

滙心集(八)

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校長的話

陳友志校長

《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》(八)經歷了九個年頭(由於大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》(八)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

最能鼓勵我的格言

楊俊強老師

第三十二屆全港青年演講比賽普通話公開組季軍

評判,各位朋友,大家好。今天我很高興與在座各位分享《最能鼓勵我的格言》。格言是用一些精煉的語言,去表達深刻的道理。每一句格言,都是人類寶貴經驗的總結,它就像一位充滿智慧的老人,能夠隨時隨地鼓勵我們,指引我們做人的方向。

人類認識世界的過程,也就是追尋智慧的過程,哲學就是這樣產生的。古代的希臘,是世界哲學的發源地之一,曾經出現過蘇格拉底、柏拉圖、亞里士多德這些赫赫有名的大哲學家。今天介紹的哲學家,是同一時期的赫拉克利特(Heraclitus)。他曾經說過一句發人深省的格言:「人不能兩次踏進同一條河流。」

表面看來,這句話很不可思議:「怎麼啦?河流不是同樣的一條嗎?」可是,讓我們細心的想一想,河流中的水,是流動不止的。當我們再次踏進河流,河中的水已經不是以

前的那些水了。也許大家會問:「就算是這樣,那又怎樣呢?」我想,這句格言對我來說,就有很大的啟發。

赫拉克利特的這句格言,使我領悟到「萬物流轉」的道理。世界萬物,是變化無常的。我本來是一個害怕改變的人,總希望生活過得安安穩穩。不過,外邊的世界,不可能靜止不動。因此,這句格言就成為我不斷向上的座右銘。例如從只會寫字到懂得英文打字,再從英文打字到運用電腦打中文字,這就是一個不斷尋求突破的過程。又例如以前我以為學會英語就已經足夠了,後來時代轉變,普通話的地位愈來愈重要。到今天,我的兩文三語可以說是應付裕如。

河水的流逝,也讓我想起時間的流逝。在古代,川流不息的河水,觸發了不少哲人對「生生不已」的概歎。孔子就說過:「逝者如斯夫,不舍晝夜。」古往今來,人們不斷的探求時間的本質,但從來沒有下過一個結論。古代教會聖人奧古斯丁就曾經說過:「時間是什麼?如果沒有人問我,我會了然於心;但是要我解釋,就茫無所知。」

雖然連大哲學家都不能回答時間是什麼的問題,但是我們每一個人都知道時間是很寶貴的。所謂「寸金難買寸光陰」,時間比金錢更珍貴,因為它不能更新,不能回頭。我們平時可能會比較著意金錢的管理,卻往往忽略時間的運用。我曾經聽過一個故事:「魔鬼要人類懶惰,想出一個絕妙的方法,就是:『告訴人類,你還有明天』。」就是我們老以為「還有明天」,所以就不把握今天。不斷流動的河水,時刻都在提醒我要珍惜時間,鼓勵著我積極發憤。

此外,河水的轉動,告訴我人生是很精彩的。五四詩人聞一多寫過《死水》這首名詩,最後一節是這樣的:「這是一溝絕望的死水/這裏斷不是美的所在/不如讓給醜惡來

開墾/看他造出個甚麼世界」。詩人對當時社會的腐敗感到 灰心失望,於是以「死水」作比喻,來表達他的感情。河 流中的水,當然是另外一個世界了。流動的水,清澈見底, 魚蝦在圓滑的石頭之間游動,與藻類植物構成一個生態系 統。而河水流入大海,化為蒸氣,成雨降下,再匯入流水 之中,也成了一個生生不息的循環。當我每一次踏足流動 的河水,就感覺到一份生命的湍流,它在不斷的鼓勵我, 要過一個豐盛的人生。

「人不能兩次踏進同一條河流」,形象地說明世界是變幻 莫測的,不過我們能夠不斷的努力完善自己,就可以面對 任何風浪。希望我選的這句格言,能與大家共勉。謝謝。

一堆爛泥?

3D 陸紫琼

第十三屆學生中文故事創作比賽初中組亞軍

「為甚麼我不是小雨點?小雨點可以變成雲、蒸氣……到處遊歷名山大川,可以到自己喜歡到的地方去。常聽到人們說我是一堆扶不上壁的爛泥,每天只會被人任意踐踏,是真的嗎?我真的沒有用處?」森林裏一棵松樹下的一堆小黃泥喃喃地訴說著,歎息著。這堆小黃泥一直在松樹下等待機會,它希望自己有一天也可以像小雨點一樣遨遊世界,它每天都呆若木雞地等待、等待著。

在一個晴朗的早上,一位滿頭白髮的老陶匠在尋找合適的泥來做陶瓷。老陶匠走到松樹下,用手指觸摸了一下小 黃泥然後點了點頭。

小黃泥被老陶匠帶回了陶瓷工場。老陶匠把小黃泥放到轉盤上轉來轉去。他用手把小黃泥捏成盆的形狀,轉盤不停地轉啊!轉啊!小黃泥被轉得頭暈眼花。在朦朧中,小黃泥就這樣暈了。

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在熹微的晨光中,小黃泥醒過來後,它發現自己已成了一個用來盛載鮮花的小花盆,而身上還刻畫了幾朵五彩繽紛的花兒。小黃泥十分高興,因為它心想:「自己很快就可以像小雨點一樣遨遊世界。」過了幾天,老陶匠把這小花盆賣給了一位中年男士,中年男士把它搬上一輛私家車,私家車由郊外慢慢地使進了人煙稠密的城市。花盆好奇地望出車外,看到的是與郊區的截然不同的景象:車輛在馬路上川流不息,行人在行人路上熙來攘往,好不熱鬧。小花盆心裏樂不可支,因為這情景是它第一次看到的。

中年男士把花盆放在家中的園子裏,並且把色彩斑斕的牡丹花栽種在盆裏。每天也會有路人停下腳步,用豔羨的目光去觀賞這盆栽。小花盆得意洋洋地說:「你看!每天也有途人特地來觀賞我!」「途人不是在觀賞你,而是在觀賞我身上美麗的顏色!」牡丹花看不過眼地說。「誰說的?」小花盆不服氣地爭論著,更想證明這是個事實。

日子漸漸地過去,牡丹花凋謝了。而途人再沒有停下腳步來看那小花盆。小花盆才知道途人只是為了觀賞色彩斑斕的牡丹而駐足在它面前。這時小花盆的心就像陷入萬丈深淵之中。從那一天起,小花盆再沒有被種上植物。

一年的春天,附近的一所公立醫院希望能綠化院內的環境,所以四處呼籲市民能捐出一些花盆。那中年男士決定把這小花盆送到醫院去。園丁栽種了一些菊花在小花盆裏,並把它擺放在醫院的園子中。小花盆雖然不能四處遊歷,但它不再羨慕小雨點。因為它明白自己也有優點,而這優點就是陪伴著醫院裏的病人,使他們心境愉快。

預防勝於治療

5A 昌慈恩

全港預防勝於治療徵文比賽優異獎

在小學讀常識課的時候,可能你也聽過一句名言:「預防勝於治療。」老師會對學生說:「生命是寶貴的,你們要好好照料自己的身體,為身體作好預防措施,防止病毒入侵。 否則當你生病的時候,就會因著病魔的纏繞而感到十分痛苦的了。」所以「預防勝於治療」是人們耳熟能詳的生活常識,但又有多少人能實行呢?

香港是一個經濟型社會,人們的生活節奏急促,每天忙碌地工作,再沒有空閒的時間去照料自己的身體。加上生活於「工作堆」中,作息失衡、缺乏運動,令到很多都市病產生。很多人生病的時候,為了省時起見,胡亂服食成藥,但這很可能治不好疾病,還會使病情更為嚴重。怎樣才可避免這種情況發生呢?唯一的辦法就是為自己的身體設下一個保護網,為身體作好預防措施,防止病毒入侵。

根據香港衛生署的調查發現,現在的學童癡肥問題持續

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惡化。全港有兩成小學生屬於肥胖一族,較七年前上升了三個百份點。為何他們癡肥的問題會這麼嚴重?這是因為學生的飲食不均衡,常吃高脂肪食物,少吃蔬果,令身體的脂肪率上升,引致癡肥的問題。兒童是未來社會的主人翁,他們是一棵正在成長的幼苗,需要家人的看顧和照料,所以家人應該更加關心他們的健康,為他們減低患上癡肥的機會。

其實近來香港已掀起一股健康飲食的風氣,人們提倡多食素和有食療功效的食物。素食和食療都是近來健康飲食的新趨勢,因為素食低脂肪、低膽固醇,有助減低患上疾病的機會。而食療在都市人的生活中也有著十分大的價值,它不單可以治病,還可以預防疾病,真是一舉兩得。難怪人們注重健康的意識日漸提高。

可能大家會問:「為何要做預防措施?那是很花時間的。」 預防真是會浪費很多時間嗎?其實預防是一種付出少、回 報大的事情。健康是無價寶,人只要付出少許時間和金錢 就可以換取健康的身體。反之,人們若不為身體做好預防 措施,當生病時,不但要付出更多的金錢和時間去療養身 體,還要抵受著病魔每天痛苦的折磨。失去金錢和時間之 餘,還會降低工作效率。治療雖然可以把病痛除去,但不 是任何病都可以治得好,就算治好了,也可能會有後遺症, 為何不及早預防呢?

預防其實是一件十分簡單的事情,它就是我們生活的一部分。每天起床的時候,大家會做做甚麼?刷牙、洗臉,還是吃早餐?不知大家可有留意天氣報告?若果天文台預測可能會有雨,你又會否帶雨傘出門?其實拿一把雨傘只需要幾分鐘的時間,這就可以不用擔心下雨。假若你懶得帶雨傘,而天真的要下起雨來,你若因為淋雨而害病,所

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付出的時間就更多了。要使身體健康,其實就是這麼簡單:只要多花心思在飲食上,做到均衡飲食,多做運動,就可以防止很多病毒的入侵。預防真是一件輕而易舉的事,治療反而要費時失事得多呢!

現今有很多不知名的病毒,危害人類的生命,為身體做好預防措施是很必須的。身體健康是每個人都渴望得到的,但又有幾多人會在生病前去細心照料自己的身體呢?若人們不去作好預防措施,只想著治療就可以把病治好,那就大錯特錯了,不去預防疾病是要付出沉重代價的。生命誠可貴,人們要好好愛惜生命,多注意健康,為身體作好預防措施,抵抗疾病,藉以為身體健康打好根基。大家不要等待,立刻行動!

頌回歸十載

楊俊強老師

第三十二屆全港青年中文詩創作比賽近體詩公開組亞軍

- 紅旗十載迎風舞,
- 薄海歡聲破九霄。
- 熠熠星光連大道,
- 巍巍青馬接長橋。
- 玲瓏八面優才聚,
- **围勉同心頑疾消。**
- 兩制成功堪典範,
- 人和政達享豐饒。

新年喜見新景象

4C 張添恩

第三十二屆全港青年中文詩創作比賽近體詩學生組優異獎

- 歲首傳歡樂,
- 溫情暖萬家。
- 桃符門外客,
- 來祝好年華。

新年喜見新景象

4C李惠平

第三十二屆全港青年中文詩創作比賽近體詩學生組優異獎

- 震耳鐘聲普世同,
- 車如流水馬如龍。
- 繁花笑問春天早,
- 仰望鑪峰勢永雄。

想說

6C王淑媛

香港教育城創作獎勵計劃2006年1-3月詩詞組優異獎

站在上鎖的門外 連門下也沒有半吋空隙 雙腳長出根來盤纏 雨水似要堆積成浪 這一種夜我仍堅持 等月亮善意當一枝街燈 照耀寂寞的門與我 好讓妳知道 後來光陰都凋謝了 鋪塵埃的人像被照亮了 浮雲不耐煩地飄去 只遺下一句空白 我悄悄地又望回去 門後必有怨恨

