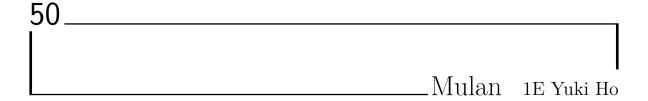
\_A more attractive Ocean Park 1D Wong Ka Ho

Ocean Park is a wonderful place. It is on Hong Kong Island. If you want to get there, you can take the MTR, a bus and also a taxi. Ocean Park opens from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. every day.

There are lots of attractions at Ocean Park, such as the Butterfly House, the Giant Panda Habitat and the Shark Aquarium. You won't feel bored there. At Ocean Park, there are some interesting shows. You can go to see the sea animals in the Ocean Theatre. The sea animals will do some tricks, like the sea lions, they can balance on their flippers and the dolphins will jump high out of the water. If you get hungry, you can choose different kinds of food. The Chinese restaurant and the food kiosks at Ocean Park are very good, so you can taste food from different countries. If you feel the performances are boring, you can go on rides. There are lots of exciting rides at Ocean Park, like the Dragon, the Cable Cars and the Abyss. When the visitors come to our park, they can take photos, go on rides, see the performances and also taste the food.

I have some ideas to make Ocean Park better. I will build a

new place called the Panda Theatre, the trainers will train the pandas to do some tricks. My second idea is to build a new Kids World, the children can play with their parents there, so all the children will be happy in this world. I hope these two features can make Ocean Park better and more popular.



Mulan was a brave girl. She loved her family. She wanted to go to the army in place of her father, but her father didn't agree. At night, Mulan wore her father's clothes so she looked like a man. She also had a haircut and rode a horse to go to the camp site. By the time Mr Fa woke up, Mulan had arrived at the camp site safely.

When Mulan arrived at the camp site, some of the soldiers hated her so they always bullied her. She always practiced hard so Mulan was stronger than them. After that she fought with the captain. She won.

Mulan was afraid but she was brave. She took a cannon and projected it to the snow hill. Bon! Bon! The snow rushed down. The Huns were hurt. Mulan ran and ran. Luckily, she was not badly hurt. The Captain took her to the camp site. The doctor examined her.

"Oh! She is a girl!" The doctor said. The captain didn't punish her. After a few minutes, the Huns in the snow woke up. But Mulan was out of the army now. Mulan wanted to help her

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country so she went to the palace. Wow! The Huns went to the palace to kill the king. Mulan saved the king. She did a great job. She was very brave.

Mulan is a brave girl. She can do many things girls cannot do. These things I cannot do. She loves her father. She helped her father because she didn't want her father to die, so she helped her father by going to the battle.

## \_\_\_\_\_My Favourite Cartoon Character 2D Leo Chan

My favourite cartoon character is Doraemon. Doraemon is the main character of a comic story. He is an electronic cat from the future. He was born on 3rd November, 2112. He is short and heavy. He is 129.3cm tall and weighs 129.3kg. He has a cute, round face, six short, straight whiskers, a big mouth, a small, red nose, two short hands and two short legs. The colour of his body was yellow before he was scared by a mouse. It's blue now. I think blue is more beautiful than yellow.

In the comic, Tai Hung is a lazy and stupid student. Doraemon uses many magic tools to help him to become a successful person. Tai Hung always uses the magic tools wrongly. He makes problems even worse. Doraemon has to help him again and again.

Doraemon is also brave and fair. He usually uses clever methods to help people in need. He is also able to stop some villainous plans. He has saved lots of people. We can learn many things from Doraemon, for example, his good characters. I have learnt that we should try our best to help each other.

\_\_\_\_An Exciting Day in Thailand 2D Cherry Cheung

4th February, 2006 Friday Sunny & windy

Dear Diary,

Hurray! I am so happy that my family and I arrived in Bangkok. The weather forecast said that there would be light rainfall in the morning with a temperature of 19°C. In the afternoon and evening, it would be windy with a temperature of 26°C and the humidity would be 86%. I was glad to hear that as we had planned to explore some Thailand's attractions.

In the morning, we went to the Floating Market. There were different kinds of fruit for sale; for example, peaches, grapefruits, plum, melon... etc. My mum likes to eat melons so we bought some which were very small. The size was just like the size of an orange. We also bought strawberries, cherries and peaches. I thought there was so much that we would have a fruit lunch! By the way, they are good for us.

