

校長的話

《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》(九)經歷了十個年頭(由於零三 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,有的是散文抒懷,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》(九)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。

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第三十三屆全港青年演講比賽 普通話公開組亞軍





評判,各位朋友,大家好。

香港這個位於中國南方、亞洲東部的城市,一直有「東方之珠」的 美稱。近年來,香港被稱為「亞洲國際都會」,也顯示了香港獨特的面貌。自第二次世界大戰以來,香港在經濟上有兩大成就:第一是從轉口港變為一個富裕的工業實體,第二就是崛興成為一個國際有名的金融中心。

所謂金融中心,就是指一個銀行與其他金融機構高度集中,金融交易比較順暢的都市。在亞洲,只有香港、東京、新加坡和近來的上海具備了那些條件。香港的金融中心在亞洲一直處於領導的地位。不過,最近幾年,情況出現了一些變化。

在以前,中國還未完全開放,香港被視為是進入中國的一道橋樑,受到跨國金融機構的垂青。但隨著中國改革開放,特別是2001年中國加入了「世界貿易組織(WTO)」,香港傳統的中介地位受到削弱。另一方面,受到金融全球化的浪潮衝擊,國際金融市場的競爭越來越激烈。香港作為亞洲金融中心的領導地位不斷受到鄰近城市的挑戰,要繼續保持固有的地位,香港要懂得發揮自己的優勢。

作為一個國際金融中心,香港有幾個方面的優勢:首先,香港的 地理位置優越。在空間上,香港剛好處於大中華圈的中介位置,優良 的港口和完善的物流系統。在時間上,香港亦能彌補美國與歐洲時區的 差距,使全球二十四小時金融市場交易成為可能。上海的時區雖然跟香 港的一樣,不過在地理上,正在商議的「港珠澳大橋」計劃,將會把珠江三角洲連成一個強大的經濟網絡,大大增加了國際金融機構進駐的機會。

香港的金融業發展歷史悠久,有很多經驗豐富、英語水平高的金融人才。據統計,在2005年,香港大約有1500名合資格的金融分析師,而在中國只有50人左右,這是香港金融人才通過持續進修得來的成果。香港人如果保持著這一份拼搏的精神,香港的金融中心地位也就更為鞏固了。

此外,香港是一個貿易自由的地方。長期以來,香港政府對經濟實行不干預政策,亦善於通過跨國銀行,調集境外資本進行金融交易。而日本對金融的管制就比較嚴格,為使離岸市場不會對國內市場造成衝擊,日本政府對國內外的業務有嚴格的區分。而香港則剛好相反,隨著「合資格本地機構投資者」(QDII)的出台,內地資金將會大量流入香港,加速了經濟的發展。香港的自由靈活、方便安全的金融環境,是東京市場無法取代的。

香港也能夠提供多元化的金融產品,除了傳統的股票、外匯、基金、債券、黃金,更有各種各樣的衍生工具,例如認股權證、恆生指數期貨等等。根據今年6月香港金融管理局季報發表的調查,去年香港整體信貸衍生工具業務激增114%,持倉量達到17,000億港元。香港已成為世界首屈一指的金融衍生工具市場。要保持金融中心的地位,香港可以繼續發展相關業務,吸引更多的投資者。

不過衍生工具的投資有一定的風險,幸好香港可以把風險降到最低。金融市場監管相對完善,印花稅率也很低。再加上香港的法制健全,《基本法》第五章明文規定香港特區政府保障資金的流動和進出自由,並且提供經濟和法律環境,鼓勵各項投資,使海外投資者放心投資。

說到這裏,也許你會聽得到香港要保持優勢,「中國因素」是不可少的。無論是興建跨海大橋、實施新制度,或者是落實基本法,中國都扮演了重要的角色。在未來,中國將會為香港經濟的發展提供動力和機遇。兩地通過合作互惠,必定使香港的金融中心地位進一步加強。

謝謝。

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嫦娥一號升空

楊俊強老師



早負凌雲志,升天探廣寒。

全民齊倒數,舉國正騰歡。

虎嘯驚心跳,龍飛引頸看。

嫦娥知此際,不悔服仙丹。

第三十三屆全港青年中文詩創作比賽近豐詩公開組優異獎

通服

楊俊強老師

衣食從來換有無,何如近世樂園蕪?

通財賦役加千擔,鬻貨金刀貶五銖。

亂局黎民空斗米,涸泉濡沫滯江湖。

時艱共度應攜手,谷底攀升風物殊。



第三十三屆全港青年中文詩創 作比賽近體詩學生組亞軍



還保 5C李惠平

碧海藍天昔日情, 污雲染霧鎖香城。 莫傷春景今朝逝, 眾手相攜氣變清。

題畫詩比賽 古典詩公開組優異獎

國之重實 — 故宮博物院藏晉唐宋元書畫展

楊俊強老師

《觀夏圭「雪堂客話圖」》

雪壓寒松意欲傾 隨流釣叟任舟橫 窺窗靜聽家常話 不覺山中已五更

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冬目一御了無痕

筆名:載漪(5C李惠平)

葉子沙沙作響 頃刻 仿如 殘花凋落 靈魂找不到歸處 在流連 被踐踏 在尋找 被遺忘 是季節的喜新 還是青松的厭舊

回首向來至高之處 歌唱雨水的洗滌 迎合 微風嫵媚的擺動 誰知 只轉眼幾月 丟落得 不牽帶一絲依戀

恨 天空 偽裝著蔚藍 愛 清風 輕柔地安撫 也許 是交織起瑩瑩醉夢 讓 葉在夢中飄過 無痕 夢在葉上佇立 瞬間



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深夜行

我是生命的過客 不必焦急地匆匆走過 也許等到深夜的來臨 心裡的期盼便會完全枯萎

天空拉下了黑幕 顯得四周 很低很沉如深黑色的綢緞 輕蓋著 前方的道路 影徒隨我驚慌而走 漸漸 漸漸 融進了幽暗 化作了灰寂

風雨幾許的作弄 樹影百般的交纏 十字路口的嘲笑 正期待著的 是我哭泣的嘆息 或許那震顫的步伐早已 遺忘了 起點的誓言 筆名:張夢揚(5D鍾世傑)

遠方 輕風傳來 接連不斷的 掌聲 彷彿是一種呼喚 教我知道 再走一回 便會告別陰霾 便會找到光源

縱使恐懼鎖緊了 我的腳步跑! 只管往前跑 因為前面 有一切



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冬日一熾熱的騙局

5C莊美儀

這是

一片蔚藍的大洋?

還是

一望無際的戈壁?

卻是

被陽光擁抱著的熱罩

無情的鐵漢

將四季扭作一團,難以分拆 那緊閉的大門,偶然露出一扇裂縫

任涼風吹拂,回復那冬日的光彩

(僵冷? 別說笑了!)

(冬日?懷疑吧!)

默默地吶喊

衝破那門,卸掉那幕

更要鞭走那頭鐵漢

騙局 再見吧

做好堅固的防衛

使萬物按時茁壯成長

讓大地煦麗的情懷再次湧現

暫別

掛上了厚厚的 灰幕 繽紛燦爛的糾纏,已不在 留下的,只得一鼓咆哮

熾

熱

香港教育城創作天地2007年 7-9月勵志作品獎







5B顏銘樂

苦幹一天回來,□渴得很,於是不期然地燒開水泡茶。這不單是為 了解渴,更是因為我獨愛呷茶時的悠然感覺。

中國有著悠久的品茶歷史。先人對喝茶十分講究,好茶必是「雨水 為上,泉水為中,井水為下。」茶器則是小巧玲瓏,力求雅觀。喝茶的 人則悠然自得,泡、喝的每一舉動,全是進入忘我的境界。

時至今日,喝茶習慣卻是大大改變。現在,時與家人出外喝早茶。 喝「茶」,卻不以「茶」為主,而是吃了早點後隨便來一壺茶襯托,人 們也是匆促地喝了便走,酒樓裡喧囂,根本不適合品茶。人們已難有機 會去品嘗茶的芬芳了,因為他們都要忙於品嘗繁勞人生的滋味。

話雖如此,但人們還可找機會品茶,那就是撕下生活的面具,卸下生活的重擔後,泡一壺茶,摒棄一切雜念,尋求一種解脫,用心品嘗。茶葉越加越多,濃濃的、苦澀的滋味,之後卻是一陣甘甜,在他們覺得這種滋味似曾品嘗過之後,終於明白人生就是這種滋味,於是毫不猶豫地喝下去。

古語道:「酒入愁腸愁更愁」,但借茶消愁愁卻不再愁。茶鹼刺激著人們的神經,使人們舒緩,特別是憂忡的人們可以在深夜人靜時,沈浸在的芬芳中,靜靜地思考,慢慢地體味,進而走出彷徨,走出陰霾。第二天必以飽滿的精神挑戰生活。這,便是品茶的好處。

來吧,朋友們!在你需要的時候,請泡上一壺茶。

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筆名:張夢揚(5D鍾世傑)

也許,白布鞋一般給人平凡、卑微、甚至是嫌棄的感覺,但在我眼中,它卻是價值連城。因為每當那雙白布鞋在我眼前走動的時候,我便會想起母親那和藹可親的慈容,而心中也隨即湧出一份無比的溫暖。

還記得我腳上的白布鞋,真的得來不易.因為那是我母親親手為我縫製的心血結晶。每一針、每一線都流露著母親對我的關懷,以及無微不至的照顧。可是過去我卻不懂得珍惜母親這份恩情,只是曉得終日埋怨她:「為何鄰家的小孩可以穿著新款的運動鞋,而我只能穿著這雙討厭的白布鞋?」媽媽當時沒有告訴我,她只是摸摸我的小腳板,微微地笑了一下……

初時,我穿著白布鞋真的覺得無所適從。因為白布鞋往往讓我成為被嘲笑的對象,因此當時我恨我媽媽,更恨那雙令人討厭的白布鞋,有時候我更會把心一橫,蓄意弄破它。但隨著時間的流逝,才發覺白布鞋雖然外表平凡,但穿著起來卻非常舒適,不知不覺間,白布鞋竟然成為了我的手足。

這雙白布鞋畢竟陪伴著我經過了多個春夏秋冬。它多年來為我歷 盡艱困,卻從來沒有半句怨言。只是默默地保護我的雙足,使我可以 無憂無慮地奔走,愉快健康地成長。但可惜從前那雪白無比的白布 鞋,現已鋪上一層厚厚的灰黃色,而昔日完整無缺的它,今已殘破不 堪。它表面上一道正在加深的裂痕,更令我感到十分悔疚。因為儘管 我怎樣欺騙自己,把這一切的責任都推卸為歲月的無情。但無疑它身 上的創傷或多或少是我年少無知時所添加的。想到這裡,心中的淚不 禁下流成河。或許我只要棄舊迎新,請求媽媽再為我縫製一雙,那麼 問題便會迎刃而解,但當我看到媽媽臉上的幾線波紋,心裡又不敢再 抱有任何的奢望。現在我唯有珍惜此刻所擁有的一切,原來昨天以為 理所當然的事情,其實亦只不過是我一廂情願。

過去媽媽含辛茹苦地把我養育成人,可是我卻從沒對她表示過半點謝意,只是給她抱怨、傷害與無理對待,而媽媽卻永遠地支持我、包容我,處處為我設想。如今雖然晚了一些,但我真的想向媽媽說一聲感謝,以及彌補我的過失,為她盡一份子女的孝心。也許親恩一生也無以為報,但心中的感激卻數之不盡……

無論往後的日子怎樣,但願陪伴我走過人生路的,依舊是那雙白布鞋。



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愛情樹

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今天的天氣真好,太陽不再跟地上的生物玩捉 迷藏,早就從東邊鑽上來了。我旁邊站著一個高 高的男生,他不時望著手錶,我想他應該是在等人 吧!