飲

6C王淑媛

香港教育城創作獎勵計劃2006年4-6月詩詞組優異獎

品嚐甜是多麼幸福 濕潤間回憶初吻

黃昏時我們品嚐一杯茉莉茶 舌頭像結了黃花 我為花蜜的味道寧靜 一邊細聽妳童年之事

直至夕陽沉沒 露出閃爍的星 一切往事略過 帶來初吻 初吻一剎 秋天回溯至盛夏 下著微微細雨 落在湖邊綻放的荷花 強烈陽光中泛起銀霧 我沾上水氣 嗅出 黃花的甜

我接收了 茉莉花的味道

我又怎知道 那是臨別的對飲

因為比較乾淨

6C 羅健升

第五屆全港微型小說創作大賽嘉許狀

七歲的小保是個聰明乖巧的孩子,不論在家還是學校, 也十分順從,不愛鬧別扭,所以人人都喜歡他。但這天他 卻有點兒奇怪。

下午四時,保媽媽如常地到學校接小保放學,慣例是乘 計程車回家,然而,這天小保卻堅持要走路。

保媽媽摸不著頭腦,問道:「為什麼要走路?」

「因為比較乾淨。」小保說。

之後便一跑一跳地向前走,一頭霧水的保媽媽惟有跟著 兒子走,但心裡卻有點抱怨。

晚飯過後,保媽媽在廚房清洗碗碟,小保在做功課,而辛勞了一整天的保爸爸則在沙發上小睡。保媽媽洗罷碗碟,正想追看電視連續劇,怎料一出廚房,只見一遍漆黑。

「難道是停電?」她想:「沒道理,廚房燈不是還亮著嗎?」「爸爸?爸爸?」她叫道

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「怎麼?停雷嗎?」保爸爸應道。

經一輪檢查發現所有電器也被關掉了,而「犯案者」只 有一個。

「保兒是你幹的嗎?」保爸爸問。

「是的!」小保笑說。

「為什麼?」父母同時問道。

「因為比較乾淨!」小保天真地說。

這夜特別悶熱,保爸爸打算開點冷氣,但小保卻死命抱著搖控不許爸爸開冷氣,又熱又焗加上一天的勞累,保爸爸怒了,他一手搶下遙控,大手朝小保的屁股拍去。

「什麼時候變得這麼頑皮?」爸爸怒道。

「鳴……鳴……」小保只是哭。

「哎呀不要打了」保媽媽阻止道。

「究竟是誰教你的?」爸爸放開小保,說道。

可憐的小保一雙小眼睛也哭得腫了,用手輕輕地揉著屁股。

「因為比較乾淨!」說罷這幾個字,小保便跑回房間,害怕會再給爸爸打似的。

「明天定要問問他老師發生了什麼事。」

「昨天我們教了一節關於環保的課。其中提到溫室效應的 成因,例如汽車的廢氣,過度用電,而冷氣更會令到大自 然的環境……」老師沒完沒了地說。

一切都弄明白了,保爸爸感到有些不好意思。心想,自 己也未有做好個榜樣。

放學,今天接小保放學的是爸爸,小保根本還怕爸爸會 打他。

「可以……可以……」小保本想說「可以走路嗎?」,但他不敢說。

「走路吧!」保爸爸說:「這個給你。」爸爸把一把精美的 扇子給小保。

「以後爸爸感到悶熱時,可以給爸爸扇涼嗎?」

「可以!」小保笑說。

無私的愛

6C 霍碧嫻

第五屆全港微型小說創作大賽嘉許狀

志傑是個孤兒,自小便與哥哥相依為命。父母在他們年幼時,因患重病而相繼死亡。哥哥比志傑年長五歲,個子高瘦,更擁有一副俊俏的面孔,因而引來不少女性垂青;相反志傑樣子普通,個子矮小且略肥,不特別引人注意。可是他從不羨慕哥哥有著招人妒忌的樣貌,因為更為人羨慕的,他是一位很愛自己的哥哥。

六年前,爸爸亦跟隨媽媽上了天國,遺下一對可憐的兒子。大的剛巧十五歲,小的只有七歲。

當時,面對父母雙亡,經濟上失去支柱,又要負上照顧 弟弟的責任;哥哥只好放下書包,投身社會工作。那時, 志穎剛剛就讀中四,還未趕及畢業,便毅然離開他喜歡的 學校。

「哥哥,你又剛剛才回家?」

「嗯,你趕快上學吧!別遲到。」

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距離哥哥輟學已踏第五個年頭。幾年間,他曾做過侍應、售貨員、臨時演員等,儘管薪金不多,幸仍足以應付生活上一切所需。雖然失去了父母照顧,但兩兄弟互相扶持;哥哥代替爸爸負責掙錢,弟弟代替媽媽負責起居飲食,生活一直也很愉快。只是最近哥哥工作的公司倒閉,害得他失業兩個多月。如果再找不到工作,弟弟的學費怎辨?終於在兩星期前,哥哥找到了新工作。

「我弄了些你喜歡吃的餃子,放在冰箱,記得吃哦。我上 學了。」

「嗯,我知道。過馬路要小心點。」

然後,弟弟便上學去。埋藏於弟弟心中的疑惑再次浮現,為什麼哥哥的新工作,總是讓他早歸晚出?那份工作是哥哥一位中學同學介紹的,他同樣擁有如志穎一樣俊俏的面貌。某天在街上遇見,傾談之中,知道哥哥最近失業,於是,便介紹哥哥到他公司見工。志穎雖然極之不情願,可惜,想到弟弟的學費與生活就算如何受苦,他亦能忍受。「以你的材料,放心吧!一定會被錄用。」他信心十足地說。就他所言,哥哥輕易通過面試。

某天清晨,哥哥如常回到家中,對弟弟說:

「我明天放假,帶你去吃自助餐,好嗎?」

「你發了工錢嗎?」

「剛剛發了。」

「但是……」看看手錶,七時三十分,快要遲到了。只好補充一句:「今晚再商量吧!」

「啪」一聲,便離開了。

自從父母離世,兩兄弟為了省錢,從未外出吃飯。今天, 哥哥竟提議吃自助餐?最令人費解是哥哥只工作了兩星期, 便發工錢。一大堆問題令弟弟很疑惑。所以,志傑決定放 11. 無私的愛 6C 霍碧嫻 28

學回家後,定要問個究竟。「哥哥...哥哥...」志傑找遍了整個房子,仍不見哥哥的踪影。

突然,電話響起

「喂!」

「阿傑,我是哥哥呀!公司突然有事,派我到外地公幹兩星期,我放了四千塊在你的抽屜裡,小心點用。回來再和你吃自助餐吧!拜拜!」

「喂喂喂…哥哥,哥哥,哥哥…」

電話的另一邊傳來「啫啫K」

此刻,更令志傑不安。怎麼哥哥以前一個月的工錢,可以當現在兩星期的工錢?難道哥哥正參與一些非法活動?若否,那來這麼多錢?自從哥哥找到了新工作,便開始早歸晚出,每日如是;每次當問及他工作的情況時,總支吾以對,不想說太多。現在回憶起,就可能是這原因吧。哥哥正在參與非法活動。沒有其他原因能解釋。

這兩星期弟弟都過得不好,每天期盼哥哥早日給他一個滿意的答案。

「我回來了,阿傑。」

「哥哥」馬上擁哥哥入懷,嘩啦嘩啦,眼淚忍不住掉下。

「怎麼了?發生什麼事?有人欺負你嗎?」

「你為什麼……嗚…嗚…要幹非法的勾當?」

「什麼?我沒有!」

「那你何來這麼多錢?」

「工作呀!」

「什麼工作?」

「這… 這… 是… 是哥哥跟朋友買股票賺來的,別擔心;我就是怕你擔心,所以沒告訴你。」

「騙人,那有必要早歸晚出嗎?一定是...嗚嗚。」

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「哈哈,早歸晚出...因為我幹的是晚間守衛的緣故。」哥哥撒了個謊。

「真的嗎?沒騙我吧?」

「哈哈,傻孩子,當然沒有,快點擦乾眼淚,一起外去吃飯。」

「好呀!」

電話再次響起,那是一把女性聲音。

「喂!我是Sandy,真討厭,兩個星期都沒見你上班? 聽說你跟何太去了歐洲今晚捧你場,只能服侍我一個, Honey。」

活在香港,同一天空

6B 趙琮華

中文作文比賽高級組冠軍

上海的天空是藍色的,來到香港後的第一個天空也是藍 色的。

我昨天身在上海,今天卻身在香港的長沙灣。早上五時, 我一如以往就醒過來。以前是給家中飼養的大公雞叫醒的, 現在沒有雞啼也醒過來了......

香港是個繁榮的城市,人們坐的是公車、大房車,我卻是像以前一樣 騎自行車。香港的路都是平的,上海的路卻沒這麼好走了。我住在上海巨鹿路,早上吃的是姑姑手做的生煎包,喝的是豆漿。姑姑有時候也會弄些生煎包拿到街上賣,一個五毛錢,賺些生活費。香港的早餐,是外國那些三明治、牛奶,賣的卻是十五塊錢......

不過,學校裏的同學卻跟上海第五中的一樣親切。我是個插班生,他們卻總是對著我笑,天天如是。記得我作自 我介紹的時候........ 「我叫陳耀國,爸媽要我作個有出色的人,榮耀國家。」 他們一直都在笑個不停,我心想:「原來香港的同學回校 上學是如此的高興,不認識我也笑得如此燦爛,香港人真 好。」

上課時老師也十分關心我的進度,特別是上英文課時,老師總是會讀得慢一點,希望我跟得上。我其他的課堂都表現得很好,特別是數學科,那些三角函數呀、微分一類的題目,我早就在初三的時候學過,而且這裏的題目也比我以前做的要容易得多 只是英文科,那些什麼倒裝句、文法一類的,我是一直也沒有見過,聽過的。

放學的鐘聲響起了,同學們十分迅速的收拾好,說去甚麼「補習社」去,甚麼「K」的。這都是我在上海唸初中時間所未聞,我們那時都是留在校園裏溫習,哪有甚麼補習社,甚麼名師,怪怪的。

日子久了,我和身邊的同學漸漸做了好朋友,也漸漸學 習了香港的地道說話方式,也開始參與他們的活動,星期 六跟他們到教會去唱詩歌,讀聖經,星期天到球場去踢球, 這一切一切都對我十分新鮮、有趣。

在學習上,我也和同學們互相幫助,他們教我弄清那些 文法,我教他們算術和物理。漸漸的,他們也沒有去找甚 麼名師了,反倒是每天下午和我一起做功課。

在香港生活了一段日子,發覺原來香港人跟上海人一樣,都是一個樣:我們都是黃皮膚,黑頭髮,都是會唱〈義勇軍進行曲〉的炎黃子孫。還多虧以前第五中的老師叫我多加提防,不要被香港人欺負、嘲笑。

依我看來呀,他們真是想多了,我們不都是活在同一片 天空下嗎?

其實,天空一直也沒有變,一直都是藍色的。

活在香港,同一天空

6C姚柳苑

中文作文比賽高級組亞軍

小玲怎麼總是獨自坐在課室一角,又老是不發一言,難 道她不喜歡我們?我真羨慕她呢,中文了得,普通話更是 一點都不普通,流利得不得了,像是天生的朗誦家,若是 她能為我惡補普通話就好了!可是,她的英語確是有點遜 色,看她很吃力的串生字,看英文書,也替她辛苦了!雖 然,我的英語並不是很捧,但勉強也可以幫助她,若然, 我們可以互相幫助,簡直是完美的配搭!

他們與我太不相似,我的樣子土氣十足,又滿口鄉音, 很害怕他們會嘲笑我,特是那個叫家恩的,老是望向我, 她是不是在笑我呢?怎麼香港人總是看不起我們這些新移 民,想跟他們做朋友,難也!

我實在按捺不住啦!我真的很想認識小玲,身邊的同學 都說她為人有禮斯文,而且聰明勤力,就只是被動孤僻了 點!我只是在想,應該沒有人不想有朋友吧!總要有人當 主動的,若因我們的保留,斷送了大好的友誼,豈不是太可惜了吧!

我聽見他們在談論我,且是細聲說,大聲笑,一定是在 嘲笑我!

我果真跟小玲說出想跟她做朋友,起初她很錯愕,一臉 驚恐,且無言以對,這時,我也怕她會拒絕我呢!起初, 相處確是怪怪的,有點不自然,而她更像在避開我似的, 但我想我到底都是主人家,應該主動點的!

家恩對我說想跟我做朋友,我心怕她在玩弄我,一時間不知怎好,但相處後,發覺她很真誠,是真的想跟我做朋友,而且我們也是頗合拍的,在她的教導下,英語成績漸見起色,眼見她很熱衷學普通話,且一副羡慕的樣子,原先的顧慮都是多餘的。隨後,經她介紹,我跟班中數個女同學亦多了來往,漸漸我們自成一角,一起聊天,玩耍,還一起讀書呢!

跟小玲相處久了,她終於放開懷抱,肯與我們多來往。 在閒談間,得知她孤僻的原因,原來是怕我們嘲笑,不接 納她,並不是不喜歡我們,反之她亦想跟我們做朋友。我 們各自說出自己的想法,發覺我們真的很傻,顧慮都是多 餘的。其實,不管你是誰,除非你是惹人討厭的小混混, 否則,都願意成為朋友的!我們總要踏出第一步,主動爭 取,或許我們各有所長,各有不足,但是,總可以互相包 容、補足!

活在香港,同一天空

4A 藍婉

中文作文比賽高級組季軍

每天,中國內地及國外都有人搬遷到香港。有人便認為: 新來港同學一定被香港本地人孤立、歧視,甚至是無法跟 本地人融洽相處。

但是,作為一個新來港同學的我,憑著親身的經歷,可 以說:「?對不是這樣的。」

還記得初到港上學的第一天,忐忑不安的我好像古代女子般小半步地走向學校,心裏琢磨著:「同學會否理睬我這新移民?這裏有很多東西,我也不懂,如果常做錯事,同學、老師會覺得我是一個傻瓜嗎?.....」不知不覺地踏進了校門,走到教室門口,我突然聽見一把陌生而熱情的聲音:「你好。是新同學嗎?」我驚慌地把目光從地上慢慢向上移,回答:「是的。」兩個女同學微笑著又問:「你從哪間學校轉來的?」我呆了一下子,吞吞吐吐地逼出兩個字來——「內......地。」我斜著眼睛偷偷看著她們,她們竟然保

持著那份友善的笑容;答:「哦。我們一起進教室吧」.....」慢慢,我們便聊了起來。在談話中,我經常夾雜一些鄉音,令她們誤會我的意思,又或者她們聽不明白,但是她們還是耐心地問清楚我的意思,從來沒有把我當作外地人來看。她們還經常說:「香港是我們的家。既然你來了香港,我們就是一家人了。」

記得第一次做小組報告,同學都很主動去找資料,而不主動的我,對電腦技術幾乎完全不懂,所以甚麼也沒有做。同組的同學便說我沒有集體觀念,漸漸我又跟班上的同學疏遠了。有時,有些同學來請教我一些數學題目,我覺得一些很簡單顯淺的問題,他們要說十次八次也不懂,真想他們太笨了。後來,教室的壁報上有一欄貼上同學的心聲。我寫了一大段:做報告時,我不是不想做,而是不懂電腦技術……而我也看到了一段:我的數學底子真的很差,但又想補回來,經常麻煩同學,真不好意思……此後,大家都明白大家心裏所想的,便原諒了大家。現在,我們都成了好朋友。

我們活在香港,就是同在一個天空下,只要互相包融, 就是好朋友人!