My elder brother and my Dad wanted to go wind-surfing be-

cause the weather forecast said that it was going to be windy. We went to Pattaya to play water sports in the afternoon. My elder brother and Dad hired two wind-surfing boards and went wind-surfing. Mum and I went snorkelling. The sea was beautiful because there were many colourful fish. They swam very quickly so it was impossible to catch them. After playing water sports, we lay on the beach and ate the fruit we bought this morning. They were fresh and sweet. It was so delicious! When we got ready to leave the beach, I lost my platform shoes. I was sad. I thought we had to go to a shopping centre to buy a pair of new shoes for me.

In the evening, we took a tuk tuk to Siam Discovery Centre. I was very uncomfortable that every body watched my feet without shoes. My mother and I went to a sports shop to buy a pair of trainers. After that, we went to a Thai food restaurant to eat Thai food. I like the pineapple fried rice the best because I think it is very delicious.

At about 8pm, we went back to the hotel. All in all, I think today was an amazing, interesting and exciting experience for me!

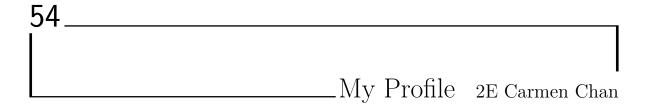
Love, Cherry



My name is Chan Kwok Ming. My English name is Alfred. I was born in Hong Kong on 9th November 1991. I live with my father, mother and sister. We live in Sham Shui Po. My father and mother are cooks.

My best friend is Dennis. We were in the same primary school. Every Saturday, I would call him to play football. We always play together.

My favourite subjects are Chinese and P.E. I like them but I don't know why? I like school because in this school, I feel very warm. When I first walked in this school, I felt very strange but now it is not. I like this school very much.



My name is Carmen Chan. My parents are called Carley Koo and Ady Chan. I have a small family but I am very happy, because I don't have any brothers or sisters, so my parents love me very much. I am twelve years old, I study at United Christian College. I think I am the youngest in my class.

I have many friends in school. They are all very kind. When I have difficulties and need their help, they will tell me what to do kindly. When I am unhappy, they make me laugh.

I love my school very much but I don't know the reason. My school teachers and the school workers all are Christians. They are all very kind.

I love everything that Jesus gives me.

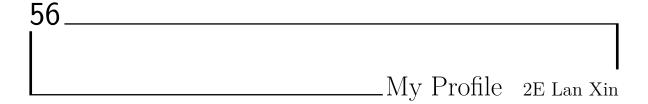


## Family

I was born in Hong Kong on 11th December 1989. My parents called me Lung. I have one elder sister. When I was born, my parents were tourists in Hong Kong, so we couldn't live here. We lived in Guangzhou. We were so poor. My parents were workers.

## School

When I was seven years old, I started to go to school and studied in North Park Primary School. Four years later, my mother and I moved to Hong Kong. We lived with my grandparents in Mong Kok. My father and sister can't live with us. They can't live in Hong Kong, but they can come to visit us. In 2000, I studied in Sam Shui School. I was in Primary 3. Now, I study in U.C.C. I think this school is too small, like my primary school. All teachers in U.C.C. are so kind and nice. It looks like a big family.



My name is Lan Xin. I'm a girl from China. I'm fifteen years old now. I was born on July 17 in Guangdong, China. My parents are Lan Sun Rong and Zhou Shui Lian. I have an elder sister called Angela and a younger brother called Jess.

I started school when I was seven, and my first school is called "Bang Lang Xiao Xue". It was a very big school. We could play fairly happily there. I studied at that school for seven years. When I was fourteen. I joined a new school called "No.2 Middle School". It is smaller than my first school, but I lived more happily because I made many friends and we could have lunch at school at that time. It took us too much time to go out to have lunch. And we could have the evening lessons. It was very interesting. I like this kind of life.

Half a year ago, I moved to Hong Kong and I have joined a new school called "United Christian College". I think it is an extremely small place but the teachers and students are very friendly and funny here. For example, our English teacher Mr. Johnson is extremely crazy and cheerful. He makes the lessons

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very entertaining. We all like him very much.

I'm very happy to study in this school. I'm a new student, so my teachers and classmates are all thoughtful to me. Now, I have many friends. My life has become more and more joyful.

57\_\_\_\_\_A Letter to my parents 3D Billy Ho

Dear Mom and Dad,

I know that you think having a pet is a bit troublesome, but I can ensure you that I will take good care of it. I have gathered information about the pet I want. Please read it.

I want to have a hamster. It looks like a rat, but it has a short tail. It has big, round eyes, a sharp nose, long, straight whiskers and soft, smooth fur. It is very sociable. When it meets another hamster, they will make friends easily and eat and play together.