良久,一位女生從對面的大廈走出來。是她,那位每天早上都會跟我說「早安」的女生。記得三年前,我們的第一次見面,她剛好跟家人吵架了,她哭得很傷心,一邊靠著我,一邊抱怨著。後來,只要她有不開心,都會靠著我,讓我聆聽她的故事。就這樣,我的心裡有了她的影子,也許下了人生的第一個願望——永遠當她的避難所,為她擋風擋雨……

她今天穿上一條新裙子,垂在腰間的長髮偶爾 被微風吹起來。她輕跳著向我這邊走來,原以為她 會像以前一樣跟我打招呼,沒想到……

「等很久了嗎?」她說。「沒有,才剛到。」 那位男生說。然後,他們就手拉著手,慢慢走出我 的視線範圍。晚上,她終於回家了,男生沒有送她 回來。當她正要進入大廈的時候,她留意到我。



「你知道嗎?我談戀愛了,你會替我感到開心嗎?再告訴你一個秘密,我對他是一見鍾情的!沒想到一個禮拜後,我就可以……好了!晚安。」說完,她又一次輕跳著回家。我抬起頭,她房間的燈也剛好亮了起來。她不知道,我想要的是一句「早安」。

第二天,我的旁邊依然是那位男生,男生的旁邊依然是女生。他們肩並著肩,頭碰著頭地坐在我身旁。「我的生日快到了。」女的跟男的說。「我知道,那天我一定會陪著你的。」然後,女的笑得很甜蜜。他們就這樣坐在我的旁邊,一起說笑,一起沉默,一起看我。可是,我發現他們在我旁邊的時間,一天接一天遞減著…

大清早,女生就來到我的身邊。她的臉上不帶任何開心的表情,跟以往的她很不一樣。「是不是所有男生都是這樣的呢?來得快,變得更快。」呃!她在說甚麼呢?我不太明白。「還好有你,我想你是與眾不同的,對吧!」然後,她對著我苦笑,可是我分明看到她是在哭,這到底是怎麼一回事呢?如果可以,我想告訴她,無論如何,我也會在她身邊,讓她依靠。

終於,到了女生的生日。到了晚上,我才看見她,她還是坐在我的身旁。「你知道嗎?今天是我的生日,卻要一個人度過。」那個男生今天不在。「我們分手了。」分手了?「剛開始,我很喜歡跟他天天黏在一起,可是慢慢的,我就覺得他很煩。他很愛看書,常常要我陪他逛書店,悶極了!後來我忍不住跟



他分手,他竟然哭著求我,我最討厭這樣子的男生……」她仍然滔滔不絕地跟我說。她不是說想要一個男朋友陪著自己過生日嗎?有了後,又嫌這嫌那,既然不了解對方,就不應該開始。我很生氣,不過……她哭了。「你會走嗎?我早就把你當成可以聊天的朋友,請你不要走,好嗎?」原來,對她來說,我是一個朋友。不知道為甚麼,她的眼淚,她的話讓我的心很痛,之前的怒氣也消了。

對不起,我不能答應你,我只能陪你度過最後一個晚上了,也只 能跟你說最後一次「生日快樂」!

太陽出來了,砍伐工人的效率真快,不消一會,不但很快便把我變色的頭髮剪掉,現在的我已躺在一輛大貨車上。車子駛出我住了三年的家,駛進了一條車水馬龍的大街上。突然,一對摟在一起的男女映入我的眼簾。是那個男生,他正跟一個穿得很性感的女生談笑風生。視線慢慢從他們身上移走,這個時候,我才明白一切……

車子到達了伐木工場,我許下了最後一個願望:希望她不會忘記,曾經在樹下的時光,不會忘記我這棵佇在她家對面已經三年的大樹。

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煤炭的自自

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大家好,我是煤炭,相信各位都不會對我感到陌生了。我的樣子很 醜,皮膚黑黑的,也沒有讓人羨慕的身材,這叫我很自卑。

但是,我也曾經為自己的存在而感到驕傲。想當年,國家經濟剛起步,科技水平仍然落後,技術不允許開採其它能源,我便成了國家工業發展的主要能源。由於我身價低且蘊藏量豐富,國家非常依賴我,但當我以為自己的地位可以永遠不變時,殘酷的現實使我夢醒了。

近年,國家發展迅速,科技水平日漸進步,開始減少對我的依賴, 取而代之的是建築費高昂但營運成本低的水力發電;影響環境較少及能 源使用效率高的核能。甚麼風能、太陽能等也一下子蹦了出來,那我 呢?有了更好的,就指責我體積笨重,能源使用效率低,骯髒,把我貶 得一文不值,甚至要我為全球增溫負責。

我知道與其它能源相比,我的確不夠好,不但會釋出空氣污染物, 還會破壞生態,但這也不是我所能控制的。工業發展需要我,我便甘心 樂意地奉獻自己,我在我的工作上盡忠,我有錯嗎?全球增溫的問題, 表面上與我有關,但實際上是人類沒有保護環境的意識,急於發展經 濟,過度耗用資源,出現問題了,便推卸責任,那不是等於殺人後說 「非我也,兵也」嗎?而我則是啞子吃黃蓮了。

我用自己的生命,為人類提供能源,換來的卻是別人的鄙棄,睡罵,我真的很難受。我並不介意被指責,我在意的是我的付出不但沒有被欣賞,我的盡忠也被蔑視。曾經,我痛恨人類,但現在,我想通了。「物不經冰霜,則生意不固;人不經憂患,則德慧不成。」經過了人生的大起大跌,我更相信自己仍是有存在的價值。也許在世界的能源趨勢中,我的重要性會不斷下降,但沒關係,人類不使用我,我還是會埋在地下,那本來就是我的居所,本來的我就是在等待,等待接受使命,燃燒自己的一天,我只是回到了最初而已。



世界巡迴演唱會。

第一站。中國。

她足足五年沒有踏足這片曾深刻地記載過自己的故土了。這片土地 記下了多少過去的故事,上面斑斑駁駁深深淺淺的痕跡正是那不為人知 的愛情,還有那個藏在她心深處一直未被新生活所磨滅的人,因為這個 人,她也終於踏上了屬於自己最光輝的音樂大道。

台下的燈漸漸暗了,在黑壓壓的人群當中,她顯得多麼炫目,突然臺上燈光閃耀,頃刻間,掌聲雷動。全場幾萬多名觀眾同時揮動著手中的熒光棒,星星點點的熒光棒,燈牌,五光十色的燄火與星光交相輝映,顯得格外漂亮。倘大的舞臺,半空中的燈火閃耀,未曾有過這種空曠的美麗。台下有她可愛的小兒子,有愛她疼她事事悉心照顧她的未婚夫。還有多年來一直默默愛她追隨她支持她的歌迷。臺上的她看著眼前的一切,顫動的心,發抖的手。握著的話筒不自覺的微微震起來。她要感謝的人太多了,但是給她今天一切並不是他們,然而那個讓她現在滿懷幸福發光發亮的人在哪裏,她,卻一無所知。

燈光的顏色逐漸慢慢變淺,隨著音樂的旋律徐徐奏起,唱了,她終於開始自己第一站的世界巡迴演出了,終於點燃起她最光輝燦爛的事業之火了。她成功了,成功了,她知道,從十二年前起,遇到那個人,她就一直在成功。

街,這是演奏大會堂正門的街。煦一個人默默佇立在門牌前。她知道,此刻裏面有個發光發亮的人,那個人,現在只在百多米之近,卻在七年的時間裏默默地拉開一段恍如隔世的距離。她知道與那個人的距離並不再著重於遠近之分,只是因為,一個是舉世聞名在二十一世紀發出奪目光芒的樂壇天后,一個是小小的中國平民,是女子。

大一下學年的時候,不少男生向年輕漂亮的璐示好,然而璐卻——推卻他們。班上也有個一直仰慕著煦的文藝男生,那天他課室門外跟煦告白,煦的臉還是一如既往的平靜。然而躲在課室透過窗一直偷看的璐,卻莫名其妙的很著急。

"鈴……"上課鈴很配合,告白事情自然到此結束。





當天晚上,那是璐跟煦一輩子都不會忘掉的晚上。她們的關係就在那個寒冷的冬夜從此轉變。當璐拖拖拉拉地把當天莫名其妙的感覺告訴煦後,煦的臉在那刻迅速泛紅。終於,她把一直以來的感覺都向璐傾訴了,那些男生怎樣怎樣圍著璐轉來轉去,那些情書無時無刻從璐的書本跌出來,那些各式各樣的早餐每天不誤時地擺在課桌上……當煦看到這樣畫面時,如何焦急嫉妒不安都從心裏不約而同油然而生。明瞭,到了最後她們都明白了。當這些感覺都相繼不斷出現在對方內心,直到現在互相道明說清時,她們之間微妙的關係已經嚇然被打破了。

於是,她們相愛了。儘管同為女子,許多戀人可以理所當然地做的 事她們都不能做,舉手投足間,許多事情需要處處避忌。然而這兩個年 輕美麗的女子在大學往後的三年裏,一直互相扶持,不離不棄,埋下了 不能輕易被抹煞的感情。

畢業後那年,璐參加了當時最火熱的全國青年歌唱比賽。在長達五個月的緊張晉級比賽中,煦一直默默在為璐創作最適合她風格的歌曲,最後,璐憑實力晉身了全國十名的決賽。當時比賽舉辦方的音樂傳媒公司規定必須要前十名的選手簽訂歌手合約,不然要退出比賽,簽約後必須要成為該公司的歌手,違約要賠款五百萬。當時的璐不想簽,因為她要的不是名利,只是希望有人欣賞自己的歌聲,所以這是她追求音樂夢想的最好時機。

當時煦只說了句:只要你喜歡,我都支持你。

然後她默默埋頭專心寫作品,花了兩星期的心血,把一首《最美的 愛》寫了出來,那是屬於她們兩個的歌,她們的故事全都寫在裏面。當 她把文稿遞給璐的時候,璐明白了,她明白了煦的心思,她不能辜負 煦,於是把合約簽了,參加了決賽。 然而,公司老闆卻發現了這個無時無刻在璐身邊細心照料她的女子,察覺出了她們之間的關係。於是,她找到了煦,說:你這樣會毀了她的前途,你也知道中國沒人會接受你們。

煦明白,從璐開始參賽的那天起,她也一直在想這個問題。其實,她知道這樣的愛情也沒有未來,她也不想耽誤璐。於是她在比賽前兩天把這件事告訴了璐,自然地,璐掙扎了好久,可是面對煦的決定她知道沒路可走了,然而,煦走了,不留任何音訊地走了。璐用了一天的時間好好整理自己的思緒,她愛煦,所以她不能辜負她,她把煦的那首歌拿出來,一次一次的練習。

決賽那晚,煦也再沒有到場。當璐把這首滿帶沉重的愛的歌曲唱出來時,璐情不自禁的哭了…

終於,璐真的成功了。全國第一名的桂冠落在她的身上。璐,一夜成名。

璐收到煦的一封信,裏面的一段話讓璐今生也會記住。





煦說:唱好你的歌,珍惜機會。找個愛的男人,生個可愛活潑的胖兒子。我只是個平凡的女人,你的幸福就是我的幸福。

璐沒有哭,因為是煦給了自己今天的一切,面對自己的夢想和身上 擊著沉重的合約,她知道自己應該好好為未來計劃了。

半年來,煦也沒有再出現過。璐出了自己的第一張專輯。接住,短 短半年又出了第二張。

兩年後,璐進軍美國樂壇,成為聞名世界的樂壇天后。同時她也找 到自己一生中最重要的男人。

演唱會場內的氣氛高漲,舞臺上的光芒亮得有點刺眼,璐在臺上落 力演出,報答自己所有的歌迷,報答給自己一切的煦。無數熒光棒閃爍 著星星點點的光芒,台下的尖叫和呼喊聲震耳欲聾。

場外的街。街上的煦。煦的微笑。——靜靜地享受著這冷冷吹來的風。裏面是熱情洋溢的演唱會,是璐在唱歌,是國際天后的演出。煦默默地在心裏祝福著,祝福著璐的演出,祝福著她更輝煌的未來。天空很暗,街上點亮了的燈,華麗奪目,大街卻空虛寂寥,也許是冬天太冷,也許是人們都趕去感受天后的熱情演出了……