給名人的一封信

3A 簡劍材

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敬爱的鄧小平同志:

您好,每當我北上深圳,走近祖國的時侯,我的心都充滿了敬佩與驕傲。我所敬佩的是鄧同志你所提倡的大膽開放,我所驕傲的是祖國現在的發達與先進。但發達與先進的背後都離不開一位中國名人 鄧小平。所以,在此我決定給您寫一封信。

「無論黑貓還是白貓,捉到老鼠的就是好貓。」這一句充滿哲理的話正是帶動中國走近現代化的源泉。打開中國近代史,隨處可見的都是中國被侵略,被逼簽不平等條約。假如將中國比喻成一頭沉睡的獅子,那麼大半個世紀前的中國是在沉睡;中國的革命把這頭獅子喚醒;而你鄧小平同志卻把這頭獅子訓練成熟了。中國是一個「以農起國」的國家,當時你所提出的「以工立國」的論點根本沒有人

接受,可是你從來都沒有放棄,因為我知道你是為中華的崛起而讀書,所以最後你的堅持就換了最後的勝利,正因為你所提出的改革開放,才會走出一條別樹一格的新道路,這就是現在的新中國。縱使很多人都對現在的中國有所保留,批評祖國是不完全的社會主義國家,但是我卻認為,路,是自己走出來的,成功是在於嘗試與創新,正好像您的那一句馳名中外的話:「走自己的路,讓別人說吧!」一樣。

對,寫到這裏,我的心不禁產生了一種敬畏與慚愧!我的敬畏是您那種不折不扣,甘願自己被人批評,都要打破傳統,開放思想的那股勇氣。你的個子雖然不高,但是你的心卻像山峰一樣雄壯。我所慚愧的就是,我心靈上的脆弱,經不起任何打擊。身處在香港這個言論高度自由的現代化大都會,到處都可以見到和聽到批評祖國的言語,我的心在那時那刻也有少許的顫動,也有對祖國失去了信心,現在回想起,我真的是無地自容。我的根就是祖國,我的心理所當然也是祖國的,也許現在或以後都有很多人譏笑我,但是,我的心卻是不會改變的,因為相對於您而言,我只不過是盡了自己的本份而已。

中國人的心是脆弱的但同時中國人的心也是堅強的,這類然是一句極之矛盾的說話,但是中國人正是這樣。中國人的脆弱是因為中國人缺乏知識,容易相信他人的話,中國人的堅強因為中國人都有一顆熾熱的心,就是要把一些人脆弱的心變堅強起來。這條路雖然很漫長,很艱難,但是我還是把鄧小平同志的一句話放在心中:「走自己的路,讓別人說吧!」正所謂,十年樹木,百年樹人。

仰頭北望,張開雙手,感受祖國吹來的風,感到異常的 溫暖,因為她已經不同了,她已經是一頭成熟的獅子。 謹獻上無限的敬意

一名普通學生上 二零零七年四月二十七日

給名人的一封信

1D 謝浩賢

中文作文比賽初級組亞軍

敬爱的李雲油哥哥:

您好!我是一位中學生,是您的樂迷之一。我十分喜歡您,常常去看您的演奏會。當我在觀眾席上聽著裊裊琴聲時,那美妙的音符,那靈巧的雙手,那專心致志,完全陶醉在鋼琴裏的樣子,都給我留下了深刻的印象,以致我也慢慢地喜歡上了鋼琴。

九歲那年,媽媽見我對鋼琴如此有興趣,於是便幫我報了鋼琴班。那時侯的我,就如杜甫「漫卷詩書喜欲狂」一樣。每當星期六要上鋼琴課時,我都懷著迫不及待的心情去,有時我還恨不得馬上飛去教室中上課呢!剛開始學的時侯,我的曲子彈得不錯,老師也經常讚賞我有彈鋼琴的天份,我的心簡直樂得開了花。媽媽為了讓我能更好地練習,於是便買了一台鋼琴給我。從此,這座鋼琴便與我成

了形影不離的伙伴。我每天都要練習兩小時以上,但是, 漸漸地,我對彈鋼琴開始覺得煩悶,不想再練。但當我想 起您時,我就堅持了下來。

有一次,老師給了一首比較複雜的樂曲我彈,但有一處 怎樣彈也彈不對節奏。當時,我就像一個瀉了氣的氣球, 想放棄了。但當我想到要像您一樣成為一個鋼琴家時,我 又堅持了下來,繼續練習。但過了不久,當我產生了想放 棄的念頭,這時我便想:哥哥您成功的背後肯定會有許多 辛酸,能有今天的成功,全賴背後的苦練。您能做到的事 情,我也肯定行!於是,我便堅持不懈地練習,彈到手都 酸了。終於,「黃天不負有心人」,我成功克服了這一困難, 並學完了整首曲子。

現在,我能流暢地彈奏各種各樣的樂曲了,鋼琴考級水平亦達到了四級。這都可要歸功於您,要是沒有您在我腦海中默默地鼓勵我,我也沒有今天的成就!李雲迪哥哥,我感謝您!

李雲迪哥哥,您等著吧!將來我一定會成為一個像你一樣傑出的鋼琴家!

你的樂迷謝浩賢上 二零零七年四月二十六日

給名人的一封信

3A 勞家健

中文作文比賽初級組季軍

親愛的梁家傑:

你好!當我得知你決定參選特首的那一刻,神經都給你 微微觸動。同時心裏有一種對你毫不在乎、瞧不起的感覺。 皆因我認為你是一個為跟政府作對而作對,而且是一個螳 臂擋車,不至量力的人。是反對派中典型的一員。

在整個參選特首的過程中,看到你發表講話、宣傳政綱時,心裏所有感觀都一致認為:「你只不過是放空炮、嘩眾取寵而已吧!」

每次我看見你,心裏的負面評價都會不斷湧現出來。認 為你是港英餘孽反動分子,是香港的毒瘤!民主自由這只 不過是你迷惑大眾的口號。

實不相瞞我只不過是一名中三學生,對政治甚不理解,現在你讀過上文後,該當震怒,也許已把此信撕得萬斷了!

但也請原諒我的直接,因這是我的真正感受!

日子久了,在電視機上,你的出現也減少了。我開始覺得不習慣,繼而期待你的出現。到了此時此刻,我才發覺你的言論和講話,在不經不覺間已把我緊緊的扣著了,而我的心亦被你的言論暗中說服了。我開始明白到你參選的目的,你不是想提高知名度,為反對而反對,更不是要嘩眾取寵,而想到到的只要一個象征。這就是打倒自動當選式的小圈子選舉,打倒假選舉。

最後,雖然你落敗了,可是在我心目中卻是勝出的。在 選舉前你一直被譽為「大冷門」,最後卻意外地得到一百多 張的選票,這意味你的政治社會方針是一直受到部分泛民 主以外的選委支持,並且能藉著這次機會對廣大市民宜傳 民主的意識,這個才是比選舉更重要的東西。

最後,希望你能繼續努力,推動民主進程,並且以「天賦人權」的原則,為香港帶出一個更好的明天!

祀

工作愉快

市民勞家健敬上二零零七年四月二十六日

II 寫意情深

愛戀門外

中六文學班集體創作

站在始終進不去的門外這是一場戰不勝逃不開不鬥力不鬥智最終無奈的角力

枯竭的心 再跳不起來 無力的躺臥在 黑與白的天地 萎靡 放縱 繼續 淚水即使偷偷走出眼眶 怕也滋潤不了 那乾涸已久的 心靈

門縫滲出歡愉恣樂的光影 這 是妳的 是他的 不是我的 唯有 期待 從未相逢的邱比特 神秘的一箭 讓快樂帶著憐惜 從門內湧出 擁抱著我 顫抖的手鼓起了平生的勇氣 輕輕跌撞那冰冷的大門 門縫裂開一道 希望 卻傳來 「你是很好 好 人……」

雨

6C 陳韻芝

鬱悶的天氣籠罩大地... 悠閒蜻蜓 美艷蝴蝶 可愛鳥兒 都藏起來 說: 要給她驚喜 湧至水面 熱情魚爭先要與她親吻

她 按捺不了,抽身 一躍而下 成千上萬的小水滴 充斥整個世界 飄落十萬尺的高空 霎時間 成了宇宙的寵兒

她 頑皮地穿插於稠密的樹林 滑過樹葉、枝丫間 免不了糾纏、擁抱 繼而 為揭發鳥兒的詭計 就沾濕牠的翅膀 露出牠瘦弱的身軀 不料 被淋灕的羽毛一揮 給撥到花瓣上 再一個彈床上的反射動作躍到河畔裡 給魚兒深深地印上一吻 緩緩地躺下 結束一天的疲憊......

美麗的回憶

6C 林曉敏

聚身粉的味道 把我抓進了逆行的隧道 捲 捲著 捲動著 連瞳孔也捲進去 跌落在 理髮店的旋轉燈箱裡 洗剪恤 掃帚帶走了 散落一地長的短的黑的白的髮屑 雪白的粉末 睡在清潔的小頸背後 顏色與隔壁賣的豆腐花 相同

冬天要一碗熱的 大木桶的蓋子打開就是一團團熱騰騰的蒸氣 冉冉上升 又被 手掌大的弧形鋁片 壓下去 一殼一殼地把童年舀到碗裡 黃糖 豆花 混合的甜蜜 給我多一罐可樂 20. 美麗的回憶 6C 林曉敏 49

木頭車軋軋的微響載著一箱箱加州的陽光 疊得好高好高的紙皮箱 把屬於我的天空掩蓋 飲光的汽水鋁罐踢到灰色的 石屎世界 笑聲洗刷了整條大街

白田購物中心被遠遠丟在後面 回憶也在那裡 不願跟隨回家 任由漆黑肆虐在夜空裡頭 我只願 靈魂遺落在屬於過去的 螺旋迷宮

豆腐花

7C 陳冬梅

兩情 算是開過了 花

穿著純白衣棠 的她 遇上了 披著黃金甲 的他

她和他 第一次的邂逅 一段甜蜜的愛情 展開 21. 豆腐花 7C 陳冬梅 51

他們 愛得盲目 愛得纏綿 愛得投入

她還是她? 不! 她是他的她

花結果了 甜甜的 旁人總想也來分嘗一口

雪糕

7C司徒曉桐

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然而吃人的世界總想化掉你 空氣 影響你 溫度 改變你 果然 沒多久 經不起磨練 消失掉骨氣 軟軟的倒臥 無復往惜的神氣

蛋燵

7C劉巧珊

太陽一不小心 失腳 滑入了心湖 從此,便再也爬不上岸

太陽又不小心 失腳 滑入了她的口 充實了她的生命

誰能抵擋 這晶瑩的金黃 那是 煥發動人的生命 只可惜 天妒紅顏 英雄薄命

III 隨筆偶書

蚯蚓療傷

1D謝浩然

暑假的某一天,媽媽正為我準備一頓可口的午餐。但天有不測之風雲,媽媽在炒菜時不小心給被熱油燙傷。媽媽連忙用冷開水沖洗傷口,但成效不大,她的手依然又紅又腫,疼痛非常。我想起在一本百科全書裡曾有介紹治療燙傷的方法,我連忙翻開書本查閱。在讀到蚯蚓能治療燙傷的介紹時,我很驚訝,並懷著好奇心展開了捉蚯蚓治燙傷的計劃。

我拿了鐵鏟,在門前的草地上找蚯蚓。我先向一處下手,把泥土翻鬆,希望匿藏在泥土裡的蚯蚓鑽出來,成為我的「戰利品」。但遺憾的是,挖了足足十分鐘,形成了一個洞又一個洞,蚯蚓卻一個影子都沒有。沒辦法,我只好向別處挖。終於黃天不負有心人,挖了半小時,我終於逮著了兩條肥美的蚯蚓,而我也因此汗流浹背,隨手往臉上一抹,竟成了「花面貓」。

我馬上跑回家,把蚯蚓放在盤子裡,並把兩匙白糖撒在 蚯蚓身上。蚯蚓先是痛苦地挣扎,不停地扭動身子,過了

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一會兒就不動了。再過二十分鐘,蚯蚓化成了水,我變拿來棉球蘸了蘸蚯蚓水,塗抹在媽媽的傷口上。媽媽半信半疑說:「這行嗎?」「相信我吧!」。沒過多久,媽媽的傷口奇蹟般地消失了。

媽媽康復後,稱讚我的辦法真有效。我想:治好了媽媽的傷口是我一次奇特的經歷,令我感到歡喜和自豪。又因為這件事,使我明白到:「世上無難事,只怕有心人。」

請多給我一次機會

1D 黃政檳

可惜世界上並沒有後悔藥。有一件事,雖然已過了很久, 但至今仍使我耿耿於懷,悔恨不已。十歲那年的暑假,天 氣格外晴朗。我到鄉間遊玩,在田野裡的水澗中撈魚,玩 得十分開心。後來感到口渴,便四處尋找小賣店。忽然, 我發現遠處有一間小屋,便急切地奔到小屋前。敲了敲門。 一位老爺爺打開大門,我說明了來意,老爺爺便把我迎進 屋內招待我。在和他的交談中,我發覺我和他趣味相投, 更成了忘年之交。他跟我說鄉間的生活,我告訴他城市的 節拍,我們談得很投契呢。

臨別前,我跟爺爺約定每個星期也來看他。他開心得笑不攏嘴,並說:「我會給你準備好西瓜,你一定要來啊!」 我答應了。但由於我只貪愛和小伴玩,竟忘記了和老爺爺 之間的約定,沒有去探望他,事件也淡忘了。

兩個月後,老爺爺寄來了一封信,信中老爺爺說:

「親愛的小腎:

你學業順利嗎?我那天特地準備了西瓜,等著你來。但 等到晚上,也不見你的蹤影,這時我才發覺自己很傻,你 學習那麼忙,怎會有時間來探望我呢?我最近患了肩周炎, 在城市醫院留醫,可能再見不到你了。

祝 學業進步

爺爺上 」

我看了,一陣愧疚之情湧上心頭,心裡就像有千萬支箭在刺我,十分難受。我真的很後悔。如果我能再見到那位老爺爺,真想對他說:「如果可能的話,請再給我一次機會吧!」

一位我尊敬的人

1E李桂達

在我認識的人中,有充滿愛心的、有充滿正義感的、有活潑的......然而,我最尊敬的人還是他 —— 我爺爺。

爺爺是一位已退休的教師,所以每當我在學習上遇到困難,都可以向他請教。爺爺是個孜孜不倦的人,經常手不釋卷,每次看到他時,手中總都拿着厚厚的書本。我兒時經常對他說:「爺爺,不要看書了,陪我玩吧!」他就說:「好,讓我看完才陪你。」但往往他很久都沒有看完,原來他已經看另一本了。

有一次,他叫我替他寄電郵給一個已移民的老朋友,因 他對電腦一竅不通。他看着我只須按着鍵盤,就能打字, 十分方便,從此他就對電腦產生興趣。他走到社區中心去 參加「電腦快速學」的興趣班。不足一個月,就學會電腦 的基本操作和發送電郵。再過一個月,他竟然學會了製作 個人網頁,那技巧連我也不懂啊!他神氣地說:「我多聰 明,連那高科技的電腦都能學會。」 爺爺年紀已經這麼大了。卻能學會操作電腦;他那份「活到老,學到老」的精神,真是十分值得我去學習!