The pet is very easy to take care of because the pet items for hamsters are very portable. It only lives in a small cage. I'll put the cage indoors. The cage is small but with a running wheel for it to run and keep fit. We don't have to worry about exercise because it will do exercise when it wants to. It is also easy to take care of his food. It likes to eat dry food. We only have to give a spoon of food once a day and it can be full with hunger satisfied. However, it mustn't eat human food because it'll get stomachache.

In the cage, I will put some wood chips on his tray. It's used for absorbing the awful smell that the hamster breeds.

When it is compared to other animals, it gets close to us very easily because hamsters trust their masters easily, like they will eat the food from your hand, sleep on your hand, feeling secure. They are also very quiet. They aren't like dogs that bark and birds that squawk. They are so energetic but quiet, so it is very suitable for us to keep one.

I hope that you will let me have a hamster as my pet. I am sure that I will be a responsible pet owner and I will love it very much as I can.

Love, Billy Ho If you aspire to possess a healthy body, don't just exercise as it is also necessary to match with a balanced diet. Therefore, anyone who is unhealthy ought to change their diet, including me.

Since vegetables and fruit aren't my cup of tea, I mainly eat junk food. For breakfast, I usually have chocolate with a can of coke. They are so delicious that I can't control the amount I consume. Sometimes, I even keep eating chocolate until I arrive at school. For lunch, McDonald's is always my first choice to go for as I am often attracted by their fried food. I usually order a Big Mac, French fries and a cup of coke. What a yummy meal I have! Although I have dinner at home, I rarely eat without plenty of meat. It is difficult for me to have a balanced diet.

I think my diet is extremely unhealthy. According to the food pyramid, I don't consume food properly. So setting up some rules for my diet is very important.

First, I should eat enough fruit and vegetables, because they contain lots of vitamin C and fibre, which are very helpful to our health. Second, I should avoid oily food as it can affect my appearance. Third, eating too much sweet food can cause us to get rotten teeth easily. So it will be wise of me to eat less sweet food.

In conclusion, we should make sure that we eat in a healthy way.



Air pollution is getting serious in HK. You are writing for your school magazine sharing what we can do as secondary school students to help solve this problem.

Air pollution in Hong Kong is one of the major challenges that we face as a community. Poor air quality affects everyone of us in Hong Kong, and we are suffering from ever-increasing pollution. It is not only damaging our health, it also damages our home –Hong Kong. As we all love our home and we are Hong Kong people, let us do something to protect our home as soon as possible.

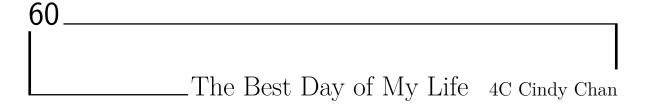
Although we are just secondary school students, everyone can help clean the air by altering our daily activities which create air pollution. We may try our best to make our air cleaner and healthier to breathe. Here are some simple ways for us to protect our home.

First, we can make good use of mass public transport and avoid traveling by taxis. This can reduce the emission of nitrogen oxides and particles from vehicles. Meanwhile, the air can become cleaner. Besides that, when we are at home, we can switch off domestic appliances, such as fans, air-conditioners and lights that we aren't using. In this way, we can save energy. Also, power stations may help reduce the emission of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and particles, so that the quality of air can be better.

Second, we can join some planting programmes and invite friends and families to participate in an extensive tree planting campaign. Then, they can try out for themselves some practical works on afforestation and preservation of our home. As we all know that trees can help to improve the air quality, planting more trees is also a good way to solve air pollution problems.

Moreover, we can encourage people around us not to smoke as carbon monoxide and other harmful gases from burning cigarette is also making the air pollution become more serious. Air is essential to us, but the quality of air is seriously affected by smoking and smoke isn't good for our health, so it is very important that we remind ourselves and others not to become a smoker.

Of course, there are many more ways we can help but not now because we are just secondary school students. All students, please take action now to protect our air quality and then our home would become a more pleasant and healthy place for us and for everyone who live in Hong Kong. Let's do something to ensure the air is fresh.



Which day is the best day of my life? This question was very difficult to answer before I was a Christian. However, I know the answer very clearly now since I believe in God and know what He did for me.

One day, when I woke up, I suddenly realized that it was the best day of my life. I had to experience lots of wonderful things with a joyful heart. I wondered at God's amazing creations and the natural gifts. The morning dew, the bright sun, the beautiful clouds, the strong trees, the colourful flowers and the flying birds are all the things we can enjoy and praise God for.