場外場內,相隔十二年的心依舊緊緊聯繫在一起。

那是超越愛的昇華。

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這本書的名稱是《乞丐王子》。每當我翻閱這本書的時候,就有種妙不可言的感覺,它好像是一位似曾相識的陌生人。書的序言有點兒像《快樂王子》的童話故事,初時我還以為此書的內容是追溯乞丐王子的一生,誰知在細嚼之下,竟發覺這是一本科幻的愛情小說。這是首本讓我急不及待的書籍,書中的內容無時無刻不在我腦海飄浮。我明白到每天只看幾個小小的章節,根本不能滿足我對閱書的渴求。這本書的內容精彩絕倫,非一口氣讀完不可,因此我特意在百忙當中抽取一天的時間,決意一口氣把整本書的始末弄個明白。

這本書的主角是招讎,她既是一位漂亮的女孩子,又是一位出類拔萃的中學生,但她的一生卻是迂迴曲折。雖然她深受親友的愛護,但可惜她身邊的親友都是來歷不明,各自懷著一段不可告人的秘密。其實招讎亦一直不清楚自己的過去,她抱住疑問的態度,透過不斷追尋和查究,終於破解了自己身世之謎,更從中了解親友的來歷,原來她身邊的親友與她曾有著一段糾纏不清的關係.我從中學會了在學業的路途上,只要凡事心存疑問,抱著永不放棄的精神,每道難題也終會有解答的一天。



此書是一部短篇小說,字數少於兩萬字。本書特點是篇幅短小,以一個中心事情作出敘述·除了篇幅短小之外,本書又長於敘事,取材精當,詳略得宜,描寫選取事情最精彩的片段,內容又往往以小見大,以日常學校生活帶出作者的觀感·此書結構緊密且情節簡單·語言簡潔,深入淺出,通俗易明,以白話文寫成。人物較少,只圍繞主角招讎附近的人物作出描寫,例如招母,阿紫等。環境集中,單以校園作為敘述的背景·語言風格方面頗有特色,或者我列舉少許的例子,例如書中會採用外國語(英語)。第一個例子是招讎嘲笑說『啊!啊!不知以前是誰說,要男朋友接送上學是很「cheap」的』。第二個例子是阿紫說的『ok!ok!你的□頭禪很討厭。』除了透過言語之外,其實書中還對肖像,行為、心理作出描寫,不過例子太多,不宜盡錄·通過肖像、言語、行為、心理作出描寫,好處是令人物形象更加鮮明,達致收如見其人,如聞其聲之效。

本書以全知觀點寫成,全知觀點的定義是指敘述者無處不在、有全知全能的能力,除了能夠進入人物的內心,作超越時空地行敘事,更可以交代因由,加插評論等等.這就叫『全知觀點』的敘述.我認為其敘事觀點優勝之處是作者不受時空的限制,因此敘事範圍變得更加廣闊,自由和靈活,這便易於塑造人物形象和表達主題。另一方面可以讓文章情節發展更加有條理,且事情的因由更加清晰。不過我亦覺得這不是最好的敘事觀點,因為若以全知觀點作為敘事觀點,其實文章的謎團變得一目了然,某部分情節欠缺讓讀者思考的空間,推想的餘地。





我覺得本書的開端非常幽默,因為當中以一個簡單有趣故事作為舖 墊。這種引發下文的寫作手法,我覺得十分自然。我認為通過這故事, 不但能夠令讀者初步掌握文章的主題,又可以令文章富於趣味,一舉兩 得。此書以順敘法寫成,令內容清晰而有條理,當中又加入插敘作為文 章的補充部分。我頗欣賞作者的佈局,本書在篇首提出了幾個謎團,在 篇末作出了謎解。這是一種首尾呼應的寫作手法,令文章結構更加嚴 謹,又能為讀者帶來懸念的效果,其次在篇末又提出了幾個情景,這裡 產生了懸念,增添了讀者思考的空間,令文章收言有盡,意無窮之效。 而月又引用到典故,如:『在天願作比翼鳥,在地願為連理枝.』這是 出自白居易《長恨歌》中的一句節錄,後世多藉此去歌頌愛情的高貴、 純潔。作者除了引用典故之外,更融化前人詩句,將這個典故改寫為 『在天願作孖公仔,在地願為油炸鬼。』這使文章更為生動有趣。除此 以外,作者又善用了反覆或疊句,如:『別過來!別過來。』好處是加 重語氣,有強調的作用。最後作者更巧用了明喻及擬物,如:『著實的 一刻,像千萬惡夢鑽進她的腦海裡,腦是一片空白的,無形的恐懼不斷 湧上心頭。』將恐懼的心情比喻成千萬惡夢,又將惡夢比擬成鑽孔機, 最後將恐懼比擬成湧泉。

《乞丐王子》是一本不錯的書籍,因為我在這次探索小說的旅程當中,一方面使我在科幻世界徘徊,另一方面讓我的語文知識得以鞏固。 也許閱讀最大的樂趣莫過於在享受中學習。

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鑑證

6C侯直娟

從高中到大學,一向以地理科的成績最突出。我媽在我放榜的時候,很喜悅地、興奮地「恭賀」我,因為我的成績足以進入「她」心儀的大學。

媽媽從小就教導我:「你要努力讀書,將來當個教師、醫生這樣的專業人士,為你未來好好計劃。」在我第一次進入大學的地理室,隨意地找個位置坐下,就想起那天放榜的情形。媽媽的那句話:「這次考得非常好,那我就安心了,將來當個地理教師,你也不用為未來擔心了。」我好像被定格了,未來會是個教師;中學的同學都各奔前程,向他們的理想邁進。

我還是努力地適應大學的生活,每天都學習習慣。而對於三天後的 地理考察,有點想缺席的衝動……。

教授帶着一群地理系的學生到山頭考察。雲隙間透出絲絲陽光,背包裏並沒有甚麼筆記、書本,眾人皆「喜」我獨「悶」。沿路上,教授都講解着不同花的特徵,介紹甚麼陽生植物、植物分解的,我都沒甚麼興趣。只顧看着山頭的樹與草交融的情景,享受風吹渦樹葉搖擺的婆娑

樹影。終於明白魏晉時期的山水詩派、田園派的詩人為何要選山水為材,河川為景。樹旁的那小河,水底的卵石清晰可見,伸手觸一下河水,微冷的河水洗淨了我的心。忽然,「大家過來看,這些就是沙礫沉積作用。」教授呼喚其他的學生。然後大家都聚在河邊抄錄筆記。這個情景有點滑稽,遠看他們機械式的、一致的抄寫,好像僵硬了的石頭。

好不容易走到路程的一半,大家都在草地上聚餐,大聲高唱山歌,不亦樂乎。我卻向教授申請到處遊覽。然後,我沿着河邊一直往上游方向走去,看到了遠處的一大群的小黃花,我急不及待過去看看。樹的板根與一些枯草在地面上穿插,有時還被石頭絆到了。我大叫疼痛,最後還是放棄了大叫,抹抹傷口再向前走。突然,回頭一看,看見了一個分岔口,糟糕了,我忘了從那條路上來。本來打算被動地等待他們來找我,想一想,守株待兔不是最好的方法。我閉上眼,回想剛才的情況,記憶很迷糊。還是決定向右邊的路走走看。走着走着,發現了一間未曾看過的破廟,就知道,選錯了!雙腳都發軟,但看天色快黑,一鼓作氣回頭去。這次向左邊路走,身邊的景物都很蒙糊,硬着頭皮向前走。天都黑了,連三被石頭絆倒,只聽見烏鴉的恥笑聲。忽然,「一心!一心!」醒來之時,已在旅遊車上。

經此一役,我向學校申請退學,不是怕了迷途的經歷,而是想堅持 自己想堅持的……。



黃昏時分,我在繁忙的大街上左穿右插,由於時近下班,所以街道上人來人往,絡繹不絕。要在如此嘈吵的街道上與人通話,實非易事。我向左拐,走進公園,找到一處頗清靜的地方,剛坐下便拿出電話致電回家:「小杰嗎?嗯,是爸爸……是了,我明天有一個重要的會議,不能陪你到南丫島……別這樣嘛,最多在你放暑假時陪你到歐洲……好了好了,我要掛線了,再見。」

一番不知說了多少遍的話。我在那裏休息了一會,待會還要到老王 那兒談合約的事。忽然,在我耳邊傳來一陣音樂聲,十分熟悉,但又說 不出曾在何處聽過,我往聲音源頭一望,原來是一輛賣冰淇淋的車輛。

大約從中學時代開始,我便再也沒有吃過這種「流動」冰淇淋了。 一想起童年時與冰淇淋的關係,可謂百般滋味在心頭。當我回過神來, 雙腿已不由自主地走到車前。我買了一杯童年時最愛吃的冰淇淋,吃着 吃着,童年的往事立時浮現眼前。

當時家裏十分貧窮,父母要一起出外工作,才勉強能應付家中的一切支出,更別說甚麼娛樂消遣了。但由於父母擔心把我獨留在家,於是便替我找到一份在工廠穿膠花的兼職,一方面那兒有人看管我,比較安全;另一方面亦可賺錢幫補家計。

雖然穿膠花並非一件困難辛苦的工作,但要一名小童長時間留在同一地方,不許玩樂,重重複複做一個動作,這實在也有困難的地方。由於工作很辛苦,所以每天下班時,都會繞道走到冰淇淋車前,買一杯冰淇淋,以慰勞自己。自此,我便與冰淇淋結下不解之緣。不論開心、憂愁、快樂、悲傷、我都會來吃一杯冰淇淋,漸漸成為熟客。那時我與同事們十分相熟,可謂無所不談,雖然只是一名穿膠花工人,但卻認識了不少好友,他們陪着我渡過一個愉快的童年……

吃着吃着,手上的冰淇淋已吃得差不多了,我意猶未盡,於是再多 買一杯。

自從出來社會工作後,凡事講求「快捷」、「效率」,我已漸漸失去了童年時代的天真快樂。我拼命地工作,由一個低級職員,慢慢晉升到管理階層;由以前跟其他人趕巴士上、下班,變成一個坐私家車的中產階級;由以前出入大排檔吃炒飯,變成一個進出高級餐廳,品嚐珍饈百味的人。若有人問我有何改變,我會自豪地拿出我的名片、展示我的汽車跟他說:「我富有了,不必為三餐憂愁。」但若有人問我:「你快樂嗎?」我思前想後,實在找不到一個能讓我答「是」的理由。從前吃一杯冰淇淋已讓我心滿意足;而現在,我大概已忘了「快樂」的感覺。不知何故,今天這一杯冰淇淋竟再次讓我找回過往的感覺,我笑了,心滿意足地笑了。

我走到老闆的面前,向他道謝了一遍,他亦開心地對我說:「謝謝你的光顧才對。人老了,也不知這輛車能經營多久,總之是多謝惠顧。」

我带着微笑向他揮手道別,經過廢紙箱時看到其中的冰淇淋盒,我拿出電話,撥通了:「喂,是陳老闆嗎?對,其實是這樣的,明天的會議能否押後?對對對……我有一件事要辦,恐怕不能出席明天的會議……嗯,是一件很重要的事……是嗎?謝謝你,好,好的,再見。」

掛了線後,再撥電回家:「是小杰嗎?是這樣的,我明天能夠......」

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避輪追



6A 陳美賢

沿着這條微微傾斜的水泥路向前步行二十餘步,過了入口那道收費閘,一艘深綠色的渡海小輪便呈現於眼前。這段路,我並不陌生,可是今天的步伐卻格外沉重,踏在木板上的聲音亦顯得特別響亮。渡輪上彷彿失去了往日的生氣,聽不到小孩們嬉戲玩樂的笑聲,也看不見一家大小歡愉喜樂的笑臉。

我刻意坐近窗邊,試着讓自己逃離這肅剎的氛圍。我仰望着灰灰的天空,毛毛細雨灑在我面頰上,颯颯的風聲與拍打船身的海浪聲合奏着一首使人哀傷的藍調,配合着隨意晃動的船身,令人仿如孤零零的置身於五線譜上獨舞。在不知不覺間,思潮帶著埋藏已久的回憶湧進腦海……

還記得三年前的暑假,外婆帶着我乘渡輪到香港島遊玩。那是我第一次乘坐渡輪,徐徐的海風迎面吹拂,空氣格外新鮮,我好奇的指東畫西,那高矗入雲的摩天大廈、宏偉壯麗的精緻建築,外婆都耐心非常的在旁講解。外婆也跟我分享了她和外公在渡輪上相識的故事,聽得我津津有味。下船時,外婆還拉着我的小手,「飛越」那道船身與碼頭間的縫隙,到現在我還是記憶猶新……

······可是這一切一切,只能成為我記憶的一部分,我再也看不到外婆的笑臉、感受不到她手心的暖和·····

雨越下越大,「的答、的答」的打在玻璃上,再滑下成一行行的淚痕。渡輪逐步拉近與岸邊的距離,可是一堆堆的沙石把摩天大廈和建築物都推後了,從前與外婆一起觀賞的景致都被城市發展摧毀了。我恨自己從前不懂珍惜,更恨自己此刻的無能為力……

渡輪疲憊的停靠在碼頭,人們腳步走得較平日緩慢。這次,沒有人 拉着我的手越過縫隙,海水味湧進我的鼻腔裡,鼻子不禁一酸,淚水亦 靜悄悄的隨即滑下……

再見了,天星碼頭!再見了,我的回憶!