垃圾桶

2A 房巧梅

當我看着一個個大大小小的垃圾桶時,不期然令我想兒時的一位叔叔,他是個清潔工人。記得那時,我放學後,每次也會看見他在垃圾桶旁收集不同的垃圾,只見他臉上掛着微笑,沒一絲不滿的表情。從他身上,我能嗅到一陣令人討厭的氣味,叫人人都避開他,不願親近他。但他一點也不介意,只顧默默地工作。

不久,我們整家要搬往別處去,以後再也看不到那位叔 叔了。但是我每次看見垃圾桶時,就猶如看見那位謙卑的 叔叔一樣。

垃圾桶往往都是一個孤獨的個體,由它一誕生開始,就 注定要獨自一個站立在街上受盡各種的苦難。從早上到深 宵,它靜靜地站在街角一旁,只管自己的工作。又有誰會 注意到它的存在呢?直到我們有需要時,才會四處找找它, 丟掉廢物後,就完完全全的忘掉它!可是它?無怨言,仍然 等待別人去發現它的可貴之處。

在這個人多車多的城市裡,街上每天也排放着廢氣,有

27. 垃圾桶 2A 房巧梅 63

時非常炎熱,有時卻非常寒冷,並且還會下大雨。當人們都回到家裏的時候,在街上,只剩下孤獨的垃圾桶或一些 燈柱,任由風多大,雨多強,它亦頑強地緊守自己的崗位。 但又有誰會在意它?

它每天也要忍受各種發臭的髒東西、人們的香煙和他們的唾液,可想而知,它的工作有多辛苦。它身上的氣味亦令人遠遠地避開去,但它又何曾嫌棄過我們呢?

它的偉大和無私的奉獻就像那位叔叔一樣,永遠讓我敬佩。

交通燈

2B 龍燕紅

在芸芸眾多物件中,或許每一件都給人不少聯想和深思,然而給我體會最深的是交通燈。交通燈給人熟悉和平凡的 感覺,但不要小看他,其實,他是很值得我們去欣賞的。

交通燈很堅強,常直挺挺地站立在馬路邊,不管周遭交通的兇險,也要執行他的職責。每天早上,他都準時地迎接太陽伯伯的來臨,到了黃昏,也是這樣歡送它,從不抱怨。儘管我們每天都能看見這平凡的交通燈,但我們卻不能小看他。在狂風暴雨裡或雷電交加中,他都巍然聳立,緊守崗位,不向惡勢力低頭;他安守本分,寸步不離,盡責忠心,日日夜夜地打起十二分精神,默默的熱心為大眾服務。這種服務精神真值得我們學習。

交通燈常在合宜、適當的時候發出聲響,幫助市民安全 橫過馬路。當我們過馬路時,他所發出的聲音就像一位父 親的叮嚀,督促我們要小心。它時刻地提醒我們,切勿隨 意亂過馬路。他更為盲人提供服務,發出指引的響聲,讓 盲人能安全地橫過馬路,這一種貢獻,真值得世人讚賞! 28. 交通燈 2B 龍燕紅 65

交通燈也很有權威,只要他一變臉,不論大小的車輛都 要聽他的命令,誰也不能違背。當行人綠燈叔叔走了,而 紅燈叔叔趕快地來到時,他就會發出指令給司機叔叔,像 是一位優秀的拍揮家。他是個守時的人,最不喜歡別人遲 到。在日常生活中,他絕對是個值得信賴的叔叔。

在眾生裡面,交通燈的外表雖然不算美麗,也不易成為 眾人的焦點,但他付出的一切卻只為了別人,為了我們的 生命,這種偉大,其他事物是比不上的。

難忘的比賽

2E 梁嘉欣

二零零六年六月一日 星期六 陰天

今天是星期六,我照慣例,如常到楊老師家上粵劇課。 到達後,幾乎所有人都在恭喜我於上星期六晚的比賽中奪 得冠軍,但當我環觀四周,卻因為看不到她的身影而感到 落寞,我的思緒又飄到當晚......

「參加了公開對唱組的參賽者請到後台準備出賽…」聽到 廣播後,我和莉筠,凱琪和綺婷就雙雙從休息室到後台準 備。那一刻,我實在還不能接受自己已從初賽打敗兩隊對 手,和凱琪她們一起晉身總決賽。從早上綵排開始,我已 經因緊張而幾次胃痛,幸好得凱琪和她外婆的支持,才減 輕了我的不適。「嘉欣,現在我們已身處後台,再也不能害 怕,而且,我們是坐亞望冠,還有什麼值得怕呢?加油呀! 不要輸給我呀!」得到凱琪的支持,我竟不再害怕。

凱琪她們唱完〈摘櫻會〉後,我和莉筠就踏著平穩的腳步,在眾人的目光下,並肩走到台前,唱出我們的參賽曲

29. 難忘的比賽 2E 梁嘉欣 67

目〈樓台會〉。在演唱的期間,我感覺到自己好像變成了梁山伯,感受到他當時失去了祝英台的感覺,無盡的哀傷蓋過了一切的恐懼。

緊張的一刻終於到來,當司儀讀出亞軍是凱琪組時,我 真的不敢相信我會得到冠軍,因為不管是哪一方面,凱琪 都比我優勝。到手中捧著獎盃時,我依然不能相信我得到 冠軍的事實。回到後台,當我看到一向自信的凱琪放聲大 哭,她臉上空洞、指責的眼神,令我頓時覺得自己做錯了, 拿錯了獎,傷害了她......

今天,她的缺席像在?訴我,她仍未曾原諒,她的眼神又再次重現在我的腦海中,要是選擇權在我的手中,我一定不會拿那個冠軍,因為在我的心目中,我和她的友誼比一切都重要,但願時間能沖淡這件事對她的傷害,並使我們和好如初。

狂風暴雨歸家記

3A 吳建琪

天氣果真變幻莫測,那天是我有史以來最狼狽的一天。 記得當天的早上還是陽光普照、微風輕拂。路上的花兒 還隨著微風向途人點頭,蝴蝶在半空中翩翩起舞。看呀! 這不是美好的一天嗎?

到了下午三點左右,天色漸漸灰暗,密雲把太陽完全遮蓋了,一點光也沒法透過來,像是要把太陽公公進行天羅 地網的逮捕。隨之是一陣又一陣的狂風刮起,把小草和花 兒吹得東歪西倒。

我看到這情況,便馬上回家去,免得晚了會遇上危險。當我走出校門時,我只聽到「呼!呼!」的聲音在耳邊響起。走到離學校不遠的地方,便開始下起毛毛細雨,汗毛般的雨水在空中飛舞。

毛毛雨過後,狂風隨著而來,黃豆般的大雨「嘩啦!嘩啦!」地向地面俯衝下來。我拼命地向前奔,但那些豆大的雨點不斷地打在我身上,竟有些隱隱作痛。更糟的是我前面是一個斜坡,並沒有任何「避難處」,陪伴我的只有幾棵

種在山坡的樹。樹枝在「啪!啪!」地鼓著掌,像是為我喝采一樣。

我冒著「槍林彈雨」,終於逃到了一處屋檐下,可以讓 濕透的身體休息一下。雨越下越大,我眼前只見一片迷濛, 以及雨水拍打招牌的聲音。地上的水一浪又一浪地湧過來, 把鞋子都浸濕了。

我只好沿著那掛著檐篷的小路,繞了個大圈才能回到家裡。不料,家裡竟因大雨的緣故,佈滿了水漬和泥沙。唉......多麼不幸的一天!

籃球比賽

3A 莫藹慈

不說你不知,我一向都有觀看籃球比賽的習慣,可能是 受到家人的影響吧。我時常會為喜歡的球隊打氣及雀躍。 如果要我挑選我最欣賞的籃球比賽,我想莫過於「那一場」 了。

那天下午,在火紅的太陽照耀下,一場蓄勢待發的籃球 比賽正準備開始。我班首先踏進比賽場地,而一群女同學 也持著草球什麼的,發出震撼的叫喊聲,聲勢浩大,為我 班打下一枝強心針!

球賽終於開始了,單看兩隊的陣容就知道這是一場很難 打的賽事,因為對方球員的高度是我方的一倍,真令人感 到喪氣。不過,我們卻沒有因此而被嚇倒,反而努力跟對 方周旋下去。我班爭取每一分每一秒地進攻,仿如那兇猛 的老虎,攻勢凌厲。

然而經過了十分鐘後,我班卻被對方以十分拋離,但我 們毫不氣餒,反而臉上露出了自信笑容,試圖挽回頹勢; 而對方看自己領先後,似乎也有點鬆懈,並沒有那那樣緊 31. 籃球比賽 3A 莫藹慈 71

迫了。或許他們在暗暗地偷笑,以為自己必然勝利。當然, 我班正好乘著他們鬆懈,便伺機進攻,分數亦因而提升了。 到上半場完結,我班只是落後5分,自信心也就大大增加。

在休息期間,隊長著隊員下半場改變策略,以緩慢的方式對抗對方的快速,隊員們團結一致,誓要於下半場勝出比賽。休息完畢,比賽繼續進行。果然,策略湊效了,分數也逐漸超前,對方亦因此而手忙腳亂,越來越焦慮,我們還連續射進多個「三分球」。觀眾瘋狂的叫喊,熾烈地鼓掌,給我班熱烈的打氣,氣氛相當熱鬧!比賽終於完畢,我班竟超前對方20分,反敗而勝,各隊員互相擁抱,喜極而泣,在球場又跑又跳,興奮莫名!

這真是我最欣賞的比賽,雖然起初落後,但球員毫不氣 餒,反而積極地面對,從容不迫,臉帶笑容,我相信不是 每個人都可以做到的。原來只要有著堅定的意志,就能扭 轉乾坤!這場籃球比賽真讓我獲益良多啊!

尖沙咀聖誕夜

3E李勻翔

三!二!一!聖誕快樂!」轉瞬間,世界就由平安夜踏入聖誕節。人們都在狂歡、喝采。然而幾小時後,人們魚貫散去,海旁便變得十分寧靜、有點空虛、又添上兩分寂寞。

我在文化中心外的海旁不斷徘徊,看見清潔工人一邊勞苦地清潔收拾,一邊在咒罵那些破壞環境的人;露宿者睡在暗角的簷篷下,不時傳出幾聲呻吟。我聽到冷冰冰、黑沉沉的海水輕輕拍打碼頭的聲音,空虛的文化中心外傳來陣陣寒風的呼號。這時月亮被烏雲掩蓋,景物也被街燈的光線染得昏昏黃黃。

這時,平日鬧哄哄、車水馬龍的尖沙咀沉默下來,像一個人從人生高峰掉進低谷,回憶着,回憶着。整個尖沙咀 也變得有點空虛、又添上兩分寂寞。

遠眺對岸的中環,掛在商業大廈上的燈飾仍發出璀璨的 光輝,與這裏微弱而淡黃的燈光相比,構成強烈的對比。 中環的商廈就像熱鬧的人群,他們還在熱烈地慶祝着、互 相擁抱。但這刻的尖沙咀?他就像一個孤單、沉默的人, 32. 尖沙咀聖誕夜 3E 李 与翔 73

跟我一樣呆坐着,默不作聲,只能羡慕別人的熱鬧,並與 朋友相聚的歡樂。

深宵時分,在尖沙咀再聽不見人們為聖誕而發出的喝采,現在就連清潔工人也散去了,這裏變得空虛可怕,寂寞得叫人為他流下眼淚。我再往彌敦道走去,街上只有車輛靜靜的駛過。尖沙咀好像再沒有半點東西值得人們留戀,只得匆匆離去。

這一夜,我跟尖沙咀寂寞地渡過,等待着明天熱鬧的來 臨。

金錢與快樂

4A簡寶玲

從古至今,金錢是人們生活中不可缺少的東西。但有了 金錢,就會快樂嗎?我認為不會。

中國古代,皇帝當權,選錄的妃嬪都是從民間挑選出來的。有的貧困人家的女兒被挑選為妃子,能夠享盡榮華富貴,而且家人能被賞賜黃金千萬兩,外人看來,他們是應該快樂的,但事實並非如此。女兒因與父母分離,傷心欲絕,即使能被金銀珠寶包圍着,豈能快樂?即使有錢,她也不能回家陪伴父母。可見,有了金錢,也不會快樂。

香港警員朱振國在槍擊事件中受傷,現正接受治療。政府把榮譽獎章頒給他,同時給予?金獎賞,對於這筆金錢,得到了,她們母子倆也不見得快樂,她們期盼的只是朱振國能盡快痊癒,錢對於她們的快樂起不了什麼作用。由此可知,有了金錢,也不顯得快樂。

金錢乃是身外物,而快樂則是由心底裡發出來的。人的內心寂寞、空虛,並不是有錢就能解決的!有了金錢,她也不會快樂

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我曾經參加探訪老人的義工服務。受訪的老人有的非常貧困,也有比較富足的。當我們探訪富足的老人時,踏進門口那一刻,就不得不從心裡驚歎,屋內擺設高貴,五彩繽紛的金魚缸和巨型超薄的電視機已把我們吸引住。但屋內的婆婆卻愁眉苦臉,她說這都是兒子買的,但她自己卻只想跟兒子住,且每天都在等待呢!她說:「有這麼多錢又有何用,我現在有的只是孤獨,無人傾談呀!」是呀!金錢也不能買得內心的快樂。這婆婆的情況不也是表明有了金錢,也不會快樂嗎?