When the sun refuses to rise or the night goes on without a star in the sky, I will still be loving you and believing you until the day that I die. Today is the day I can quit worrying about what I don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things God has already given to me - just enjoy the magnificent treasures every moment.

With my faith in God and with Him facing everything with me, every day is the best day of my life. 61\_\_\_\_\_The Ocean Park Expansion 4C Susanne Ng

23rd February, 2006

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the article from Chris Wong about the Ocean Park expansion. He said that Ocean Park has lost its value and its expansion is useless and meaningless. I am afraid I disagree with Chris Wong's article and I would like to share my ideas on Ocean Parks' expansion in term of the attractions, shows and facilities.

I completely disagree with Chris Wong's point about Ocean Park. I think Ocean Park must have its value since this is one of the most popular tourist spots in Hong Kong. Tourists can do many things there, for example, they can see many animals such as pandas and sealions. People can also play some exciting rides for fun. People will really enjoy these activities.

Since the Ocean Park has an expansion in the future, there will be more attractions for the tourists and local people. Here are my opinions in terms of the attractions, shows and facilities in Ocean Park. First, I would suggest they build a water paradise which will have a swimming pool, water slides and jacuzzis. I also suggest they build a big lake with a park, because people can row a boat on the lake and enjoy the beautiful view near the park. People can relax in the park with their family.

In addition, I think Ocean Park should have some special variety shows for the visitors. Since it has a marine show already, I suggest it can add a magic show, an acrobatics show and an ocean film show. In this way, there would be more shows for people to choose, which would be suitable and interesting to watch.

Finally, I want to talk about the facilities for Ocean Park to help its expansion. I think it should build a hall for shows. I also think it should build some hotels nearby for people who will visit there for a long time. Moreover, it should build a shopping centre for people to buy souvenirs after visiting the Park.

I hope this letter will be useful.

Yours faithfully, Susanne Ng 62

The Pros and Cons of Studying in an International
School 5C Anastasia Ng Wing Ki

Nowadays in Hong Kong, other languages like English and Mandarin are very useful regardless of the importance of Cantonese in this international city. Some parents thus look forward to having their children to study in an international school. However, someone says studying in an international school does not train children to speak like a native speaker. In this essay, both the pros and cons of studying in an international school will be explored.

One advantage of studying in an international school is that students are more willing and able to speak in another language than those in the local school. Take English as an example, local students are usually shy to speak in English, as the peer will probably tease them or they have no chance to practise the language since everybody is speaking in their mother tongue. However, the students of international schools can speak in English throughout the whole school day or even in their daily life. Thus, time after time, day by day, they can learn to speak English well like

a native speaker.

Another advantage of studying in an international school is they can learn different customs and acquire knowledge from other countries. For example, during the conversation between a Chinese student and a Russian student, they might talk about the taboo of their own place. In Russia, people will not give a clock as a gift since it means 'counting down of relationship' or in China, people will not mention number 4 during the Chinese New Year as it means 'death' in Chinese. This kind of knowledge cannot be acquired in local schools.

Up to this part, you will ask whether there is any disadvantage in this issue. My answer is a 'yes' and I will show you two disadvantages regarding this issue.

One disadvantage is that studying in an international school costs much higher than studying in a local school. It is not worth spending huge sum of money to study in an international school when we can receive the same education in local schools at a relatively lower cost.

Another disadvantage is that students in international schools might face identity crisis. As they usually hear a lot about the experiences or interesting things related to their peers' country, that would lead the students to admire the other cultures and depreciate their own culture.

Although studying in an international school costs a lot and perhaps it will lead to identity crisis, the result is worth the cost. The benefit is not merely speaking fluently, but also acquiring the knowledge of other countries that you cannot learn from books. Therefore, in my opinion, it is better to study in an international

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Tuesday with Morrie — Some reflections 6A Matthew Yeung

One thing I admire Morrie so much is that he saw things very differently. He looked at things from different angles. For instance, he treated dying as a kind of learning and that's why he said, "If you know how to die, you know how to live". How special he was at seeing things! At least, I wouldn't think of such kind of thing and I would only be lying in the bed and crying.

Another thing I admire him is the way he treated dying. He had held a living funeral before he died which I think is pretty special and remarkable. It seems he had already confronted the truth that he was dying and nothing was going to help. Dying is not horrible, but seeing yourself dying when you could do nothing about it is horrible. However, Morrie confronted it bravely. Instead of mourning, he shared his views about dying with everyone. How many people could ever do that when they were dying? People would probably spend the rest of the days seeking for cure and never accept the truth of dying. Morrie was the one who truly faced everything with an optimistic mind and he was

really a special person.