徐銘恩老師

還記得木棉樹開花的日子,我惘然走進棠蔭街這起步點上,開始 我另一段人生。首次踏入滙基書院的門檻,幼稚的我還期盼著烏托邦 的來臨。但隨著時間的流逝,方發現我生命依舊如昔日的乏味,生活 仍舊沒趣。

直到中二的一天,球場上忽然傳來一陣天籟之音。不曉得是觀眾們的喝采聲,還是裁判的哨子聲,只見運動員在球場上灑著汗水,使我羨慕不已。在友人的鼓勵下,我毅然加入了籃球隊,我的人生亦因而起了重大的變化,使我沉悶的人生增添了色彩。

不住的練習,使我在校園內留下不少的汗水,還使我慢慢的愛上這個地方。在訓練營中,才發現深宵的滙基是格外的寧靜,分外的吸引。與隊友們促膝談心、切磋球技、吃喝玩樂,都使我難以忘懷。但最使我窩心的,還是教練的照料,使無知、內向的我,在他的羽翼下慢慢成長。心中不禁感謝上蒼賜我這位守護天使,還自私地盼望這些時光能永遠停留。



好夢難圓,七月八日,是一個不幸的日子,接過那可恨的會考成 績單,也意味著我要離開這個地方。踏出門檻那刻,是多麼的不捨, 萬分的徬徨。望著天際,天空不再放晴,陽光不再溫暖。天真的我, 相信一天若能出人頭地,就可以回到那個家中。憑著那份依戀,我捨 棄了籃球,放棄了玩樂,日以繼夜的苦讀,每天與書本作伴。終於闖 進大學之門,在畢業禮上,忽然傳來一把似曾相識的聲音,是國歌? 還是那中二時的那陣天籟?我弄不清楚,只感到淚水流過面頰,我不 曉得是否憂心未來的路途,還是喜極而泣。正當我 為前路迷惘之際,上主竟奇妙地帶我 重回生命的起點。

我又再站在棠蔭街這起步點上, 期待木棉樹開花的日子。



1A 鄧億欣

猶記得去年暑假,我本來懷著歡樂的心情去享受假期,卻因一件事令我興致全消——我的婆婆入院了。

這件事猶如一盆冷水澆在我的頭上,我第一次覺得婆婆老了,身體 也不及以前的強壯。婆婆曾因心臟病入院,但只需留院觀察幾天便可出 院。不過這次她卻昏迷了兩天,久久也未能甦醒。家人都很擔心她,家 中更彌漫著一陣哀傷的氣氛,幾乎令人窒息。

我實在受不了家中的悶氣,所以每天我都會到醫院探望婆婆,這算是逃避家人吧!每一天我都會詢問醫生婆婆的病況,但每一次的答案總是令人失望無奈。一次一次的希望換成失望,這令我更加難受,但當時我只知道不能失去希望。

一天一天的過去,每天晚上坐在婆婆的床頭,看著這張在我做錯事時會罵我,在我成績優異時會開心,在我生病時會擔心的臉,再摸著這 雙因做家務而變得粗糙的手,手的溫暖仍如往昔,但手的主人何時才可 睜開眼睛呢?這個答案只有神知道。



我落淚了。小時候的我很笨,整天都想著總會有這樣的一天,所以 希望快一點哭乾眼淚。但不知道是我的淚腺發達,還是人心肉造,我沒 有辦法令眼淚流乾,反而淚成泉湧。

眼淚一滴一滴地落下,但婆婆並沒有像以往一樣幫我抹眼淚,依舊 在沉睡。一天我如以往到醫院照顧婆婆,見到醫生在婆婆的病房裏給婆 婆檢查身體。婆婆甦醒了!那是真的,我並沒有眼花,婆婆吃力地坐起 身,看著我,我倆都笑了。

我們一家人開心地接她出院。我告訴她,多怕她一輩子也不醒來。 婆婆笑著對我說:「我豈敢睡這麼久?每天都有一個愛哭鬼在哭,吵得 我睡不著。」全家人都笑了。

經過這件事後,我明白了要好好珍惜和家人在一起的時間,時間是 不會等人的。



微風中的

大坑東遊樂場

1E 梁艷濃

傍晚將近,我踏上了回家的路,卻好奇地向大坑東遊樂場走去。遊樂場的景色與中午來的時候有些不同,就是那熱鬧的情景頓時安靜下來。

遊樂場的大門旁和四周都挺立著木棉樹,樹枝微微下垂,火紅的花朵卻向上仰望,讓人感受到它那英雄般的崇高氣魄,怪不得人們都稱它作「英雄樹」啊!遊樂場內的草地和泥土的氣味被微風帶進了我的鼻子,深深吸一口,清新的泥草味使人加倍精神。我迫不及待地走進青草和泥土的懷抱裡,那是一張軟綿綿的天然大床,讓人驅走疲勞。

在往前走,就看見沿路栽滿了不同的花草樹木:三葉草,一聽到這個名字,就令我聯想起四葉草,也就是幸運的象徵;杜鵑花,鮮艷的顏色,淡淡的花香,讓人感受到它的高雅……果然是與眾不同。突然一陣像郵輪開動的聲音傳進我的耳朵,我便好奇地向那邊望去,原來是一座變壓站在運作中,不停不休地為人們服務,更哼著歌兒為自己打氣。微風再一次帶著氣味走進我的鼻裏,是甚麼呢?原來是前面「綠色隧道」旁邊的太陽菊所發出的清香,若隱若現。此外,「綠色隧道」是由兩排高大的樹木所形成。令我印象最深刻的是細葉榕,它是一位爺爺,是一位守衛,每天看守著我們,即使「鬍鬚」長滿了,也沒時間護理。

天色漸漸暗下來了,而我將要離開,但許多小鳥卻悄悄地回到它們的家園,吱吱喳喳地叫個不停,哼著一首只屬於牠們的歌。而微風也不甘示弱,吹翻樹上的葉子,沙沙地作響,同聲唱和。

雖然傍晚的遊樂場沒有白天的熱鬧,但絕不遜息,在微風的帶領下,使人有另一種感受,即使沒有微風,也使人有另一種感受,是悠閒,是自在,不受約束的,帶走一切的煩惱。



我終於 戰鬥了自己

2B鄧美玲

「吃飯了!快點洗手吧!」媽媽喊道。往往在我看電視看得興高采烈的時候,媽媽總是來搗亂的。我依依不捨,眼睛怎也離不開電視的屏幕。好不容易來到飯桌前,看見很多美味的餸菜,但有一道是我從未嘗過的,我感到奇怪,抱著戰戰兢兢的心情,一邊想試試看,一邊卻怕難吃。媽媽說涼瓜有益,還著我多吃點。本來已被它的名字嚇怕了,在媽媽游說下,終於勉強吞了一口。那時,我只有想吐的感覺。真的要命,苦極了。自從那後,我再不敢吃苦瓜了,一看見它,我就……

長大後,有一次,我收看飲食節目,看見主持人吃涼瓜吃得津津有味。很像沒有我想像中的苦澀,我就躍躍欲試了。但無奈我還不敢踏出第一步。過了幾星期,媽媽、爸爸都不在家裡,晚飯要靠自己了。我打開冰箱,看見餸菜不多,竟然有苦瓜!媽媽致電回家,叫我把苦瓜煮來吃,要不然熟透,會爛掉的!我心裡掙扎:「煮,還是不煮?」這令我回想起童年時,那段吃苦瓜的回憶。幸好,哥哥在我旁邊不停的游說。好了,這次真要鼓起勇氣把它吃下去了。

最終,我把那可怕的苦瓜嚥下。最驚訝的,現在的苦瓜好像與我以前吃的不同,我再嘗不到那苦澀的味道,我感到很大的滿足。這次我終於戰勝了自己!



寒風呼呼地吹過,令我不禁拉緊外套。在黑夜裏,我的背影顯得特別孤寂,窗外一片漆黑,人們都在甜夢中吧!目光落到一片凌亂的書桌上,不禁歎氣起來,繼續埋頭苦幹。突然陣陣香氣撲鼻,一碗熱湯端在桌上,令四周也溫暖起來,多麼美好的「雪中送炭」,但曾經我卻當它是多麼纏人、煩人……

寒風無情地吹拂,我越來越急躁,人就像在熱鍋上的螞蟻一樣。媽媽卻在這時盛來一碗熱湯,心中不禁怪她多事,又來騷擾我,理智就臨於失控的邊緣。不知從那裏來的膽子,二話不說便把熱湯倒在洗手盤裡。看着熱湯流走的漩渦,邊傳來媽媽的飲泣聲,我候地回過神來。剛才做了些什麼?我竟然倒掉媽媽的關心,對媽媽的嚧寒問暖置若罔聞,這次我真的做錯了……

即使平日我怎樣無理取鬧,媽媽一直都很包容我,但今次因為我的任性而傷害了她,我害怕起來,不知如何面對她,更不知道如何去道歉!掙扎了一會,當回到房間時,媽媽蜷曲在牀上,我對着她的背影,輕輕說了一聲「對不起」!其實她聽到嗎?

這件事之後,媽媽對我的態度竟沒有絲毫改變,仍舊在我趕功課的時候,為我送上熱湯、夜宵……有時還陪伴左右。現在即使在黑夜裹,也有一個身軀給我依偎,為我遮風擋雨。至於在寒風中若沒有一碗熱湯,才真有點不習慣呢!