金錢無疑重要,它能買得豪華房屋、名貴跑車,但當一個人內心的快樂並非金錢能換取時,即使金銀滿屋又如何呢?所以,有了金錢,人也未必快樂!

我的爸爸

4C麥陽威

我的爸爸不是曾特首,也不是李嘉誠。他只是一位平凡、 醜陋又矮小的地盤工人。 小時候,我很頑皮。常在家 裏一面用螺絲刀替電器叔叔換新衣,一面用蠟筆來給地板 姨姨化妝。總之,東塗塗、西攪攪,好不愜意。

可是,每當媽媽回來的時候,我就大事不妙了。門鎖的 扭動聲是我的催命符。一聽見,我就得飛快地跑到爸爸的 房間假裝熟睡。當然,即使是最笨的偵探,也能立即找出 真兇來。

媽媽不會輕易罷休的,「藤條」已在她的手裡。她似是 許下什麼毒誓似的,硬要把我當成晚餐的主菜,用「藤條」 來給我的豬肉做按摩。幸好,爸爸往往就在這時,如超人 般出來拯救我。從小至今,有這「超人」的守護下,才令 我平安快樂地成長。

毫無疑問,我在將來會忘記曾特首、李嘉誠,或什麼顯 赫的人物,但我永不會忘記我平凡、醜陋又矮小的爸爸。

木棉

6C林曉敏

木棉花條地從樹上掉下,枝椏承受不住的豐滿,落在鋅 皮屋簷上,咚的一聲,少年從沉思中被叩醒過來,拋下散 落一桌子的鉛筆和橡皮擦碎,就衝出嚴實的門閘。

英雄樹又開花了。

早春的二月間,蕭瑟的枯枝上綻放了滿樹的火紅。男孩撿了滿懷的木棉花,走一步掉一個地跑跳著,婆婆告訴他,屋子旁的這幾株,就是英雄樹,因為它長得畢直又不屈不朽呵,除了清熱利濕,還可解毒,婆婆小時候給大蛇咬了一口,也靠吃這花瓣才好吃起來的,這英雄樹啊,能抵過任何天氣,總不倒下,你長大了啊,可要像這英雄樹,婆婆才會疼你的。

這些話,就像木棉花打在頭上一般,沉實地敲進了男孩 的心內。

祇有它的果實是稱得上纍纍的,長橢圓形的蒴果隨著花落後長出,過不多久,果實開裂,就冒出朵朵棉絮,隨風飄落,是空氣裡的降落傘。種子抓緊了那團糾結,隨著棉

球飄浮在六月的燥熱裡,闖盪生活。男孩也幻想過,要像棉絮一般,到外邊看世界,也要像種子般,在外邊落地生根,離開大樹的看顧。

於是,種子飄到遠遠的地方,坐汽車也抵不到的另一端的海。種子發芽,然後萌發,經過夏飆冬霜,日曬雨淋,在太陽底下,長成了一株小小的樹苗。男孩長大了,年輕的驅體,像極了木棉樹畢直的樹幹,他儼然是一個長大了的孩子,祇是與成人之間,總有著一定的距離。少年想念起,鄉間的婆婆,思念隨著日子增長而變得難熬,於是便回到那個孕育他的故地。

已是許多年以後。

經過舟居勞頓的疲憊,他抵步了,可是,那裡的人卻說, 老婆婆不在了,什麼都沒了,靈柩都燒成了灰,什麼都沒 留下,而且,也不是新近幾天的事了。

人都不在了。

那個與他一起撿木棉花告訴他老故事叮嚀他呵護他的老婆婆不在了。

少年回到故居,住進那個積了一層又一層鋅鏽的小房子, 鏽像青苔一般蔓延開去,要把荒廢吞啃。他呼吸著頹然的 空氣,窒息和無力圍攏過來。他執筆寫,想寫下往事,想 拾回碎落的片段,卻無從入手,迷途在失序的回憶裡頭, 被捲進過去的黑洞。

他走出屋子喘氣。

碩大的木棉花掛在枝頭上,像枯乾的手提著一個個紅燈 籠,隨風顫動,顯得老弱無力。少年瞥著這滿樹的熾熱, 納罕不已。那些深褐色向上爬的枝椏,就像一雙雙枯瘦的 手,在抓著灰灰的天空,或是向天空乞討些什麼似的。他 看著這些樹幹的模樣像孤獨的老人,怪可憐的,怎地英雄 35. 木棉 6C 林曉敏 79

樹老了。

英雄會老嗎? 那麼英雄會不會死? 花掉下來了,棉絮又飄起來了。

C52

6C 董潔雲

我是C52,位於校舍的最高層,居高臨下。可是我卻很 寂寞,常有被遺棄的感覺。

我是所有兄弟中最小的,雖然位於高層,可卻瘦弱不堪,所以我沒有屬於自己的班級,看著兄弟們都有自己專屬的名字,便教我妒忌不已,1A、2C、3E、Geography room等,反觀我就只有C52這個編號。

清早鈴聲一響,學子們魚貫進入校園,與我的兄弟結伴 上課。每次聽聞他們的歡笑聲,我只感到他們在嘲笑我, 剌耳的笑聲鑽入我的腦海,嗡嗡地纏繞著我,我只盼望擁 有屬於我的同學!一起上課、一起玩耍,我渴望與他們有 更多一起的回憶。可惜,一切都只能成為幻想,只因為我 太小了,根本容不下幾十人,只能眼巴巴地看著別人歡笑。

唯一教我安慰的,是間中也會有些學子來陪伴我。每當 這時,我都會提起精神,忘記不快與寂寞,與他們一起上 課,每次我都極珍惜這短暫的時光。

我依依地看著他們離開校舍,又陷入漫長的等待,變回

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孤獨了。等待每一天的到臨,已成為我的習慣。鈴鈴鈴...... 鐘聲又響起,又是另一天了。

遊石澳沙灘有咸

6C王淑媛

石澳沙灘是香港少有的天然景觀。

那裡的沙有一種說它香又不是、臭又不是的味道。有點 兒似樹幹的氣味,一種從老樹散發出的味道。

沙灘給我的感覺,就是很古老,像是遠古殘存至今似的。除了老樹的氣味外,舉目四看,一片啡黃,提醒我秋天來了,大自然也褪色了,但這裡卻不荒涼如一個沙漠,因為殘缺的末處是浩氣的海洋。

海,總是有浪,浪拍打上沙灘的聲音似雷鳴。她在說什麼呢?在黃昏的時候,雖看不到彤彤落日沉浸一半在海上,但那金黃色散落於無垠的大海,跳舞的海,我就知道她在 講故事,告訴我所有發生在這個海灘上的故事。

我是從九龍乘小巴來的城市人,耳朵聽慣了車站的噪音 和收音機裡面的罵戰,海講述的那個故事,我聽不懂。我 坐在海水和泥沙的交界,用指頭寫上一首詩。 「階級的制度 我只有奴僕的笑聲 我視沉默為自尊 妳卻要笑聲 活潑 長存」

詩只有六句,但詩中有情。一下浪又撲過來,就此把我的詩拿去,我微笑,為石澳的海瞭解我而微笑、高興和自豪。

以後這個海會記得一個故事,一個少女寫一首詩獻給大海。往後未必有人能讀到這故事,然而最重要的,是我們和大自然的聯繫。

照片

6C姚柳苑

你喜歡拍照嗎?照片於你又有何意義呢?愛回憶的人,當然是用作紀念;愛美者,則是為了美麗,想製造永恆;具生意慧根的,往往衝著利益而來,如售賣明星照、開設影樓等。不管是什麼意圖,今天隨著時代變遷及數碼相機的出現,照片的意義也起了不少變化。然而,於我而言,照片的意義還是起初的本意——留個紀念。

昔日,拍照的意義是為紀念。只因人物、時間、空間都在變遷,只有照片上的影像經得起考驗,永恆不變,為人們留下幻變中的永恆。看著它,咸豐年的往事都能一一呈現眼前,即使遺忘了的,也可以被它勾回。看著舊照,不免百般滋味在心頭。你說照片的意義不就是紀念,讓人懷緬過去嗎?

然而,數碼相機出現了,這東西帶來的既是福,亦是禍。 是福,在於它滿足了人類愛方便的心理;至於禍,就是使 照片的意義偏差了。數碼相機的普及以及它帶來的方便, 使人們都愛拍照,似乎更有助人們留個紀念,只是拍照簡 單方便、快捷,人們總是拍下許多照片,但真正具紀念價值的恐怕寥寥可數!數量多又有何用呢?照片氾濫,其珍貴程度相對減少,照片對人們的價值亦減卻了!從來容易得到的,人都不懂珍惜。你看著老一輩的人,對他們僅有的照片是何等珍而重之。再者,自從影像可以儲存於電腦或燒錄成光碟,人們都依賴了它,少了沖印。隔著一台電腦,總是少了一份親切感,亦失去照片的意義。

其實,照片除了受到科技發展的影響外,價值觀的轉變 亦在改變照片的存在價值。在標榜美麗的現今社會,人們 都十分在意美貌,即使拍照,亦將重點放於人的外表上, 要美才「收貨」,否則就刪除,紀念的意義似乎都給美貌蓋 過了!有人全心要攝下青春美麗,更有謬論指「趁美留倩 影」,拍的甚至是裸照,當這些人年老時看回這些照片,是 欣賞年輕時的美貌,還是會感到羞恥?

秋思

7C 陳冬梅

很多人也覺得秋天是個可惡的巫師,當他施展魔法,輕輕一吹,便草凋葉落,開得燦爛的花兒也不免中了咒語,全部枯萎。這片衰敗的景象,全是那巫師在作怪,他甚至使人思緒紊亂,愁腸百結。

我卻說秋天是位天使,他為人們帶來禮物,就是那晴朗 的藍天。

秋天時,晴空萬里,天空總愛鋪上最怡人的天幕——藍天白雲。有著這樣的天色,就最適宜登高望遠,觀看秀麗的湖江山色。由於秋高氣爽,在山澗中寫意漫步,必不會汗流浹背。走到一處山泉,喝一口清涼的泉水,冰冷透心。來到空曠的高地,借助秋風的幫忙,風箏便興奮不已,無形的秋風成為領隊,帶領他在天空翱翔。抬頭看,一行白鶴又排成一字飛翔,排在風筝後面,似要與風筝爭逐嬉戲。秋晚,夜空就按時掛上皎潔的月亮,月亮的光芒照亮漆黑的夜空。

秋天這天使又會給大地帶來希望的訊息。秋風吹來,雖

令草木搖落,但植物的犧牲不是徒然的,生命也不是這樣 終結,而是孕育一切,生機的開始。

秋天這天使亦為農家傳來喜訊。農家在春季竭盡力氣, 耗盡汗水,辛勞耕耘,終於獲得了豐碩的回報。農夫攜著 鐮刀,把田裡的農作物逐一收割,然後歡天喜地的回家, 與家人分享收穫和喜悅之情。

自古逢秋真是悲愴寂寥嗎?但我卻說秋天比萬物萌生、 欣欣向榮的春天還要好,秋涼總是令人有閒適舒暢之感。 蔚藍的天空,再配上白雲,亦只有秋天是最美麗最晴朗的。 秋遊山水,欣賞自然景觀,自能使煩擾得以排遣。秋天, 也許是改變困局的善良魔法師。