Morrie reminds me to follow my own heart. Sometimes, we just conform to the majority but he told us not to follow the culture blindly when it doesn't fit you. We don't have to force ourselves to do things we don't like. Sometimes, we need to pause and think about what we want, but not what others want us to do. Lives are always in our hands, so don't make them complicated. All you have to do is to follow your heart. Indeed, living is not as hard as you think when you are optimistic and willing to make your own decisions. It all depends on nothing more than your own heart.

The whole book of "Tuesday with Morrie" seems to be philosophical and hard to understand, but it's definitely a remarkable book. It reminds us of a lot of things that seem to be forgotten by people for a long time, like lives are in our hands, we are the ones who matter, but not others. This book really keeps me thinking a lot about living, dying, loving and etc. I would recommend this book to the people who seem to have got stuck or lost in their lives as it helps them think about their lives more.

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\_Tuesday with Morrie — An old man, a young man, and life's great lesson 6A Hardy Ho

Have you ever felt close to death? What would you feel if you were close to dying? It is a difficult question for me before I read the book. Healthy as we are, we seldom think of such a question; usually we evade it. The word 'die' is still too far from us. After I read several chapters of the story, I started thinking about the question, and more and more questions have arisen.

This is a true story encompassing the relationship between the author Mitch Albom and his former professor of sociology at Brandeis University, Morrie. This book is about the reflection of the past at Brandeis and the present. The past is reflected with good memories of a special teacher, and the present is mired in the last days of professor Morrie Schwartz who was going to die very soon of Lou Gehrig's disease.

Morrie was a wise and optimistic man. When he was alive, he wrote philosophies about living with death's shadow. He didn't waste his time during all his life. He treated everyone so sincerely. Morrie really had a unique way of communicating with

his students and friends. I admire Morrie for having so many friends surrounding him. I know it was because he always loved his friends. He loved relationships with people. He also believed that love and relationship will never end. Therefore, he forgave his father. He probably didn't have any regret in the world. However, I feel sorry for him because he had no opportunity to enjoy his Perfect Day.

When I was holding the book, reading the lines, I found there were always wisdoms between sentences. Its words spoke directly to my aching heart. I found that Tuesdays with Morrie carries the power to lead readers to reflection. I read from the very beginning, 'The first Tuesday, we talk about...' 'The second Tuesday, we talk about...' 'The thirteen Tuesday, we talk about...' 'The fifteen Tuesday, we say goodbye'. After every chapter, I knew Morrie's death was stepping near, but I really didn't want him to die. Reading the last two chapters, I burst into tears.

I remember a scene: Mitch tried to learn how to punch Morrie's back, to prevent his lung tissues from becoming hard. Every punch, Mitch hit strongly, and Morrie groaned. 'You want to hit me for long, hah? Come on! Tell me how you hate me, haha!' he joked. However, how did Mitch feel at that time? His pain was a thousand times more than Morrie's. His pain was headed deep in his heart. It was unspeakable. No one can tell how unwilling he was. He gritted his teeth to hit every punch, but he hit him because he loved him.

I have a strong passion to share this book with my family and friends. In fact, this is not a sad book. It praises life, living, and giving. It helps us to grapple with our losses, put words to our morass of emotions. This helps us to regain our bearings and allows us to move forward in life. The book has its touching moments, yet there are also many which trigger belly laughs and chuckles. Morrie had an engaging sense of humour, ironic and impish at the same time. His lighthearted point of view on life filled up the book. The words are really cheerful. They are still so clear in my mind.

'Who can always win? LOVE. Love always wins.'

'Death ends a life, not a relationship.'

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The Hong Kong Education System 6C Lam Chun Yu,

Matthew

We have found that nowadays many secondary school students lost their faith in the education system. Many of them are considering quitting and joining the workforce - this is mainly due to the declining education standard in Hong Kong. The issue has raised great discussion in Hong Kong since it has a great impact on Hong Kong society. Because of this, the Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) is trying to figure out solutions to solve the problem.

"We don't study for the marks" —this is a quote from a government television ad. In fact, the role of examination is really crucial in determining a student's academic career. There are two public exams in Hong Kong, the Certificate Exam and the Advanced Level Examination; they eliminate a large proportion of students from studying F.6 and universities respectively. As a result, the over-emphasis of the examination has added massive pressure and stress to the students. Moreover, failure in the exam will also affect the dignity of the student.

Examination is necessary in assessing a student's ability, but over-emphasis of it would definitely bring bad effects. Besides, we can't neglect the schoolwork done by the students inside school. Maybe more assessments based on students' schoolwork should be done, in order to lower the proportion of the exam marks and lessen students' anxiety.