3B黃穗官

要數算成長中的樂事,那莫過於小學六年級的畢業旅行。

在充滿悲傷離愁的畢業日子,難免會叫人悶悶不樂,我班同學就這 樣掛著苦瓜的臉兒,乘坐旅行車前往渡假村。

旅行車一拐彎,便到達了營地。儘管前方的風景多麽迷人,但同學 們卻沒精打采,吝嗇地把笑臉收藏起來。

第二天,行程滿滿的:有行山、攀石、水炮大戰、點明燈等各式各 樣的競技活動。然而同學仍是一臉哀愁,開懷不了。

到進行水炮大戰,分組後,同學便開始搭建自己的炮架。面對著幾 根竹子,竟令人有無從入手的感覺,於是有的將竹拿來作武器打別人屁 股;有的在一旁練少林功夫;當然也有認真搭建三角炮架的。但最引人 注目的是老師分發色彩繽紛的氣球。給氣球灌滿水,製成炮彈,就可以 攻撃敵人了。

開戰前,同學全擠在水龍喉旁爭先恐後地灌水,竟不時傳出嘻哈的 笑聲或爭吵聲。忽然,老朋友互相拿水球砸到對方身上,旁觀者遂發出 陣陣笑聲。眼見同學的衣服濕了,我終於發現同學們臉上展現出的笑 容。



到比賽正式開始,雙方每次各發一枚「水彈」,務要擊中敵人。第一回由敵方先發,不料炮彈在中途爆破,引來我方一陣笑罵;這笑聲加重了戰事的火藥味。第二回由我方發炮,眼界準確,敵方前鋒男孩走避不及,水彈自他頭上炸開,水不斷地往下流,他只得傻傻的呆站著。我方自是開懷大笑。到了第三回,敵方變聰明了,找來高大的同學來當發炮手,水彈一飛沖天,直落在我的身上,全身濕透的我,還遭到老友用水彈直接攻擊,我只好躲避開去,但她竟窮追不捨,幸我也不甘示弱,拿起水彈扔向她。此情此景,今天仍能勾起我的會心微笑。

回想當年,真是太天真了,當初竟然因為畢業,害怕再見不到相處多年的朋友,而有不愉快的感受,到後來大家明白到,即使在人生中遇到不愉悅的事,也不用作最壞的打算,因為大家總能尋找到苦中的樂趣,就正如水彈戰一樣,你總有濕身的時候,若你能在這當中尋找樂趣,不埋怨別人,經得起波折和打擊的話,那就必能在遊戲中得到快樂。所以,人生要經過磨練,才能成長,得到樂趣。



初夏的早會

3B龍燕紅

「叮叮叮……」一連串的鐘聲從校園傳來。跑!跑!跑!踏進校門,四方八面的人群如螞蟻蠕動,半空仍響着動聽的歌聲。走到操場,已看見一些班別整齊有序地排列著,如士兵般端正。我趕快走回自己班的隊伍,準備上第一個初夏的早會。

踏入初夏好一段時間,夏日的天氣變幻莫測,一時陽光普照,一時卻來場傾盆大雨,弄得我們狼狽極了,這也是夏日的特色吧!數算不知過去了多少個星期,這個月因天氣關係,總是留在課室裡渡過早會,看着熒幕聽老師的分享、報告……總覺得缺少了現場熱鬧的氣氛和趣味。

今日,終於能站在操場上早會了。天氣雖然不太好,但不時有清新和煦的陽光照耀操場,一束束光線照遍整間學校的角落。操場上漸漸生出一股悶熱,同學們汗流浹背,即使偶然微風吹拂,也吹不走同學們臉上的汗珠。沒法子,只好用紙巾抹去臉上滴流如河的汗水,有的同學更自備扇子來搧風,讓自己可專心聆聽台上老師、同學的分享。

雖然春天已過,棒子交給了初夏。早會上不時吹來一陣陣輕風, 伴隨木棉花絮,在空中翩翩起舞。有的爭持不久便落在地上,任人踐 踏;有的卻大膽地落在同學們的頭上,令到同學們左避右閃,早會亂 成一片;還有的落在台上分享老師身上,惹來全場捧腹大笑,為整個 早會添加不少生氣。望着暗而亮的天空,不時有鳥兒成群,在同學們 頭上飛翔,牠們沒有吱吱喳喳發出任何聲音,只不停在操場上空徘 徊,好像牠們也要「八卦」,聽聽發生什麼事。

忽然,天空暗了起來,一點點雨水從天而降,老師的分享停止, 鳥兒也飛走了,場內一度起哄,有瓦遮頭的同學放心極了,可憐那些 無遮無掩的同學都被雨水淋得滿身濕透,這場突然其來的雨,把我們 弄得狼狽不堪,早會也被逼中止了。







4A陳志明

「這對小鞋子真不錯。」那孕婦對他丈夫說。「我們的小孩子當然不錯。」丈夫笑著回應她。我聽見這段趣味盎然的對話,不其然地發出了會心的微笑。從他們的對話中蘊藏著他們對新生命的關愛,這無微不至的愛打動了我,喚起了我的回憶,令我想起了我的鞋。

在我上小學時,母親帶我來到鞋店,她拖著我的手,從鞋架上挑了一對涼鞋,溫柔地給我穿上。她問我:「舒服嗎?」我傻頭傻腦地楞了一下。她叫老闆拿來更小的,可是我試了多遍後,仍不太舒服,只因我的腳掌特別小,最小的尺碼也嫌大。我試了多遍後,感到不耐煩,發起脾氣來,嚷著要離開。母親買下了最小的尺碼就和我走了。翌日,我跟母親說我不會穿那鞋子,母親仍舊細心地幫我把它穿上。「走走看?」我好不願意地走了一步,發現比昨天的舒服得多。媽媽拖著我的手上學時,我發現她的手指上有一道傷痕,我好奇地問她原因,她只是摸了我的頭,對我微笑了一下,卻令我感到無限的慈憐。

以後,我就穿著那對涼鞋,原本要跟母親挽著手上小學,但我怕被 同學取笑,才不要媽媽送我上學。可是媽媽仍擔心我的安全,總要陪我 走一段路。

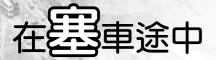


一直以來,我的鞋子只有一對,就是那已經變得殘舊的涼鞋,可是 我卻疼它,因它陪伴了我不少日子。在我跟同學踢球時,他們都穿上新 款的球鞋,而我卻因捨不得弄破鞋子,要赤腳上場。一次,我踢得腳趾 頭也破了,給媽媽看見,她連忙幫我包紮好,然後問我原因。第二天, 她就帶我到鞋店,著我買對新鞋。由於家庭經濟不好,我選了對便宜 的,可是媽媽說:「最近我發了工資,買對較好的吧!」少不更事的我 買下了一對昂貴的,但事後才知道家裡入不敷支。

自我得到那對名牌球鞋後,我就經常與朋友踢球,很晚才歸家。又因為我終日記掛著踢球而無心向學,在一次考試裡,我得到滿張紅紅的成績單。我心驚膽顫地把它拿到母親手裡。意外地母親沒有責備我,反而鼓勵我繼續努力。可是,我仍沒有改善我的學習態度,反而變本加厲,再加上母親需晚上工作的緣故,我更肆無忌憚地踢得更晚。不幸,一次我踢得太晚,被歸家的媽媽碰見,東窗事發,我看見媽媽被氣得髮指眥裂,眼裡紅紅的,但她沒有責備我,只叫我回家。我戰戰兢兢地走,轉頭時媽媽已踉踉蹌蹌地往另一份兼職的路走去了。我的心很痛,更痛的是我穿的是名貴的球鞋,而母親穿的是補過的鞋子。自此以後,我把那對名牌球鞋收起了,穿回那對舊涼鞋。

我曾經聽說過這樣的一個故事。著名科學家布拉格年少時因貧窮而 要穿爸爸破舊的大鞋上學,被同學取笑,布拉格說:「我將來成功的 話,也是因我穿著這大鞋子而成功的。」我想,我也希望穿著母親的涼 鞋而成功。

我看見眼前這對給孩子選鞋的夫婦,心裡油然產生一個念頭,或許 母親是上天賜給我最好的鞋子。





4A李匀翔

「砵!砵!砵!」公路上的車子不約而同的獃著響號,高低的音階協奏成一首舞曲,一首緩慢的舞曲。車子隨著舞曲蠕動,可惜並沒有觀眾能耐著性子欣賞。在清晨的上班時分,公路上竟然出現長長的車龍。

坐在巴士的上層,本以為可以在這納悶的時刻遠眺天邊的 晨曦,不幸卻被另一輛巴士遮擋著,只能看見對面巴士的乘客 托著頭,打著呵欠,眼皮半張半合。一陣不耐煩湧上心頭,我 只得把目光投放在車頭的液晶屏幕上,只見一位裝扮前衛的年 輕人在自言自語,聲音小得像蚊子在呼叫,根本沒有人知道他 在說什麼。現在最好不過的就是在響號聲中閉目,等待,等 待。視線開始模糊,眼皮繋上了鉛球似的……

「哎呀!」一陣埋怨聲喚醒了我。那車號的協奏曲仍在進行,巴士慢慢的蠕動,對面的乘客仍舊托著頭,打著呵欠;顯示屏中的年輕人繼續自言自語。我究竟睡了多久?五分鐘?半小時?一小時?在這裡度過的一秒也十分漫長。鄰座的成年人緊握著他的公事包,蹙著眉,凝望著手錶,隱約傳來秒針滴搭滴搭的跳動。

儘管秒針輕快地跳,無奈車子卻緩行如蝸牛。旁邊的車輛開始爬行了,璀璨的陽光射進車中,這是一種恩惠,但也是一種折磨。原本令人期待的遠方景色變得淡而無味;陽光把車廂變成烤爐,要把我們烤熟。熱力放肆地在車廂亂跑,即使開著空調也無法阻擋熱力四散,空調按鈕只能作為騙人的點綴。這煉獄般的環境叫人要歇斯底里的狂叫,我從來沒想過半小時的車程會是無止境的酷刑,原來等待是如此的痛苦。

「下一站是……」一把女聲響起,是車長給乘客的安慰嗎?是巴士公司表示的同情嗎?難道這樣巴士就可以更快到達目的地嗎?為什麽一切都變得可憎?

車子慢慢擦過警方的路障,又慢慢的加速。乘客都像快要 歡渡聖誕節的小孩,充滿著希望,期待著聖誕老人的出現,期 待著下一站快點來臨。



4C姚嘉怡

凝望著門外的農田,心中不禁泛起一片酸,看著這塊毫無生氣,只 長了兩棵小野草的土地,對當天狼狽的情景,我仍猶有餘悸。

因為家裡貧窮,好不容易才儲到足夠的金錢,向大地主汪老爺租借家前的農田一年。期望我家能夠以一年的時間努力工作,獲得豐裕的收成,生活可以自此改善。我們從汪老爺的家僕小程手中接過合約後,便立刻回到家中,拿起農具到田裡工作。

爸爸負責把土壤挖鬆,吩咐我們到河邊打水,我和哥哥把木桶抛到河裡,把繩子左右繞兩下,然後拉回岸邊,把木桶交給媽媽抬到農田旁,待爸爸把土壤挖鬆後便把小種籽灑到泥土上,然後在一顆顆代表生命的小種籽上淋上它們最需要的生命之源—水。

經過一整天的努力,我們終於完成了農耕的工作,走到河邊喝一口 清涼透心的河水。坐在草地上,幻想一下當我們獲得豐碩的收成後,便 可以背起書包,跟其他小朋友一樣開開心心的上學去。

此時,天空突然傳來一聲巨響,暴雨即將來臨。這突如其來的情況嚇得我們手忙腳亂,立刻跑回家中,把僅有的帳篷架起來,保護農田的小種籽。爸爸把帳篷緊緊插在泥土裡,媽媽找來釘子讓爸爸把帳篷釘牢。我和哥哥便用雙手盛起泡著小種籽的雨水,潑到一旁,希望盡量為小種籽爭取更多的生存機會,可以看著它們、看著自己上學的夢想成長。可惜老天爺並沒有憐憫我們,竟召來連日的暴雨和洶湧的洪水,讓我們再沒法子招架。

我們雖然在這次水災中保住性命及家園,但卻失去了家裡多年來的 積蓄。這不但使我的夢想幻滅,更使我家的生活愈加困苦。每天看著這 片農田,一片短期內無法再耕種的農田,我的心有滴血的感覺。



散漫的腳步終於把我帶到五樓。在這裡住上 十年了,每每到家門前還是一樣喘著氣。本想進家門後 便軟軟的攤在沙發上與周公在暖和的陽光下散步相會,豈料 把袋找遍了也找不到門匙。以燒烤叉把門鎖開啟不果後,只好 等待妹妹回家,我坐在天台的樓梯間,那是我唯一的辦法,也只有 那兒才是容納我的地方。

從前好像也有同樣的情形,不過依稀記得的是第一級梯階,現在長大了,坐在第四級上,腳則放在第一級。那時還很小,等著等著,頓覺 榜徨便哭了起來,眼淚落到梯階,像那些暗紅的蠟漬。大約小學時期, 逢中秋節便有很多親朋來我家燒烤聚會,大人多在天台圍著火團談天說 地,小孩們則在兩條短短的梯間來回嬉戲,甚至玩起蠟燭來。可是最經典的遊戲還是猜樓梯。剪刀、布、石頭這五個字音被我們說得太多,單一的遊戲像天台上無人打理的跳舞蘭,漸漸枯燥褪色,欠缺應有的活力。於是我們著手「改良」遊戲,贏的可以把鐵絲在梯間拋下,輸了的便要跑下去檢,小孩們充了電似的在樓梯跑動,在梯階上灑下一把把的汗水。

翳侷的空間讓我無法回過氣來, 流汗的感覺彷彿讓我回到那時。抬頭企圖 呼吸更新鮮的空氣,卻發覺白暟的天花上有一 片微黑,像霉菌逐漸侵蝕,那些位置是長久以來 薰成的。

母親習慣於時節在梯間轉角燒冥鏹,火一向是遠離小朋友的,所以每每我也顯得十分雀躍還主動協助。可是通常我也只負責將薄薄且米白的紙弄散,好讓媽媽省些時間。我看著紙片從角處燃起,逐漸在火焰中掙扎,扭曲成一團,然後碎散。偶有火屑從化寶爐中飄揚出來,彷彿就要沿著梯階開展它的路途。媽媽說先人會收到這些錢和衣服,我看著那薄弱的灰燼,想像不到衣服會成了甚麼模樣,還能穿的嗎?