IV 人生剪影

如果

6C羅健升

大雨滂沱,一個人在濕滑的棠蔭街上走著。地上的雨水沾濕了大片褲腳。望著迷濛的雨景和暗淡的天空。

「如果沒下雨,那多好。」 雨越下越大,耽誤了回家的時間。甫入門,母親已經不住地責問。

「幹嘛這麼遲?」

「下大雨。」

面對責問,也不知應如何回應,只覺乏味。母親沒完沒了地絮聒,一句也聽不入耳,腦裡一片空白,只見母親的嘴,不停地張合、變圓。

「如果母親不是那麼嘮叨該多好。」

晚飯過後,待一切收拾妥當,正準備做功課。

「為什麼不以英語修讀地理?」父親劈頭的一句。

「你怎麼知道?」

「不經意地看見你的轉科通知。」他說。

「不想!」

「為什麼不想?」他問。

「英文不好?」

「那就更應該要多用英文!」他越來越激動。

「不想…」

「為什麼不想?」

「不想拖累其他科的成績。」

「就是你這樣的態度,會考成績才這麼差!」父親大聲說。「也許吧!」

「什麼也許?」父親說:「你究竟知不知,中六的課程比中 五難?」

「知。」

「那你要努力啊!你不過是僥倖通過會考吧。」父親怒道:「如果你是十優狀元,我才不理你。」

接著父親又搬大道理和自己過去的奮鬥史來予以痛斥。 聽了他的說話,鬱鬱的感受快填滿了心房,很不快,所以 口裡更不快,不快的對話最終由一句話終結。

「你自生自滅吧!」

「走著瞧!」

嘴裡儘管這麼說,但心中戚戚然。

「如果不需要讀書,那多好。」

夜闌人靜,獨自躺在床上,細想今日發生的一切,不禁 嘆息人生的不如意,「究竟前路該怎麼走?」

窗外的山景在眼裡模糊。

「如果可以上天國,那多好!」

搬家

6C林曉敏

一箱箱包裝好的雜物被放在客貨車狹小的空間內,大小不一的膠箱跟紅白藍窘逼地擠擁著,互相磨擦著彼此的身體,閻上車門,客貨車咳嗽著,吐出一口口黑煙,就揚長離去了。

她在車子內的倒後鏡瞥見自己一臉的疲憊,汗水糊了她 的髮,是的,很倦了。

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三年來搬家四次,她已沒有力氣再搬移了。

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她沒有家,沒有屬於自己的家,從來沒有。

從很小的時候,她就知道她沒有一個完整的家,離異的 父母各有自己的生活,有各自的伴侶,她是不受歡迎的一 件行李,偶爾在父親的家裡寄存,偶爾又安置在母親的家 裡,她曾以為自己擁有的家比別人多,不過慢慢地曉得, 她其實沒有屬於自己的家。 直至長大,她開始交了男友,就住進男友的家。一次又一次的聚合和分開,一次又一次的搬家,她仍然,沒有屬於自己的安樂窩和避難所。

巔簸的生活未有停止過。

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她曾以為會跟這個人建立一個屬於他和她的家,於是, 在牆壁上髹上二人喜愛的顏色,在客廳內房間內浴室內廚 房內佈置二人喜愛的裝飾,黏上二人共同喜愛的歌手的海 報,擺上花瓶,鋪置被單,一切看來都曾經美好。

每天晚上,她在家裡,煮好晚飯,等待他回家。有時候,晚了,飯菜涼了,她就再溫熱一下。有時侯,晚了,涼了,她就關上窗子拉上窗帘。有時候,晚了,睏了,她就先暖好被窩。

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上月底,他開始沒有回家,電話也沒掛一個,關上手機, 失去消息。

這個家變得冷清,她一個人承受了整間房子的沉默和死寂,森冷得讓她夜裡打顫,抱著臂瑟縮在角落,會哭會流淚會抓自己的頭髮會竭斯底理。

她知道,他離開了她,投向另一個她。

原來不過是重蹈覆轍,她的家,再次粉碎了,她的夢, 再次變成碎片化為粉末。

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她知道,她必須有自己的家,不可以再像寄居的生物, 寄人籬下。 於是,這幾天內,找了房子,洽商了租金,設置了家具電器,還得要執拾舊居的物品。面對空掉了一半的房子時, 她仍記得她的物品曾經擺放在甚麼位置,仍記得二人曾經 站在那兒調笑,站在那兒爭吵,仍記得有多少個晚上累得 在沙發上睡著了,仍記得哭濕了的毛巾晾乾的地方。搬家 是很累人的事,她沒有氣力去回憶傷痛。

她找朋友幫忙,一個下午的搬搬抬抬,總算收拾好了, 把雜物都收進一個個的箱子盒子和紅白藍裡頭,封貼好, 用箱頭筆劃上記號,搬上客貨車,累得汗衣濕透,蓬頭垢 面,直喘著氣。

車子開動, 駛到了她的新居, 那個屬於她的家。

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新居的窗帘是藍白色的,陽光底下,自有它弧度地收放著,把窗打開,風就湧進來,把她身上的汗水一下子揮發,她呼了一口氣,唱著輕快的歌。

「我也不要飄泊巔簸 住我家 上我的鎖。」*

* 註: 引用女歌手楊千樺的【寒舍】

女人

6C 陳韻芝

輕輕的微風迎面吹來,拂過她的臉龐、撫過她的秀髮, 散發出迷人的玫塊香......配合著夏日的心意,她穿上純白的 小背心、貼身的牛仔褲,蹬著高跟鞋,「格咯格咯」地走向 「藍天使餐廳」。只聽見門前的掛鈴噹噹作響,坐在不遠處 的那人就向她招手:

「晴,這邊啊!」

客人不約而同地望向晴。使她低著頭,尷尷尬尬地走過 去:

「玲!.....」

晴的話還未說完,玲就忍不住哈哈大笑。

「幹嗎害羞成這個樣子?從前的我們不是這樣鬧嗎?」

「我!沒!有!」晴裝著生氣的樣子。

「好喇!好喇!不鬧喇。說正經的,找我有事嗎?」

晴含情脈脈地再次低下頭.....

玲看她瓜子形的臉孔,白如雪的肌膚透出泛泛的紅暈, 心裡不禁讚嘆:「她又比以前美了!」 「我.....」

玲又打斷了她的話:

「先讓我猜一下!嗯.....與他有關?」

晴稍稍地點頭。

「怎麼啦?他跟你說分手?」玲皺著眉,又說:

「哦!不對!你們在一起四年了,他卻奇怪地從未說過「分手」二字;而且還『聽話聽教』!」

晴的嘴角勾出淺淺的微笑,一副惹人妒忌的樣子。

「唉啊!猜不到啊。你說吧!」

玲捧著杯子,用飲管吸吮著杯內的飲料。

「他向我求婚。」

那個叫人又驚又喜的消息把玲嚇倒,更被飲料嗆得她直咳嗽。然後,她睜大眼睛:

「認真的嗎?」

「對啊!」

「想清楚?」

「你對梓謙有意見嗎?」晴透出疑問的目光。

「沒有啊。先不要急!畢竟是終身大事,還希望你先考慮清楚.....」

晴望著玲,等待她那似斷未斷的話。

「這是我媽說的。她說婚前的男人越聽話,婚後便會是另一個樣子!」

「不會吧?」

「那婚後怎樣?你想辭職嗎?」

「不!我們有協議,婚後,我們還是會工作,而燒飯的任 務得先待我放工後才做;家務則輪著做。」

「哦!完美的安排。」

「你笑我嗎?」

「沒有.....哈哈!」

數月未見的兩位好友在沒有盡頭的笑聲中,結束了小小的聚會。

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婚禮在滿溢的祝福下完滿結束;展開了二人甜蜜的新婚生活。

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晴穿著整齊的制服,蹬著高跟鞋,於熱鬧的街市中穿梭, 為的是新婚後的第一頓晚餐 色香味俱全的「咕嚕肉」、「清 蒸魚」、「蒜炒菜心」和「蘿蔔豬骨湯」。安頓在飯桌上。她 卸下圍裙,等待梓謙回家。不一會兒,門外傳來一陣鑰匙 聲;晴馬上跑去關掉燈,然後躲在門後,待梓謙推門進來: 「嘩!」晴裝出嚇人的樣子。

可惜梓謙卻一點兒也不怕,還反掐她的臉頰,然後在她的額上吻了一下:

「你真是頑皮!」

晴指了指台上的食物:「嘻嘻!老公,餓了沒有?」

梓謙先是呆愣了一下,然後說:「這是外賣來的!對不對?」

晴一臉無奈。

「哈哈!開玩笑嘛!別生氣,我就知道我老婆最能幹!」 飯後,這對新婚夫婦坐在沙發上看電視,梓謙累得睡著 了。晴看著已倦透的丈夫,她又怎忍心讓他洗碗呢?於是 悄悄地收拾碗筷,而且還幫忙洗乾淨!然後則忙著洗衣服、 掃地......忙得不可開交。 日復一日,年復一年。晴還是守護著丈夫,不讓他沾上 任何家務。

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那天,晴在公司忙得要死,下班的時候,已經是六時三十分,比以前晚了一個小時多;她帶著倦意步入街市,然後又急步地回家燒飯。晚飯後,已經是八時多了,晴的倦意遍佈全身,但她還是如常地收拾碗筷並帶進廚房,梓謙也跟著走進廚房,雙手搭著她的雙肩:

「讓我來洗吧!老婆。」

晴轉身摟著他的頸項,踮著趾尖,上前親親他的嘴唇, 然後說:

「我不累!」

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輕輕的微風迎面飄來,拂過她的臉麗,配合著夏日的心意,這次她穿上深灰色的T恤,貼身的牛仔褲,踏著平底鞋,步入「藍天使餐廳」。只聽見門前的掛鈴噹噹作響,玲又向晴招手:

「這邊啊!」

晴走近她,然後坐下。這次的晴塗上淡淡的妝,卻掩蓋 不住那深深的黑眼圈和臉上的倦容。兩年間,她竟憔悴了 許多。

可她那悴憔的臉上竟勾出最幸福的笑容:

「我很好……」

愛•回來

6C 董潔雲

頂著暴烈的太陽,我挽著一袋袋蔬菜和肉食,沉重的袋子勒得我的手現出一道一道的血痕。雖然臉上冒出豆大的汗珠,可是卻騰不出手來擦掉。又熱又累,我感到衣服都濕透了。唉!早該就不節省那三塊錢,乘小巴回家,多涼快!話雖如此,我才不會隨便浪費那三塊錢,不過多走十來分鐘罷。

「咦?玲姐,這麼早就回來了?不用上班嗎?」背後傳來一聲叫喚,原來是隔壁的陳師奶。我停下來,把袋子放下,抹了抹汗,笑道:「女兒今天回來,所以早點回家做飯。」說起這事,我就興奮不已,天知道我多久沒有見過她了,我掩不住喜悅地與陳師奶分享。

「她撥了電話,說今天有空回來。」

「買了很多食物,魚、菜、雞,都是她愛吃的。」

「不過她沒說幾點回來呢!」

「就盼她這次多留一會兒,上次才留了幾分鐘。」

「這孩子忙得很.....」

43. 愛・回來 6C 董潔雲 99

女兒可以說是我的心肝寶貝,只要一提及她,平日寡言的我也會滔滔不絕,也不管別人有沒有聽,我就只管的講, 訴說對女兒的擔憂,恨不得把我的心底話盡數抖出來。

「唉!我這個女兒,瘦巴巴的,也不知在外面有沒有吃飯.....」

陳師奶趕緊打斷我的說話:「我突然想起還有事要做,下 次再談吧!」

我愣了愣,看著她轉身離去,怎麼也想不到她突然說走就走,本來興奮的心情猶如被潑冷水,只得把喜悅都吞到肚子裡。

把地上的袋子拿起來,一口氣就爬上八樓的家。唉!一說起女兒就甚麼也忘了,還是快點回家做飯,時間不多了。

一進家門,就急步衝入廚房,殺雞宰魚炒菜,沒多久就 傳出一陣陣垂涎三尺的香氣,這些菜餚都是女兒愛吃的, 我把菜餚堆滿飯桌,等待她的到來。然而當香氣消失,滿 桌的菜餚都涼了,但女兒依然不見蹤影,連一通電話也沒 有,焦慮不安衝擊著我的神經,我緊張得在飯廳中來回踱 步,就怕她遇到了意外。手指有節奏地按著那八個熟悉的 號碼,但不管重複多少次,都只能接駁到她的留言信箱, 無盡的憂心化為留言塞滿了信箱,可是還是沒她的消息。

掛鐘的搭的搭地在空曠的家中回蕩,擔憂敲擊著我,心臟微微地透出尖銳的抽動,然而,我只能無助地守候。

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拖著疲憊的身體,我勉強地走了八層樓梯,每當這個時候,我就不只一次痛恨這幢樓怎會沒有升降機。掏出鑰匙,正當我把鑰匙插入門鎖之際,門忽然打開了,冷不防被嚇了一跳。

43. 愛·回來 6C董潔雲 100

門內的人一看到我,就瞪大雙眼,尖著嗓子,語氣急促地責問:「你怎麼現在才回家,你知道我等了你多久?也不撥電話回來,難道你不知我會擔心嗎?你究竟到哪裡去?」

一連串的說話轟得我有點耳鳴,我呆了呆,才隨口拋出一句:「回來了,有飯吃沒有?」她不哼半響,把飯菜熱了熱就再端出來。我慢條斯理地吃著,也不管她了。母親顯然還在氣我遲回來,邊吃飯邊嘮嘮叨叨。

我感到有些不耐煩,好不容易才抽空回來,可不是為了聽她唠叨的!我看著她的嘴巴開開合合,思緒也不知飄到哪裡,嘴巴只是無意識地張開、咀嚼、吞嚥。我知道她很關心我,可是,我受不了她過份的關懷......自從爸死了後,她就變得有點神經質,把我當成溫室裡的花朵,彷彿我脆弱不堪似的。

回過神來,母親還在訓話,其實她的話,我已可以倒背如流,來來去去都是說一樣的話。看著母親的臉,我忽然覺得她陌生了,究竟我有多久沒回來探望她呢?一星期?兩星期?還是一個月?頭上藏匿的白髮,臉上深刻的皺紋,暗淡的皮膚,都顯出她的臉上添了不少歲月,在我不經意中,母親的時間無聲無色地溜走了。

不知怎的,我忽然覺得母親的叮嚀不再刺耳,反而有點 親切呢!

想到此,我揚起微笑,輕輕地打斷她的說話。「媽,明天也一起吃飯吧!」

${f V}$ English Portfolio

A Poem - Guess My Name 1A Kong Pik Hi

Let us play a little game.

To see if you can guess my name.

I live in zoos.

I am grey and

I like to play.

I have long nose and

I am heavy.

Many people like my teeth.

If you think you know my name,

Let us play another game.

Let us play a little game.

To see if you can guess my name.

I live in the sea.

I am pink and

I like to sink.