Many students prefer work to study. This is mainly because they can't see the usefulness of studying. Hong Kong economy is in recovery, but the percentage of unemployed school graduates is still quite high. Even university graduates can only find low-paid jobs. On the other side, the booklore knowledge that students study in school can't benefit their future career. As a result, students are losing confidence and faith towards the education system.

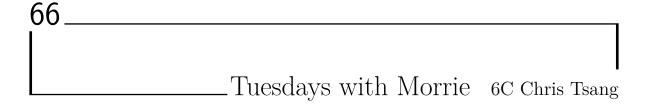
In dealing with students' low incentive to study, we should enhance their learning interest. We can achieve the goal by adding some new elements to the current educational syllabus. Students are mainly studying traditional subjects such as History, Geography, Biology, etc, which are not practical to their future career. Thus, secondary Schools may organize some career-related courses for students such as engineering, tourism, etc. These courses do not have to be too specific but provide a brief concept of different careers.

In Hong Kong, the EMB is responsible for drafting and modifying the educational policies. But in the past few years, the EMB has been criticized for its ambiguous and fluctuating education policies, causing the students to lose heart. For example, the medium of instruction has become a hot issue in the commu-

nity; students are confused about the significance of the mother tongue teaching versus English-mediated teaching. Nevertheless, the EMB has come up with a new academic structure for secondary education recently, which is known as the 3-3-4, and this has drawn great attention and concern from the public.

The solution lies in setting up clearer educational policies. In order to raise students' faith towards the system, the EMB can invite public consultation, hearing the voice from students and parents and give clear explanation to its policies.

To conclude, raising students' faith towards the system is a vital task for the EMB. Since Hong Kong's education system consists of many problems such as the over-emphasis of the exams or unstable educational policies, measures should be done to deal with these problems. Both the EMB and students should try hard to solve the problem. Furthermore, students should realize that equipping themselves with knowledge is crucial to 'survive' in today's tough society.



If you were dying, what would you do? When would you know you will die? How would you feel? Fearful, unhappy, afraid, sad or have other feelings? I think most people know that they will die eventually. They will have these feelings and I am no exception. However, Morrie who is the main character of this book tried to face death positively. Although he knew that he would die because of ALS, he wasn't sad and disappointed. He wanted to use his remaining lifetime to affect other people, such as his friends, family or his students. He did many things to help others to know more about life, how to live more meaningfully.

"When you learn how to die, you learn how to live," Morrie said. Death - everyone will face death but people are afraid of facing this situation at the same time. Nobody would want to learn how to die because people think death is far from them. Moreover, you do not know when you will face death. If I could learn how to die, I think I would know how to live because I won't be afraid of anything.

In this book, Morrie and his student Mitch did a project on

'meaning of life'. I think the meaning of life is a profound subject. Everyone wants to know the meaning of life but nobody can explain that very clearly. Different people have different interpretations about life. Those may be your experiences, feelings and daily habits. 'Tuesdays with Morrie' can tell me more about meaning of life. Personally, I think the 'true' meaning of life is enjoying my life every day, enjoy 'anything' about my life.

The book is talking about love, marriage, forgiveness, family, money, death, and emotion. After I read this book, I have a new insight about these topics. I think Morrie's experiences can inspire me. Morrie said, "The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love and to let it come in." I agree with him because I believe that love is very important in our world and love can change many things. Love is the greater power in the world; it can encourage people to help the helpless. Love can solve the problems between people; love can let the people learn how to forgive. Likewise, I want to use the power of love to make some changes in my life.

Emotion — that is an important topic in my life. In the past, I didn't control my emotions very well. But now, I should try to understand my emotions, try to accept my feelings, to learn how to control and understand my emotions. I think emotion is an important subject to learn because it can help me know more about myself.

Finally, I've learned more things from this book, such as how to forgive and how not to be controlled by our culture. I should have my own feelings and styles. These things are very important in my life and beneficial for me. Life — it has many different meanings. It is a greater subject so we should invest all our time to learn how to live.

'Tuesdays with Morrie' - I think it is a book that can help you know more about life.

The Hong Kong Education System 6C Lung Shun Hang,
Micky

Recently, the education system in Hong Kong is being criticized for its declining standard. The government provides Hong Kong students the nine-year free compulsory education as a foundation for them to get a place in university. However, students lose heart in this system as they see the weaknesses of it. Resentment arises and the government is urged to take an educational reform.