如今我看著那薰黑的一角,迷迷濛濛的像褪色的筆跡,把我的記憶寫了上去卻又被刷舊了,可是不會消失。

樓梯還是一樣的長,母親還是喘著氣沒好氣的開門 並斥責我。我走下梯階,站在第一級上,回看 剛坐著的。

當下總是建基於過去,而我還 看到更高更長的梯階通往 上層。



1986年源於廣州梁蘇記遮廠結業,引起瘋狂搶購……

春季看似來臨了,雲朵經常揹著沉重的包袱,在天空上展露出陰沉的面容。它欲哭的表情往往令人不知所措,是否應帶備一雨傘外出呢?不怕一萬,只怕萬一,要是真的下起大雨來,我的妝容豈不是會給雨水溶化掉?還是帶備吧!

過了秋冬之乾旱,雨傘消失得無影無踪。在抽屜,在櫃頂,在床下也尋不著它的影踪。經過一會偵察後,好不容易才從抽屜尋到一把深藍色帶點復古氣息的雨傘。它瘦削,但沉重得很,它的腿筆直而粗壯,還隱約地露出「純正鋼骨,永久包修」的紋身。怎麼這八個大字像是似曾相識,不是梁蘇記的雨傘嗎?管它是不是梁蘇記的雨傘了,折騰了好一段時間,該要出門。

走到街上,林林總總的雨傘活動起來,彩色的長直傘,在雨點的蓓蕾伴舞下,顯得份外奪目。透明的直傘也不甘示弱,與微弱的金光互相輝映著。米奇雨傘也為了突顯它的與眾不同,也在身上加上兩隻立體的耳朵,成為眾人的焦點所在。我手上深沉的深藍色,永遠不能跳躍起來,只有在默默地承受雨水的襲來。

雨勢漸漸變大,也刮起了陣陣狂風。彩色的長直傘被狂風摧殘得翻了起來,透明的直傘也被虐待得不似「傘」形,最可憐的莫過於米奇雨傘,它那獨特的耳朵被吹至破裂,米奇也變作聾子。可幸手中的雨傘沒有被歲月摧殘,老邁的身軀仍默默地為我擋風擋雨。

終於到達了西九龍中心,歷練已久的雨傘不禁讓我走到梁蘇記店前看看。各式各樣沉實的雨傘擺放在架上,我進來時驚醒了肅靜的環境,看來除了店員外,沒有一人在觀賞它們。

現時,營業於香港的梁蘇記重新開業,怎麽空無一人?

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6C李振宗

你看朝偉憂鬱中略帶詭異的眼神,默不作聲地單手托腮,秋生在另一空間竟能夠接收朝偉心中的訊息,這麼精彩的《無間道》劇情,那麼奇妙的摩斯密碼。你明白嗎?坐在我身邊跟我一起看電影的人……

人與人之間的相處恰如摩斯密碼的交流,潛移默化的互通是日久所衍生之情。在互通之前,彼此要感覺,有探望,是細心的,自然會了解。一綹綹稍亂且風乾的頭髮,你昨天一定沒有焗油……對!你說過「百有」重視祭神,恰巧昨天是農曆初一,你又被趨吉避凶。我記得你在作文中談及你的志願是當醫生,昨天有《仁心仁術》在深宵播放,你又怎會錯過呢!你莞爾的動作放大了一雙大熊貓眼睛已經出賣了你。朝偉被殺,我善解人意地拿出紙巾,心疼你的淚水落地受污。

另一方面,我卻自豪於自己對你的瞭如指掌,一舉一動,一顰一 笑,我都沒有解讀錯誤屬於你的摩斯密碼。

我攜帶自豪感一併與你踏出戲院門□,不經意間來了一位女生,我 好奇問:「你朋友?」

「也將會是你的朋友」你不懷好意的淺笑,再加上同樣不懷好意的 回應,瞬間搗亂我心中的密碼解讀器,分析出來的訊息都變成亂碼,我 解不通讀不破。你的不懷好意繼續在我的傷口上灑鹽:「其實我是想 ……」「啊!我好像約3人,再見!」你到底明不明白,我是不想解通 不想讀破。



你介紹我的那位女生之後不斷地纏繞我,無言以對,我唯有仿照朝 偉的模樣,單手托腮,眼神憂鬱,僅沒學上詭異,因為當時的我更憂 怨。那位女生不明白,說我冷酷無情。這亦說出她根本不了解我,連我 的登入密碼也沒有解破,怎知道我在想甚麼?知我者謂我心憂,不知我 者謂我何求!

怎麽說也說不清楚,面對著那些沒有感覺的人。 煩亂縈心,曾經妄癡彷彿化為烏有。無懼駭客惹人 討厭的角色,秘密深入你的內心戶口,花了我多 少心血,輸入了多少程式,你的密碼解破了,找 到的訊息竟然是一廂情願。羅曼蒂克幻想…… 煙消雲散。

將心比心,我或者傷透了那女生的心; 我的情,你不以為然,我亦無話可說。一 廂情願始終是一廂情願,單方面的感覺 單方面的探望,獨自的細心獨自的了 解,休比特之箭被拒於門外,勉 強何來有兩相情悅。世界很多東 西是勉強不來,那女生和我是 這樣,我和你也是無可 以改變的這樣!

兩短,一短一長兩短和兩短一長地敲響著,我誤以為你已經接收和讀透,所以從前對你沒有維特式的坦白和癡纏,如今晴天霹靂得知真相,卻惹上少年維特的煩惱。泰弋爾的話,你成為我世界上最遙遠的距離。

(註:詩人泰弋爾說:「世界上最遙遠的距離,不是生與死,而是我站 在你面前,你卻不知道我愛你。」)



自從你的出現,我就想盡快填補那種空虛的感覺。

小時候,我是個寵兒。家中有很多我喜歡吃的東西,都是長輩買來 哄我的。一時吃著魷魚絲看電視,已忘記牙力搏鬥戰帶來的後患;當知 道焚化爐受到破壞,我再用那甜蜜的巧克力去安撫它的傷口;繁忙的焚 化爐終於口渴了,我為它送上汽水解暑。面對最愛的不斷投懷送抱,焚 化爐也甘心為它們服務……

晚飯時,飄來那臘肉臘腸的氣味。我的天啊!討厭的臘肉飯……「今天天氣寒冷,吃臘肉飯別有一番風味……」滿面不悅的我加上焚化爐的存貨還有很多。所以我決定作出持久戰對抗臘肉的入侵,可惜,媽媽早已封鎖我的最後補給物資。氣難消,睡覺是我唯一以退為進的政策。沉眠的夢,敵不過你的來臨。

我像隻老鼠心驚般覓食,無聲地搜索獵物。無意的天籟之聲,足令我心跳加快,也許這是隻杞國的老鼠,抑或是作賊的天性呢?腹中的龍捲風不斷增強,扭轉摧毀本已貧瘠的土地。人置身其中已站不穩腳,乏力的我努力地尋找新的避難所。在彈盡糧絕的環境中,剩下鍋中唯一的臘肉飯。望著,望著……龍捲風引發海嘯的翻浪,海神已發出憤怒的吶喊。最後,我送上臘肉飯作祭品,平息腹中的災劫。原來臘肉飯的味道也不錯,餓給味蕾帶來新的體會。

現在,每天處理繁瑣的事情。時間像永恆剎那,剎那永恆之感。你的到來,驚醒了我與情人的約會。難道繼續讓情人空虛難受,來個兩敗俱傷?若不理會,仍只追求更高的銀行數字(還是不去理會,仍只追求更高的銀行數字)。漸漸便發覺你到來的次數減少,還是,我離你愈遠?這令我不停留、不滿足,如黑洞般吞噬僅餘的一點。

停下來,多謝你的提醒!讓我早午晚都陪伴我的情人。滿足於彼此 成長的過程,餓是食不掉我的心。漸漸地,我便喜歡你這位無聲的紅娘。

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我是一塊路邊的小石頭。我有一個願望,那就是希望自己可以變得 柔軟。為何我會有這想法?原因非常簡單,因為我討厭自己太過堅硬!

自懂事以來,大多數時候,我都在路邊躺著。由於我的個子小,不 易被察覺,因此常有人會不小心給我絆倒。被我絆倒的人都會感到很 痛。還有些時候,頑皮的小孩會拿起我投向他人。被我投中的,有時候 會頭破血流……可惜,我不能自行走到別處躲開去。只有將自己變軟, 被我絆倒或投中的人才不會受傷。我不希望為別人帶來麻煩。

另外,或許我的外表太剛強,別人總不會主動接近的。周遭的花花草草好像都給我剛硬的外表嚇怕了。有時候我被人踢進草叢裡,正想向花草們示好,卻聽到花對草說:「那硬硬的千萬不要過來!免得他把我美艷的妝扮壓壞。」我只能以強硬一面示人,別人總認為我難以相處。相反,如果我是軟的,能面面俱圓迎合各人,那就好了。

再者,如果我能成為唯一一塊柔軟的石頭,相信必定會人氣飆升。只要有了名氣,便會有很多人想親近我,我再也不會感到孤獨。其實,每天都只得自己一個,做塊不起眼又沒人關心的石頭,的確是相當苦悶的。我害怕寂寞,可是一塊平凡的石頭,根本談不上要人注意,更不用想得人重視。唯有使自己與別不同,才能引起別人的注意,我才不會寂寞。

假若有一天我真的可以變軟,那就好了!這樣就不會帶給別人麻煩,可更易與人相處,還有不再孤獨。這正是我最大的願望。



舊居的走廊是一條幽暗深邃的甬道,沒有通往光源的出口,只有天花板上一個個燈箱匣子,黯淡的燈光照襯著快要掉落的漆。十幾戶的門閘,像兵士列隊於甬道兩側,齊整有序。每天早晨黃昏,門閘拉動的聲音,是兵士的定時操檢,沙啞而尖銳,欠缺滋潤的磨擦讓它們發痛嘶叫。

走廊上沒有窗,祇有後樓梯才有破落的一扇,斑駁的光影從窗框透 進來,把那黯紅色的防火門切割得破碎支離,梯間的牆上,佈滿刻痕, 散亂而凌碎。後樓梯間,是我的棲息地。

數不清的許多個晚上,我受了傷,於是瑟縮在狹隘的後樓梯間,孤獨地哭,孤獨地喝酒,孤獨地抽煙,我用鑰匙在牆上刻字,然後用改錯液把刻痕撫平,讓心事都埋葬在牆壁裡,然後又若無其事。