I have a big body and
I am lovely.
Many people like watching me
To jump through hoops.
If you think you know my name,
Let us play another game.

Let us play a little game.

To see if you can guess may name.

I live on trees.

I am small and

I like to smell.

I have wings and

I like flowers.

Many people like to eat my food.

If you think you know my name,

Let us play another game.

Guess my name

1C Lee Kwun Yin

Let us play a little game,
To see if you can guess my name
In a pet shop
I can be very free
It's there you'll find a pet like me
My ears are powerful
My brown fur coat is beautiful
I'm very wonderful
If you think you know my name
Let us play another game

Let us play a little game
To see if you can guess my name
In the sea
Below the deep deep sea
It's there you'll find a shark like me

My ears are grey
I'm very free
I only like to eat little fish
If you think you know my name
Let us play another game

Let us play a little game
To see if you can guess my name
In the nests
Below a forest I'm the smallest
My ears are yellow
I don't like money, but I only like to eat honey
If you think you know my name
Let us play another game

Guess my name 1C Lo Kai Yeung

Let us play a little game,
To see if you can guess my name.
In the grassland,
I like walking.
I like helping people to carry something.
I can run very fast.
I'm very small.
I look like a horse.
If you think you know my name,
Let us play another game.

Let us play a little game,
To see if you can guess my name.
I'm a bird,
I like swimming,
And I like eating.

My eyes are black.

I swim in the sea.

I like to eat fish for my tea.

If you think you know my name,

Let us play another game.

Let us play a little game,
To see if you can guess my name.
I'm a fish,
I live in the sea,
All the fish are afraid of me.
I'm grey.
I like sleeping.
But I am also fond of eating.
If you think you know my name,
Let us play another game.

My Last Trip to Ocean Park

1D Wong Ching Pan

'Terrible' yet wonderful and exciting!! These are the words that describe what I remember the last time I went to Ocean Park on Halloween night.

My friends and I went there at night - a scary night! There were many people and they all enjoyed the activities there. When we were reading the map, a ghost stood in front of us and shouted, so we all felt scared.

We had a plan. First, we went to a ghost house called SCREAM-atorium. Then, we went to Courthouse Massacre - a Chinese ghost house. The atmosphere was terrifying. And then, we wanted to go up the hill, so we traveled by cable car to Jungle Nightmare. This part had many ghosts hiding behind the trees. We all felt frightened. Finally, we watched a 4D movie called Haunted Mine Ride. We sat on chairs and watched the movie and the chairs started to shake and sprayed some water and mist. That was very interesting!

After that, we had dinner at McDonald's. We wanted to go to another ghost house, but the line was so long that we didn't have time. We felt annoyed, so we decided to go on some rides like Raging River, Space Wheel, Eagle, Crazy Galleon and the Flying Swing. These exciting rides were really crazy! That was my first time to on these crazy rides. I felt thrilled. I was confident on these, so I felt proud of myself!

When we went down the hill in the cable car, we heard a ghost singing Justin's song behind us. It was sooooo funny!

That night was so 'terrible' and we went on lots of exciting rides. It was really a wonderful night!!

My Last Trip to Ocean Park

1D Yeung Tsz Yan

On the 18th of February of this year, I went to Ocean Park. I arrive there at ten o'clock in the morning. I went there by MTR and then by bus with my parents.

In the morning, we went to many places. First, we went to Whisker's Wild Ride. Through the motion seats and giant screen, we followed Ocean Park's mascot family swimming and flying. It was exciting! This was a special experience for me because I had never tried it before.

Then, we went to ride the Cable Car. In the car, we saw the beautiful South China Sea. It was such a free feeling. Later, we visited the Sea Jelly Spectacular. There were many sea jellies. They have beautiful colours and movements. I was quite thrilled as I seldom see these living things.

In the afternoon, we went to have lunch at McDonald's Restaurant. After lunch, we went to the Mine Train. It dropped and turned and was suspended over the sea. I was afraid. After a

short rest, we went to the Ocean Park Tower. We saw all of the scenery at Ocean Park. The whole environment was beautiful!

At last, we visited the Atoll Reef. It was wonderful. We saw many fish and other sea animals at this really good place.

I enjoyed this trip very much. I will certainly go there again because I felt very joyful and excited indeed. It was a wonderful experience!

My last trip to Ocean Park 1E Chan Lok Yu

The last time I went to Ocean Park was in summer holiday. My mother, father and brother went to Ocean Park with me. We went there by bus.

In the morning, we played the cable car, the cable car was in the Lowland Gardens. It was very exciting and interesting. Then, we went to the Ocean Park Grand Prix. We saw the pandas, they ate the leaves. It was cute. There was an animal Fun talk and ACE Quest Conquest. Next, We went to the Sea Jelly Spectacular. It was in the Marine Land. We saw more than 1000 sea jellies.

In the afternoon, we went to the Japanese Garden, we ate some Japanese food, mochi, sushi, Japanese noodles and fried food. Next, we went to the Ocean Theatre. There were many intelligent dolphins. We saw a dolphins' show too. It was fun and I was delighted. Then, we went to shark Aquarium. There were more than 70 sharks. My mother said they were fierce, but

I thought they are tame.

I was very glad with this trip. I would go there again with my mother because the Ocean Park had more new games.

My last trip to Ocean Park 1E Hui Ying

I still remember my last trip to Ocean Park because I went there this year. In Chinese New Year, in the 21st of February, I went to Ocean Park with my father and elder sister. We went there by MTR and bus. There were a lot of people in the bus stop. I was very excited before I went to Ocean Park.

We went there at 10:30 in the morning. We went to Marine Land. First, we visited the Sea Jelly Spectacular. There were lots of jellies. They were very interesting and colourful. We went there to see the sea jellies and we were amazed by their beautiful colours and movements. Then we went to Shark Aquarium. There were many different sharks and various species from around the world. And we saw them swim over the water. After that, we went to Atoll Reef. There was a large sea and different kind of fish.

In the afternoon, we went to Headland Rides. First, we played Ferris Wheel. It was slow and comfortable because that day was windy. Then we play Flying Swing. It is very excited. We shouted loudly when we played it. After that, we rode the Cable Car to Lowland Gardens. Then we played Whisker's Wild Ride. It was very exciting too. Finally, we played Ocean Park Grand Prix. It was the interesting cars' riding. At 5:30 p.m. we left Ocean Park.

We had a great time that day. I think Ocean Park was a wonderful place. There were lots of attractions. I hope I will go there again with my friends.

Last week, our classmates had a wonderful Christmas party.

3B Au Wai Kin

On that day, we were having the party at 12:00p.m. All of our classmates arrived early because we looked forward to the party very much. When the party started, we sang a Christmas song. After singing the song, we played some games happily. Then, we had our lunch at one o'clock. Although we were very hungry at that time, we took some food to eat one by one. There was so much delicious food like fried chicken wings, salad and fishball. And I loved fried chicken wings the best. After having our lunch, our stomachs were very full. Lastly, we had the important part of the party which was exchange our presents. We were so excited that what presents we would get. Finally, I got a model car and I liked it very much.

After the party, we hope we can have a party like this next time.

A Letter to my friend 3B Chung Wing Sze

Dear Kathy,

Hello! How are you?

Lat Saturday, I went hiking with my friends in Sai Kung. Let me tell you something about the hiking trip. First, we looked at the route to see where we should go. Then we walked to the hill. It was really very tiring. I was not used to hiking but now I'm used to hiking after this trip. On the way, we felt exhausted. At lunchtime, we had a picnic under a tree. Wow! It was so relaxing. After lunch, we took many photos with the beautiful views. The air was very fresh and the wind blew gently. Nobody would not love this environment.

We played for a long time. In the evening, we left the hill. We saw a snake in front of us. My friends shouted at the snake but it was still there. I was very afraid. We stood still and then the snake left. Finally, we walked down the hill safely. We also saw

some exotic flowers along the way. They were very beautiful! I hope that you can go hiking with me. I have sent some photos to you.

See you soon!

Yours, Macy

A Letter to my friend 3B Lee Lai Ching

Dear Peter,

Hello! How are you? I know you want to know more about my school English Week. Let me tell you!

At that week, my school had many things for us to do. In every English lesson, we played a game for spelling English words. It made us learn more words. On Monday, we had a film show after school. Oh! It was very funny, all students were happy because of it. Every year, my school also had a singing competition but it is for Chinese songs. In the English Week, my school had a Singing Contest only for English songs. Many students were interested in it and also joined it. We could listen to many good English songs.

Also, the English Week had a storytelling competition. It could help students to train their English speaking skills. In the hall, there was a book sale for us to buy English books. There

were many types of English books and they were also quite cheap. It could promote students' reading interests. At that week, all students and teachers had to speak English all the time. When we had Chinese lessons, we spoke English too. It was crazy, but because of it, I know that many classmates' English has improved a lot.

Oh! I was too busy that week but I felt wonderful and happy. Would you like the English Week? What do you think? Tell me what you think. Bye for now!

Your friend, Chris

The Importance of Exercise

3B Wong Shuk Yan

Do you often feel tired? Do you want to stay healthy? If your answer is yes for these questions, I am sure that you must need to do more exercise. Doing exercise is very important in your life. If you want to know more, please read this essay.

According to a recent survey, ten years ago, children in Hong Kong could do 100 sit-ups in 5 minutes but now they can only do 50 sit-ups in the same amount of time. Why do the teenagers do so little exercise? The majority of teenagers said that they didn't have time to do exercise. Anyway, I generalize two reasons. One is the students are too busy. Maybe they have too many tests, exams or too much homework. Maybe they are so busy that they cannot do exercise anymore. Another reason is students are too lazy. People always have time to watch TV, play computer games, chat to their friends by phone and so on. Therefore these are all excuses, not reasons!

Doing exercise is important because it makes you feel more

energetic. If you feel energetic, you will study or work hard and will not feel tired easily. For example, you will not feel sleepy easily. One of the most benefits of doing exercise is that it helps us to stay healthy. Doing exercise prevents us from obesity. It burns out the calories that we don't need. Then it helps us to maintain at the right weight. The most important reason of exercise is for the development of strong muscles and bones. Doing exercise strengthens bones. For example, it makes your bones strong and less likely to break. Doing exercise is also good for muscles. If you do exercise regularly, your muscles will become big and strong. They will not break or get hurt easily.

If you really have no time to do exercise, please don't worry. I will suggest one good form of exercise to you. You may do situps. It is convenient for everyone to do this exercise at anytime and anywhere. When you finish the homework or before sleep or whatever, you also can do it.

To conclude, it is important to do exercise and it is also important in your life. If you do exercise regularly, you will get a lot of benefits. For example, it makes you feel happier and more relaxed.

Eating Dog Meat Should Be Allowed 3C Poon Yuk Yin

Dear Editor,

Dogs are eaten in many countries. Do you agree that people can eat dog meat? For me, I am against it because of these significant reasons.

To begin with, it is immoral if we eat dog meat. When the butchers kill the dogs, it is best to hang the dog from a tree and beat it to death to tenderize the meat. Moreover, I wonder why nobody cares about dogs living in a cage without freedom. It is so cruel to them.

In addition, it is unwise of people to believe eating dog meat may have health benefits. According to the International Fund for Animal Welfare, "There is no scientific evidence that dog meat has restorative or curative powers, these health claims are folklore not fact." Also, nobody knows what the dogs have eaten before so we ought to stop eating dog meat. Finally, it is crazy of people to forget that dogs are our loyal friends. Dogs are different from other animals. I would like to share a story about dogs. In the U.S. of Florida, suddenly, a diabetes patient fainted at home. His dog nipped and moved the master's mobile phone to call the police. Finally, the dog has saved its mater's life. The survivor said, "I can't believe that if my dog was not nearby me, I could not live today, my dog has rescued me. It is my best friend!" Dogs and humans have been living together for a long time, helping each other, so we mustn't kill dogs and eat their meat.

To conclude, we shouldn't eat dog meat because it is immoral to dogs, there is no scientific evidence that eating dog meat may have health benefits and the most important one is dogs are our loyal friends, it is clear that we shouldn't be allowed to eat dog meat.

Yours faithfully, Virginia Poon Poon Yuk

The Importance of Exercise 3E Ip Kin Wing

A number of previous surveys in Hong Kong show that the majority of children are exercising less than in the past. We had two surveys in 1998 and 2003, respectively. The result of the first survey told us that 85% of students exercised more than once a week. The result of the second survey showed us that just 60% of students exercised more than once a week. The percentage had dropped. It is clear that exercise is important for our health because it is better than any treatment. I shall explain my opinion and suggest some useful exercises.

Do you know why teenagers exercise so little? There are three reasons. Laziness is a common reason for teenagers to do so little exercise. They spend too much time watching TV on the sofa. They sit all day long. Watching TV is easy. You just have to turn on the power. However, exercise is troublesome. They have to wear sweat suit to exercise. Another reason that teenagers exercise so little is schoolwork. They have lots of homework and

tests every day. They have to finish them and work hard. When they have finished the schoolwork, it's already at night. They can't go out to have exercise. They want to stretch they body but they are tired because of the schoolwork. The last reason is nobody accompany them. They feel shy and afraid, without any impetus to have a good habit to exercise. Friends are important for everyone, especially for teenagers to do anything.

It is obvious that exercise is more important than treatment. It makes you feel more relaxed. If you feel relaxed, you are less likely to get worried about your schoolwork. For example, you will be able to sleep well before tests and exams. Feeling relaxed makes you happy. Then you will enjoy life more. Exercise also helps people to stay at the right weight. Regular exercise burns our calories, they are stored in our bodies as fat. If we get fat and we continue to have an unbalanced diet, finally we become much fatter. Besides, exercise helps to build strong muscles and bones. If you have strong muscles, you will feel stronger and healthier. For example, you never become tired easily. If you strengthen strong bones when you are young, they are less likely to break. Exercise can also prevent osteoporosis.