One of the weaknesses is that students need to study a particular syllabus decided by the Examination Authority. The coverage of the syllabus is too narrow. Also, students in Hong Kong are studying under the format of rote learning. Monotonous learning environment in addition to dull syllabus discourage students from studying. Besides, the system only confines itself to a small scope of knowledge, thus hindering students' development of mind and creativity.

Moreover, focus is only put on academic subjects under Hong Kong's education system. These subjects may not be something useful in the society or in relation to our daily life. As a result, students' mind and knowledge is restricted by textbooks and schools. Their lack of knowledge of the outside world leads to superficial understanding of the society. In the long term, it even affects the future careers of students.

These problems should not be neglected. The EMB has to do something to improve the situation. Increasing the school subjects besides academic ones is a possible way to enhance students' knowledge. More subjects about social affairs and sports can provide students with more choices. By then they can find out which subjects they are interested in more easily and concentrate on them. They can therefore have greater room to work out their potential abilities.

Furthermore, integrating interactive activities with studying is beneficial in developing students' problem solving skills. The combining of activities with studying can make lessons more fun and interesting. For example, when participating in games, students can absorb knowledge more quickly. Activities like group discussions can be arranged more often in class. Comparatively, students can come up with more ideas during discussion rather than just sitting at a desk and listening to the teachers. These various activities are beneficial to students' mind development.

All in all, the education system in Hong Kong requires improvement. The EMB should seriously face and tackle the above mentioned problems so as to maintain a good education level in Hong Kong.

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"Technology enables us to make more friends?" Do you agree? 7B Olivia Choi

With the rapid technological advancement, many people think that they can have more connections and better communication with others. Therefore they can make more friends and enlarge their social network. In Hong Kong, it is not uncommon to hear that some people make friends through chatting with strangers on the Internet (e.g. through ICQ or MSN). Some teenagers may even make friends through browsing strangers' electronic diaries (e.g. Xanga) or message boards.

While many people agree that technology enables them to make more friends, others, however, argue that technology is just a tool used by gangs to commit crimes. Then is technology a blessing or a curse? Can we gain more friends through these technologies? I do not think so.

Before looking into the arguments, should we first think about the definition of "friends". "Friends" are groups of people or just individuals who understand each other's feelings, know each other well. Rather than just shopping, playing and chatting with each other, they are willing to share their buddies' happiness and unhappiness, ready to sacrifice for each other and forgive each other's weaknesses or mistakes. Only real friends are willing to cultivate friendships with other people whole-heartedly and place their buddies in an important position in their lives.

It is true that technology increases the chances of communication between people and brings about convenience when people want to meet each other. Therefore, many people think that this would enable them to cultivate friendship with people from all walks of life and from all parts of the world just sitting in front of the phones or computers. However, can we gain true friends solely by talking and chatting? Without experiencing problems together, without tackling, facing difficulties together, without finding out mutual goals, can we know our friends deeply? While we cannot even trust others when we communicate face to face, how can we trust strangers in the iworld? How can we make friends in the iworld?

Besides, technology is actually the hotbed of many iworld related crimes. Many teenagers are easily lured and captured by gang members through the Internet. Theses victims not only fall trap to the triad trickery, some of them may even be raped or murdered. After these crimes become prevalent, people no longer trust others in the iworld. The difficulty in making friends in the iworld is becoming more serious. This actually weakens the bond between people, let alone making friends with the help of technology.

What is more, the convenience of e-mail, instant messaging and mobile phones comes at a cost. We are apparently losing our ability to articulate our thoughts coherently when we have to talk face to face with others. With technology, we can just hide ourselves at home, becoming more and more unwilling to interact with people around us. Besides, we gradually adapt to the lousy basic language skills and depend on various software that help us with essay writing, spelling and grammar. In the end, we may lose the ability to communicate with others. Then, can we still agree that technology enables us to make more friends?

With technology, for example, the invention of iPod, we may just be cocooned in the iPod world and our own musical world, almost oblivious to the world around us. Then we no longer treasure the friends around us. We may just treasure technology, treasure our own feeling, and we may be over-ruled by technology in the end.

All in all, I agree that technology can increase the chances and bring us convenience in communicating with others. However, I do not agree that technology enables us to make more friends.

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Technology enables us to make more friends?" 7B

Wan Cheuk Kei

In the 21st century, technology grows rapidly. The reason why technology keeps developing is that it benefits our lives in many ways, such as lengthening men's lifespan, solving mechanical problems, and the most important one is, making our lives more convenient. In addition to this, advancements in technology enable us to make more friends.

How does technology contribute to human communication?