舊居雖然是一個殼,一個讓我舐舔傷口,等候復原,再重新出發的地方。那時候的我,稚拙非常,想法太嫩,容易受傷害,而且不敢告訴別人。那時候的我,酗酒,而煙也抽得好兇,總覺得抽煙能把悲痛燃燒。那時候的我,故意繞過家門不入,躲匿在後樓梯,然而每聽到走廊上雜沓的腳步聲,又慌忙藏起自己,怕讓父親看見,窘迫又難過。

現在,我已經搬居了,遠遠離開那個地方,已不用另覓一個保護 殼。不過,每每想到從前在舊居的日子,仍會感到非常寂寞,非常害 怕。





「你每天回到家,只顧著上網,又不做功課!」雷響似的聲音從我身後傳出。只見爸爸眉頭緊皺,擺出一副極不滿意的樣子。爸爸是一名地盤工人,讀書不多,可算是目不識丁,為人沉默寡言,但他每次開口說話時,聲音卻像揚聲器般響亮。

在很多事情上,他總是頑固不化。例如網上日誌,他認為日記那是 私人的東西,不應與人分享,而且應該用日記簿記錄下來。我極不同意 他一孔之見,以及不合時宜的看法。在網上記錄日誌有何不好?我認為 它有數之不盡的好處。

- (一) 可以永久保存
 - (二) 可以節省紙張
 - (三) 可以與人分享
 - (四) 可以鍛練文筆
 - (五) 可以除去孑然一身的感覺
 - (六) 可以發表自己獨有的意見
 - (七) 可以隨時查閱過往的日誌
 - (八) 可以收到別人有趣的留言

(九) ……





對於電腦一竅不通的他, 懂什麽?又不懂體恤諒解我, 只懂在我鍵入日誌時,突然在 我的身後大發雷霆。這使我感 到無可奈何。自從媽媽魂歸天 國,就沒有人再與我傾訴心 事。我每天只能在電腦前,雙 手不停地在鍵盤上跳躍,與朋 友分享生活點滴,這才可以使 我不會感到孤單寂寞。

「二零零八年三月十日」

「栗子、藍莓、雞蛋仔……你何時跟食物交了朋友?」爸爸看電腦 熒幕上的留言,好奇地問。「那是我朋友的網名。」我不耐煩地回答。

「二零零八年三月十五日」

爸支支吾吾地答道。

我如常在電腦前,雙手不停地在鍵盤上跳躍。卻發現了有一位新的 留言者。「魚蛋?誰來的?」我滿腦子疑問。他每次留言都是用一些十 分簡短字句。然而,他每一句的留言,都使我有所反省。

「爸,你在我的電腦桌上找甚麽?」我好奇地問「沒……甚麽」爸

近日每當我回家的時候,總會發現爸爸鬼鬼祟祟地在我的電腦桌上 找甚麽似的。而且爸爸經常在晚上外出,每當他回到家時,樣子也顯得 十分疲倦。

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一天晚上,在我好奇心的驅使下,我靜悄悄 地跟隨著爸爸。一直來到社區中心門前,看見他 走進一間活動室。

「爸爸到社區中心幹什麼?他有什麼隱臟著我?」

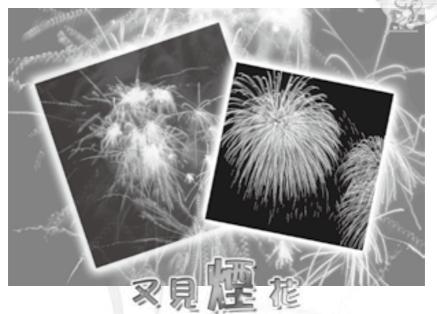
「你爸爸因疲勞過度暈倒了,你趕快來醫院吧!」爸爸工作的公司 致電給我。

來到醫院,看見鄰居陳伯也來探望爸爸。我從陳伯口中得知,爸爸晚上到社區中心,是為了學習電腦倉頡輸入法,目的是想多與女兒溝通。我看著爸爸憔悴的樣子,他的樣子開始變得模糊,一滴滴溫暖的淚水從我的眼眶流出。

這時我才明白,原來「魚蛋」就是乏善可陳、食古不化的爸爸。平日爸爸最喜歡吃魚蛋,我為什麼現在才記起?原來爸爸鬼鬼祟祟地在我 的電腦桌上找的是那本倉頡字典。

在我心中,爸爸尋找的不只是一本倉頡字典,而是用行動來表達愛的一條鑰匙。以前乏善可陳、食古不化的爸爸已不見了。現今在我面前的,是一個願意了解我,體諒我,與我一同分享喜與憂的好爸爸。





4B歐建業

時間:一九八八年仲夏 地點:貴中南山區

虎子這一年三歲,正是人一生中最佻皮的時候。他父親在早年的中 越戰爭中死去,此後便跟母親相依為命。

也不知道虎子從哪里聽到「煙花是世界上最美麗的東西」這句話,回到家中就纏著母親嚷著要看煙花。可是,那個時候的貴中南一帶的山區哪裡有什么煙花看呢?最近也得跑到千里外的廣西才有得看。於是母親想盡一切藉口連哄帶騙地推辭。可虎子死活不讓,哭喊著道:「為什麼別的孩子有爸爸媽媽帶他去看煙花,而我不可以啊!為什麼我連爸爸都沒有?嗚嗚……」母親沉默了,呆呆地坐了好一會兒,仿佛整個世界忽然失去了聲音。過了半晌,母親開口了「好吧,過一段時間我帶你看煙花。」「真的?」「真的,不過你要聽話啊!」「嗯!」虎子天真地一笑。

從那天起,母親早早地起來把原本一天做完的農活都做好,然後赤 著腳步行到三里外的炮竹廠打零工,而到了夜裏,母親總會帶著一小包 黑黝黝的粉末回來。如此一來,一晃就是三個月,母親的銀絲多了,魚 尾紋多了,個子瘦了。才三十出頭的她看起來活像一個五十多歲的老 婦。

忽然有一天,母親帶著虎子來到自家的晒谷場。只見上面放著好幾十個用竹筒子做的奇形怪狀的東西,母親神秘地對虎子說:「你現在老老實實地呆在禾地屋裏,很快就會看到你想看到的東西。」虎子滿腦子問號,但又很期待地坐在禾地屋。

只見母親帶著一把打火鐮,慢慢地走到晒谷場上的那堆奇怪的東西處。只聽一連串「噼啪」聲。母親就湮沒在煙霧中。眼前出現了十分奇妙的一幕,電光四射,火樹銀花,有的光點打著煙圈往四周飛,有的光點直衝上天,看得虎子傻了眼。

幾分鐘後,煙霧漸漸散去,露出躺在地上的母親。虎子馬上撲了過去。只見母親一臉黝黑,眼睛流出一線血。虎子哭了,大喊:「媽,媽,媽媽!」母親摸了摸他的頭,說:「是虎子嗎?煙花好看嗎?」

「不,我不要看煙花了,我只要媽好好的……媽……」

「傻孩子,媽自己做的煙花不夠好,你要努力好好做人,將來有了錢,到大城市去看。」

「嗯…」

時間:二零零八年春節

地點:香港半山某一寓所裏

「媽,你看,那煙花多美啊!」

「兒啊,我聽到了,很響亮,我想那一定是很美麗的。」

「不,媽媽,你做的煙花才是最漂亮的!」

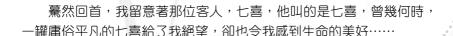




七喜情緣。

5A簡實玲

「七喜,勞煩!」一位客人客氣地對服務員說。



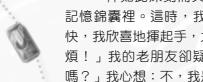
我抖動了那段塵封的記憶——那是七歲時的事,而在我的記憶中,奶奶是一個極為封建傳統的婦女,她把我們大家庭的男丁都視如珠如寶。大概是封建思想太重了吧,奶奶自己也生了七個兒子,雖然第六胎是一個女兒,但聽姨婆說因為奶奶在外勞作時,不小心流產了,所以,奶奶的孩子由一至七都是男丁。而我卻是爸爸的第二個女兒,所受的待遇與表哥表弟的截然不同,連吃糖果的機會也必不領先。

奶奶事事講求吉利,電話號碼及擇日都會選取八或六的數字,為求發財及得享福禄。我有時蠻佩服奶奶繼承封建思想的承載能力,她甚至連吃團圓飯所需的飲料都固定為有意頭的飲品—七喜。七喜味甜不辣喉,是我的最愛,吃飯時我總會喝上一罐。但就是這個我的最愛卻讓我感到生存是毫無價值的。

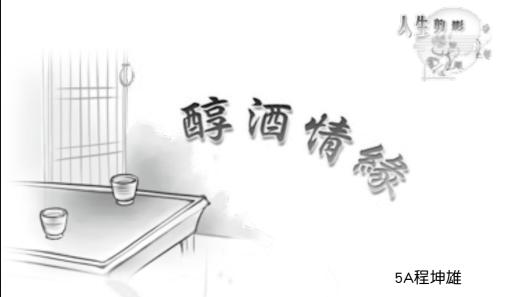
記得是七歲那年的團年飯,為了跟表弟爭一罐七喜而吵鬧起來,奶奶二話沒說,就用力抽開我的手,欣然地把七喜遞給表弟,但此時,我已把頭給撞到檯角上,速度急快得令我無法理清情緒,我手緊抓著頭臚,一直都覺得癢癢痛痛的,我嫉妒地怒視表弟得意囂張的樣子。這時,我感覺到一股溫暖的液體在頭上流動,並滲出指縫,往手臂一直

流,我側視手臂,楞住了,嘴裡不禁地大叫「血!」奶奶猛然回頭,快 步衝上前,問「甚麼事!」我一手推開她,怒吼著:「不用你管,你這 偏心的東西!」當時的我只覺得自己的心境比我的年齡大得多,我聽到 自己的語調悽惶,頭腦已失去了調節發聲的能力。奶奶啞口無言,她大 概明白到自己的錯吧!

風波在一片沉寂中平息了,我給包紮好在睡房裡休息,腦海裡一直 播放剛才的片段,淚水不自覺地在眼眶裡打轉……我甚至恨自己生存在 這個家裡,絕望不已!這時,我聽到熟悉卻又陌生的聲音:「對不起, 是我的錯。」我驚駭莫名,猜疑地自問:「這不是奶奶的聲音嗎?」但 「對不起」是不會出自奶奶的口吧?回頭一看,是奶奶,一位慚愧又懷 有痛惜的奶奶,我目瞪口呆,奶奶上前一手摟住了我,我只覺心裡一 軟,從小我沒直正投入奶奶的懷抱,今天卻是感受到了,那時,奶奶遞 上一罐七喜塞進我的手裡,說:「以後大家要和氣,不要爭了!我承認 自己是重男輕女,但……請原諒奶奶!」我那時也不知能聽懂多少,但 那股溫暖已暖透小窩,我淚盈於睫,心像敲起了一面小鼓,愉快地跳躍 起來!



一件如此深刻而又有意義的事永遠擺放在我的 記憶錦囊裡。這時,我醒過來了,但心卻一樣地愉 快,我欣喜地揮起手,大叫:「老板,七喜一罐,勞 煩! 1 我的老朋友卻疑惑地問了一句: 「你失常了 嗎?」我心想:不,我是要七喜,真正的「期喜」, 當時的心情,絕沒有東西可以比擬,也沒有言語可以 言說我跟奶奶之間的情!