I suggest running to everyone. It's simple for us to do. We should keep running about thirty minutes. It makes us feel more energetic. Doctors said that running can also making our heart and lungs work more efficiently. Running for twenty minutes each day can reduce the risk of developing serious illnesses such as heart disease and high blood pressure.

Another exercise I want to recommend is swimming. Swimming is the best exercise to do. It makes our body become strong.

However, swimming takes lots of energy. Although we feel tired afterwards, we feel less stressed. If we feel less stressed, we are less likely to get worried.

To conclude, it is obvious that the saying 'Exercise is important' is really true. If we want to be a healthy person, we need to do different types of exercises regularly.

The Importance of Exercise

3E Lan Xin

A lot of young people neither have a balanced diet nor do exercise regularly. It's obvious that more and more teenagers are overweight and get many health problems. Also, most of them become weak and stressed.

To begin with, it's common that teenagers exercise very little. Some of them are so busy with study that they haven't got much time to do exercise. It makes much time and many vigors for them to talk with friends on the telephone and go out for fun. Most of the students indulge in computer games. It makes them neither have enough vigors to study nor have any time to exercise. Also, lots of teenagers are too lazy to exercise.

Doing exercise is extremely important. First, it makes you feel more efficiently. Second, exercise is also important for the development of strong muscles and bones. Last but not least, it's well-known that exercise can help to maintain the right weight and make you slim all the time. Therefore, we should exercise

for twenty minutes each day.

If you want to feel like having fun and staying healthy, you should try to play basketball because it's an exciting and amusing sport. It's easy for everyone to play.

In addition, if you don't want to be so toiling, you'd better learn swimming. It is not so exciting but quite fun. You just see it as playing, and you will benefit from the advantages.

To conclude, exercise has a lot of importance. If you want to avoid being overweight, and getting serious diseases such as high blood pressure and heart disease, and to grow up strong and healthy, it is clear that we need to exercise more.

Letter to the Editor 4C Chan Chun Yin

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to express my concern about many people complaining about H.K. recently. At this moment, I cannot believe that why they have a lot of complaints about their living society. In my viewpoint, there are lots of valuable things which make it worth living in H.K.

Basically, local residents fulfil the minimum educational requirement since our government provides 9-year subsidy education for its citizens. The government restricts all children must finish a school course from Primary 1 to Secondary 3. if they do not go to school, their parents will be prosecuted. It's good for us to be able to find a job easily with our basic knowledge. Besides, the policy provides a chance for some poverty-stricken children to have their learning. Perhaps they may improve their living condition in the future.

It's quite convenient to buy lots of stylish and creative goods since H.K. is a shoppers' paradise. There are many shopping centres in tourist districts such as Mong Kok, Central and Tsim Sha Tsui etc. In the shopping places, we can find many different kinds of merchandises such as high-tech electronic products, traditional handicrafts and fashionable dresses etc. Most products belong to well-known brands and their prices are very reasonable and competitive. Besides, the shops' crew are polite and patient to explain the function of goods in detail. To assure the quality of the goods, many shops have established a refundable policy of the goods. If you purchase a commodity that has a defect, you may have a right to have a repayment within 7 days from the original shop. It's advantageous for consumers to enjoy their shopping rights since the government protects their interests.

Nowadays, it's easy for us to travel to anywhere locally within an hour as H.K. has a perfect public transport system. Two major railway companies such as KCR and MTR have a complete train network so we can enjoy their service covering half of H.K. areas. If we need to go to Yuen Long from Causeway Bay, we can choose the MTR to go to Kowloon and change to the West Rail to go there. Besides, our government has already built a lot of highways so we have 9 major strategic routes in H.K. All of them connect the new satellite towns such as Tai Po, Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan with urban areas. Therefore, we can travel by bus or other transport vehicles from Kowloon on H.K. Island to the N.T. in about an hour.

I hope this letter can let all H.K. people understand that their existing living condition is perfect and very comfortable. Finally,

I strongly request that they shouldn't complain about the government since all of us have the responsibility to build up the society for a better living environment of H.K.

Yours faithfully B Chan

Letter to the Editor 4C Chan Man Yee

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concern about Hong Kong. Recently there have been a lot of letters to the editor complaining about Hong Kong. I want to say that Hong Kong has many advantages. I love living in Hong Kong so much!

Firstly, people in Hong Kong possess many benefits, such as the nine-year subsidy education system and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme. Many areas' children want to study so much but they do not have this chance as their parents have not enough money to provide them the chance to study. In Hong Kong, I think I am very lucky that I can study for free from Primary One to Secondary Three. Besides, many people in the world have no foods to eat, no houses to live. However, we rarely see this circumstance in Hong Kong. If people lose their working ability, they can apply for the Comprehensive Social Se-

curity Assistance Scheme. Then, they can get some money per month. We would not die because of hunger. Therefore, this is the first thing I love about living in Hong Kong.

Secondly, Hong Kong has a wide range of international cuisine. For example, Japanese food, American food, French food, Italian food, Indian food and so on. If I want to eat sushi, spaghetti bolognese, French snail, croissant and curry rice, I do not need to travel to different countries. I can eat these kinds of food in Hong Kong. It is so convenient. This is the second thing I love about living in Hong Kong.

Thirdly, Hong Kong is a shoppers' paradise. It has many kinds of things to sell. And then, many well-known brand shops open their branches in Hong Kong. Many tourists come to Hong Kong to buy clothes, gold jewellery, sports shoes, cosmetics, diamonds and watches. It is because the prices are inexpensive and they believe in Hong Kong's good reputation. I can say that Hong Kong can provide what people want to buy. This is the third thing I love about living in Hong Kong.

I hope this letter will encourage people to love Hong Kong more than before and treasure what they have. I strongly request that people do not continue to complain about Hong Kong. We need to make Hong Kong better to be of one mind.

> Yours faithfully B Chan

Letter to the Editor 4C Ho Tze Chun

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to express my concern about lots of letters complaining about Hong Kong recently. I would like to talk about three things I like most about living in Hong Kong.

First, Hong Kong is a world-renowned gourmet paradise. There is various local and foreign cuisine, such as Thai, Italian, Japanese, Korean and so on. Also, restaurants in Hong Kong are exotic, like the sidewalk snack booth in Temple Street and Jumbo Floating Restaurant in Aberdeen. They serve high-quality dishes. Therefore, Hong Kong's restaurants have won many global competitions and earned awards.

Second, Hong Kong has a wide range of entertainment. They are suitable for different people. For active people, they can go to the Disneyland and Ocean Park to do some thrilling things, like going on rides, watching parades, visiting aquariums and so on.

For quiet people or the elderly, they can go to Cultural Center and History Museum to do something artistic, like watching operas, visiting exhibition galleries and etc. Hong Kong's entertainment is suitable for both energetic or quiet people.

Third, Hong Kong is a fantastic shoppers' heaven. There are many kinds of stores, for example, clothes, jewellery, electronic equipment, handicrafts and whatever you can think of. Also, there are some unique shopping attractions, like Tung Choi Street, which is called 'Goldfish Street'. You can buy fish and aquarium items there. Also, shopping in Hong Kong is good and secure. Therefore, Hong Kong is a nice place for shopping.

Overall, I think living in Hong Kong is good fortune as it provides a delightful and comfortable place for me. Lastly, I strongly think that we should try to improve Hong Kong and love it together.

Yours faithfully B Chan

The West Kowloon Project 6C Lam Hiu Wai

It is commonly believed that the West Kowloon Project should be used for building more recreational facilities and amenities. They claimed that more facilities should be built in the interest of the low to middle-income residents. However, I doubt whether this statement is true. I think that the West Kowloon Project should be used for the development of the high-end residential and commercial buildings.

To start with, the high-end residential building can attract investors and enhance the economic development of Hong Kong. It is obvious that supply of land is limited and the rent is expensive for the commercial buildings. Therefore, the government should allocate more land to develop commercials buildings which can maximize the income of Hong Kong. Moreover, constructing more commercial buildings does not only attract local investors but also foreign investors. Not only will the foreign investors introduce capital to our economy but also introduce some man-

agement skills. Also, more foreign professionals will be sent to Hong Kong. The new operating methods and the professionals can stimulate the economic development of Hong Kong.

Furthermore, the high-end residential buildings and commercial buildings will also benefit the low to middle income people. After the completion of the shopping malls, it will provide many job opportunities. It is because most of the construction work will not be finished until 2010. Therefore, the developers need many construction workers during their construction periods. Moreover, it can provide more job opportunities in the long run. It is because the operation of the shopping malls also demand salesmen, security guards and receptionists. These jobs do not require high education levels. As a result, more suitable jobs are provided for the low to middle income people.

Some people may say that Hong Kong does not have enough recreational facilities and amenities, and the low to middle income people don't have many chances to use the recreational facilities. However, I think that even if the recreational facilities and amenities were built in West Kowloon, they can't meet the needs of the poor. It is because most of the poor live in Tuen Mun, Kwun Tong or the New Territories. Therefore, they are not willing to pay for the expensive transportation cost in order to go to West Kowloon. Therefore, West Kowloon should be used for high-end residential and commercial land use, which can use the area more effectively. Also, the government should build the recreational facilities in different districts that can help the low to middle income people more directly.

To conclude, the West Kowloon should be used for high-end

residential and commercial land use. It is because the economic development and increasing job opportunities are not only beneficial to the wealthy, but also help the low to middle income people. Therefore, the West Kowloon should be used for highend residential and commercial land use.

HK Education System in Decline?

6C Wong Shuk Man

For years and years, Hong Kong people are generally labeled as 'well-educated'. Yet, many secondary school students have lost their faith in the education system right now in Hong Kong due to a rapid decline of the education standard. Many of them are considering quitting and joining the work force. So what exactly happened to the system? Here are some aspects.

As you know, the secondary education is largely based on the English (England) Schooling System which is quite examoriented. Students are asked to study at least 7 subjects at school, and have to memorize everything in the books in order to perform well in the exams. However, what students get is just textbook knowledge, which are not practical enough to apply them in students' daily lives. At the same time, cramming for exams bring students high pressure. Therefore, the spoon-fed education is one of the reasons why students choose to find a job rather than staying at school.

On the other hand, most of the primary schools in Hong Kong mainly use the mother-tongue for teaching. Once P.6 students are promoted to an EMI school, they will usually find it hard to follow the syllabus as textbooks are printed in English texts. However, having good English is the basic requirement for students to apply for a seat in universities and step into the real world. This shows the inefficient 'bridging system' between primary and secondary schools and the difficulties in training students to be biliterate and trilingual - writing good Chinese and English, speaking fluent Cantonese, Putonghua and English.

Moreover, students are assigned to different secondary schools from band 1 to 3, according to their abilities and academic results. Those who are studying in band 3 schools generally give people a bad impression, both in their behaviour and academic results. Due to the insufficient university places, they will be the first group of students to be eliminated. They will then choose to continue their studies in schools like IVEs or join the Accredited Sub-degree programmes. However, not many companies will accept their qualifications. That's why students quit school and join the work force instead.

To improve the above conditions, the EMB should first discuss the problems brought by the spoon-fed education. Once the spoon-fed education system is abolished and turned to a more practical one, students' ability to work in the real world would be enhanced. Also, mother-tongue teaching should be more widely implemented throughout the kindergartens, primary schools and secondary schools as well. Besides, the EMB should help increase the recognization of IVEs and the Accredited sub-degree

programmes, so that students will have stronger passion to continue their studies and not turn to work.

Youngsters are so important to every country or place. If their education level becomes lower and lower, Hong Kong's competitiveness will not be increased because of their admission to the labour force. Therefore, the EMB should really consider the suggestions mentioned above to improve the situation right now.

Should more stringent laws be set up to tighten up the law or media coverage?

7C Yiu Lau Yuen

Dear Editor,

Recently, the candid snapshot of Gillian Chung has not only brought about the issue of privacy but also the freedom of the press. Now, I am writing to express my views on whether or not more stringent laws should be set up.

I strongly disagree that more stringent laws will infringe on the freedom of the press. As a matter of fact, I think more stringent laws are needed to control paparazzi's unethical behaviour and also bring benefits to the whole society.

First of all, as a female, I totally cannot tolerate the action of the paparazzi taking candid snapshots of a female singer photographed in a changing room which was published in a magazine. This action is very immoral and it is also an insult to the females. Apart from this case, paparazzi always take candid snapshots of

celebrities and publish them as a cover and content of their magazines. You find it is not hard to see such obscene and indecent words and photos on the cover and in the magazine. Are these so-called freedom of press? Does freedom of press indulge paparazzi and publisher to do unethical things to hurt our citizens? Surely, it does not. So, why will enforcing more stringent laws infringe on the freedom of the press? Besides such obscene photos and content, there are also many things about celebrities that are newsworthy such as their words, success stories and so on. There are still room from editors and reporters to create their magazines.

Secondly, enforcing more stringent laws on the freedom of the press will even bring benefits to our society. It is not only protecting celebrities' privacy but also all citizens' privacy. Since the action of taking and publishing candid or privacy photos are illegal, people will realize that it is illegal and immoral to do these things and also our next generation will be educated with this kind of mentality. Therefore, the awareness of protecting and respecting privacy will be raised.

Last but not least, more stringent laws on the freedom of the press can control paparazzi's unethical behaviour so that professional image of reporters and editors will improve. Also, the lit standard and news value of those magazines will be higher when there are fewer obscene and indecent magazines in Hong Kong.

To conclude, I strongly urge the government to tighten up the law on media coverage. There is no doubt this would benefit our society and would not infringe on the freedom of the press at the same time. Thus, we should support enforcing more stringent laws on media coverage.

Yours faithfully, Niki Yiu