First, the Internet provides us a more convenient way to communicate with others. When the Internet was first invented a decade ago, sending emails immediately became popular, which allowed computer users to contact each other in a quicker way. In the olden days, sending letters required a series of steps. First, you needed to write the letter by hand. Second, you needed an envelope and a stamp. Finally, you needed to put your letter into the mailbox. Is it very complicated? Truly, the invention of email through the Internet makes people more willing to communicate with others. With the increased chances in communication, we

can keep in touch with our friends and enhance the relationship between us.

Apart from maintaining the friendship among groups of people, computer technology benefits us by allowing us to make more friends. Since several efficient communication methods have been developed, a new medium of making friends is found. Instant messaging is popular as it provides real-time responses to the users, so it is convenient. More importantly, it provides a service which allows the users to find new countries because it poses no geographical limits. Nowadays, a kind of integrated program has been developed that includes various kinds of communication tools, which in turn attracts more people to join the worldwide communication through the use of this technology.

Moreover, sharing information on the Internet is also advantageous in making more friends. Through the use of forums on the Internet, people can share their information publicly, such as their personal experiences, comments on the quality of certain products, recommendations or solutions to others' requests, etc. By this mean of communication, people who have the same habit or interest may gather together to exchange their information, and they can also know each other by keeping on communicating using emails or instant messaging. Therefore, making new friends is greatly benefited by technology.

Although technology may sometimes make people become cocooned, it has constantly been improved to solve the problem. A few years ago, the popularity of computer use started to surge. This is followed by the launch of computer games. At first, people who enjoy playing computer games have become more cocooned as they would spend much of their time alone. This decreases the chances in communicating with others. However, the development of the Internet encourages us to play computer games online. This shows how the advancements in technology enable us to make more friends. Subsequently, the new wireless technology is invented to keep pace with the needs of society. The mobile phone is probably the most convenient one. People can contact others wherever they are. They can share their information freely with the wireless technology.

In conclusion, technology provides us more chances to be exposed to the world outside, and enables us to make more friends by communicating with anyone using all means conveniently at any time.

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	Love is	7C Cindy Tsang

Love is a gift from God;

God is love,

Love is all around us;

People around us are love.

Love is memorable;

Unforgettable is love.

Love is warm;

Feeling good is love.

Love is without selfishness;

Generous is love.

Love is feeling happy;

Joy is love.

Love is care;

Support is love.

Love is faith;

Courage is love.

Love is a smile;

Cheerful is love.

Love is anything,

Love does not end .....

Gap Year for Form 7 Students 7C Queenie Chow

There is a common phenomenon which can be observed among the European and North American students; most of them would choose to take a gap year after graduating from high school. During the gap year, they will take a full-time job and drop out from their study. However, recently there are suggestions for Form 7 students in Hong Kong to take a gap year before entering university. In this article, I will discuss the pros and cons of a gap year.

A gap year can be beneficial, as students can gain working experience during the gap year. This experience is required by many employers in Hong Kong, however many students lack working experience because they decide to concentrate on their studies in order to get good academic results. Those who get a part-time job merely work as a tutor teaching primary students. This may not be considered as 'real' working experience. If students can take a year off to have a full-time job, they can be exposed to the real world and know how things work in their particular job, instead of theories from textbooks. They can learn

some useful and practical skills, for instance, interpersonal skills, communication skills and team spirit while they are working. These skills would greatly help them in their future development.

After a year of working, students would become more mature. They would realize that working may not be as easy as they think. They would understand earning money is not an easy task. You have to put a lot of effort in your work. They may start to cherish the things given to them by their parents and not waste money. Apart from this, a gap year offers the opportunity for students to take a break from school. After all these years in school, students deserve a chance to relax and get away from textbooks, tests and exams. The gap year is also a good occasion for students to consider whether they are ready to work.

While a gap year has a lot of advantages for students, we should not neglect the disadvantages of a gap year. Having a gap year can be a waste of time since students do not have much working experience from before and their education level is still low, so students may not get the job they desire. If students are not pleased with the jobs offered, they may have an unpleasant time working and they cannot obtain the experience they want. This would waste the time of a gap year.

Moreover, students can be seduced by the materialistic world after they go out to work. The salaries they earn may seem attractive to them and they realize they can have full use of the money. As a result, they may be lured away from university and choose to take a job. This may lead to the case that some students drop out from university in order to earn money.

All in all, introducing a gap year benefits students a lot. Many

students want to get real exposure before entering university, especially for those who did not have a job while they were studying in school. Working in the gap year can also help students gain experience and useful skills. Therefore I support Form 7 students to take a gap year before entering university.