在這寒風刺骨的冬夜,張家村內的家家戶戶都早早睡覺了,但客棧 中仍燈火通明,尚未關門。很多路經此地的人都決定在這投宿,原本冷 清的客棧頓時熱鬧起來,趙虎亦是路經張家村的旅客,他算是眾多客人 中十分特別的一個。其他客人全穿着一件件厚重的棉衣,仍覺寒冷,嚷 着要店小二快快捧上暖酒一壺。趙虎一身淺藍色的長袍,縱然衣料單 薄,卻絲毫看不出他有寒意,在眾人的吆喝聲中,他只氣定神間的肚出 一句:「小二,請給我一壺冷酒,不冷的不喝。」聲音粗豪,且中氣十 足,這一句話清清楚楚地傳到客棧中每一人的耳朵,過半數的人甚至終 止對話,轉過頭望着那坐在角落,膚色黝黑,雙目炯炯有神的俊美青 年,懷着同樣的疑問:冬天竟然喝冷酒,難道是聽錯了嗎? 小二也是半 信半疑的應了一聲,將冷酒捧了過去。趙虎二話不說,仰頭把酒喝了個 精光,心滿意足地大喝:好酒。這一切奇怪的舉動不但吸引了很多客 人。其中一人對他更是肅然起敬,萌生了與這奇人結交的念頭,此人名 叫張龍,是這張家村的原住民。由於他是村中一等一的武學高手,村裏 人不禁要尊稱他為張大師傅。張龍才二十出頭,因此他常要村民直呼他 名字,村裏人總是不依,令張龍無可奈何。

眼見這位身材健碩, 笑容和藹的青年走過來, 趙虎一看便知此人非 池中物, 於是站起來主動邀請張龍坐下。

「在下姓趙,單名虎,虎虎生威的虎。敢問閣下高姓大名。」

「在下張龍,剛才見趙兄毫不畏懼門外寒風,喝冷酒亦未見寒意, 實在佩服。」



「張兄見笑了,其實這是對在下的一個磨練。」

「磨練?這可勾起了我的興趣,趙兄,快快告訴我,在下洗耳恭聽。」

「張兄有所不知了,在下家在北方,喝冷酒對我來說是家常便飯, 家父從小便訓練我成為一名武將,因此冬天不可喝暖酒,久而久之,我 的意志力得以提升,這全靠冷酒。」

「怪哉,怪哉,但我喜歡。現在黃巾賊到處搶掠,無惡不作,趙兄你空有一身武功,卻沒人賞識,惡賊退不了,只怕是懷才不遇啊!」

「這便是我從家鄉出來的原因,想當日拜別新婚妻子,就是想謀個 武將之職,一來不負家父之期望,二來報效國家,現在半年已過,卻無 一官半職,實在愧對親人。」

「趙兄你正正道出了我的心聲,在下雖略懂武功,卻亦無用武之 地。趙兄,恕我冒昧,你我交談甚歡,何不結拜為兄弟?」

「張兄深知在下的苦況,可說是個知已,咱倆一見如故,你這兄弟我交定了!」

那時候的人交朋友便是這樣的單純,直接,可以因為一壺酒,一句話,而交定了一生的情緣。兩位雄心壯志的青年說着又乾了一杯冷酒,正式成了八拜之交。這一晚,他們秉燭夜談,樂而忘返,不經不覺已是翌日。趙虎因要繼續上路不便久留,兩人雖認識不久,但卻像多年的兄弟,面對離別,滿是不捨。

「趙弟,今日一別,不知何時再見,希望趙弟你能如願以償,成為 大將驅逐黃巾賊,而我也會參軍去。」



「好,大哥,就此拜別,你可要多保重啊!」

縱是帶着萬分離愁別緒,兩位青年還是懷着各自的抱負踏上了征 途。

時光匆匆,轉眼間已是七年,黃巾賊早已銷聲匿跡,中原上,自赤壁之戰後,三國正式鼎立。張龍的武功得到劉備的賞識,在軍中擔當重要的職位。當年一別,張龍便再無趙虎消息,心中經常惦念着這兄弟。他每年冬天都到當初他們相遇的客棧,但總無功而回,打探全無結果,四出訪尋亦無消息。這年冬天,他如常回到客棧,坐在當天與趙弟相遇的坐位,往事又再一幕幕地湧現,可歎的是兄弟不在身邊。

「小二,拿一壺冷酒來,不冷的不喝。」張龍無精打采地吩咐了小二。酒入愁腸愁更愁,獨酌冷酒更令張龍增添了幾分淒戚。

「小二,拿一壺冷酒來,不冷的不喝。」聲音的主人以粗豪且中氣 十足的聲線,氣定神間的道。

這句話引起了客棧內所有人的注意,而張龍一時之間又慌張又驚喜,急往聲音的來源直望過去,那是個身穿青色長袍的男子,黝黑的皮膚,炯炯有神的雙眼。張龍呆呆的看得出神,嘴巴半開不合的,認出了這便是多年掛念的好兄弟趙虎,不由得驚呼:「趙弟!」二人再次見面,百感交集,七年已過,二人都比以前少了幾分稚氣。較外向的張龍急不及待要問對方近況,但自己又滔滔不絕,趙虎卻心不在焉。

「今天實在太高興了,我告訴你,這些年喝的冷酒都快把我凍死了,唯獨今年是暖洋洋的,哈哈,趙弟,我們今晚不醉無歸,我們多年不見,無論如何你也要多留幾個月才能離開。」

「大哥,我有些話現在一定要說……」

「我們的時間還多着呢!何必急於一時?來,乾!」

「唉……」

翌日,酒醒了的張龍發覺趙虎已經不見,心感奇怪,但趙虎竟不辭 而別,又令人十分費解,不捨之情又再度襲向張龍。

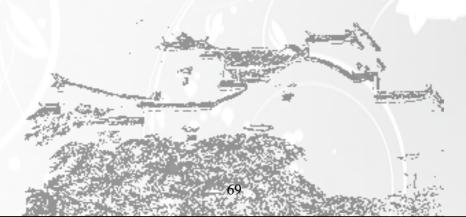
「可能他有要事在身所以才不辭而別吧,對了,他昨晚有要事說,可能就是這件事,趙弟現在身居要職呢,怎能時常抽空和我把酒談心?」張龍安慰自己。

就這樣,一年過去了。

這年冬天,曹操率二十萬大軍南下攻打蜀國,而張龍才知道那一個可怕的消息,敵軍的將領其中一人正是趙虎。希望只是姓名相同,張龍這樣想着,但一絲絲從未想過的念頭湧出來:「如敵軍真是趙弟,我兄弟倆豈不是要自相殘殺?」敵軍步步進逼,戰爭已是如箭在弦,依劉備的命令,張龍整裝待發,只要劉備一聲令下,張龍便要殺那叫趙虎,可能是自己兄弟的人。

原來趙虎多年前投靠了曹操,更因功績彪炳深得曹操重用,曹操軍其中的五萬大軍均由趙虎統率。戰事前一天晚上,趙虎徹夜難眠。因他可能將被張龍殺死或要殺死對方,這兩個都要令他負上不義之名,但他無可選擇,要是不盡力殺敵,對敵人有絲毫同情或憐憫又難報答主子知遇之恩,視為不忠,曹操明白趙虎難處,要他退下戰綫,但趙虎明白主子很重視這場戰事的成敗,若就此退縮,以後難以面對主子。實在是忠義兩難全啊!

時間毫不容情地溜走,眼看大戰一觸即發,張龍與趙虎殺敵無數都未曾畏懼,但這一次雙方都害怕,亦很矛盾。





號角鼓聲齊響,每個士兵都屏息凝神,眼睛只望着敵軍,張龍與趙虎卻是心不在焉,仍躊躇着,在此躊躇之際,兩軍隨着排山倒海的氣勢向敵軍攻去,張龍與趙虎故意避開對方,不願正面交鋒,兩軍大戰了幾個時辰,仍難分難解,戰場上死的死,傷的傷。而趙虎與張龍的軍隊終於相遇了。

「趙弟,果然是你! 想不到我們要在戰場上相遇。」說着左手將敵 兵推開十尺之外。

「大哥,我不想傷你,你快徹退。」趙虎將大刀一揮,兩名士兵性 命就此斷送。

「呸,說起來我們也未曾較技呢,好趁這次機會好好的比一比。」 一手便將士兵扔出數尺。

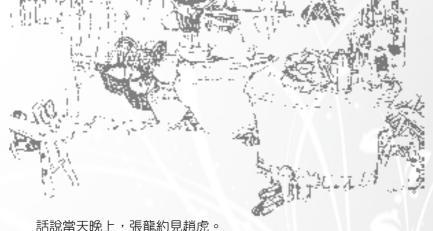
「何必要這樣?大哥你對我如親生兄弟一樣,為弟的不能成為不義之人。」

「你的語氣像是一定能殺我似的,別忘了,劉備欣賞我的正是我的 武功。」張龍話雖如此,心中亦不忍傷了趙弟。

戰事又過了一個時辰,曹操與劉備都分別徹退了,他們臨徹退竟留下同一句說話:「只許勝,不許敗。」這真的讓張龍,趙虎苦不堪言。 張龍離開了趙虎,往其他敵軍殺去。

命運是殘酷的,這場戰爭最後只剩張龍和趙虎的軍隊,戰爭勝負完 全取決於他們,經過一晚休息,結果是戰和,而兩名大將張龍趙虎都死 了,屍體旁是一壺冷酒及一把沾紅了的劍。





話說當大晚上,張龍約兒趙虎。

「趙弟,一年來沒你消息,想不到最後兵戎相見,實在天意弄 人。」

「大哥,其實我早料到有這一天,一年前在客棧便是要將此事告訴你,但是你滔滔不絕,我根本無法說出。」

「趙弟,既然事情落得如此田地,你我又不願自相殘殺,咱們不如來個協議,明兒假裝兩敗俱傷撤退吧!」

「大哥,這不是叫我撒謊嗎?你要我如何面對主子?」

「難道你就要我倆鬥個你死我活才甘心嗎?」

趙虎不語。

「早知今日,何必當初。」張龍語重深長的歎了一句。接着說:「還記得我們當初相識之時的情景嗎,當年你寒天雪地要喝冷酒,可真技驚四座,為兄對你的傲骨佩服得五體投地,我們都胸懷大志要闖一番事業,誰知今天……不管了! 趙弟,難得今天我們兄弟相聚,甚麼國仇家恨統統給我退一邊去,咱們好好聚一聚。」

「好,來人,拿冷酒來,不冷的不喝。」

在趙虎不留神之間,張龍放了一包砒霜在自己的杯中,把無毒的遞 給趙虎。

「趙弟,來,乾,明天的事明天再想。好酒!」

「大哥,每次和你喝酒都是我最盡興的時光。」



「趙弟,我此刻終於明白甚麼是『人生得一知己,死而無憾。』我這生最無悔的便是和你成為兄弟,甚麼虛榮,甚麼權力全部都是笑話,我們一生只為建功立業,都在想些甚麼?真笨……笨……啊,我可笨……透………」說着張龍吐血身亡了。

「大哥,大哥! 你怎麽了? 大哥! 大哥! 」趙虎抱着屍身哭嚎着。

然而,張龍並沒有因為趙虎的叫喊而醒過來,他只是靜靜的,靜靜的躺在趙虎的懷內,面上仍是帶着淺淺的笑意,看起來是那麼安詳。張龍深知趙虎生性正直,決不會背叛主子,要他假裝和議是決計不肯,要兄弟自相殘殺亦是萬萬不能,他不忍見趙虎為難,不忍要他負不忠之名,因此邀約趙虎,作最後的話別,一杯毒酒了結自己的生命。趙虎這才猛然醒悟大哥的苦心,心中強烈地憎恨自己:「為甚麼不肯依大哥吩咐求和,大哥是一片好意,不想傷我兄弟情,可是我卻只懂追求功利,是我逼死大哥,是我逼死大哥的!大哥,你不會孤單,讓為弟的也來陪你。」說着○劍自殺,二人雙雙躺在當天的戰場上。

兩大當世名將皆逝世了,士兵們群雄無首,戰事便不了了之。

十五年後的冬夜。

張家村內的客棧如常擠滿了客人,大家都為一日來的舟車勞頓大吐苦水。唯獨在一張桌上的青年,穿白色長袍,背負長劍,與他的那張俊俏臉毫不相襯,只見他氣定神閒的說:「小二,拿冷酒來,不冷的不喝。」這名青年叫趙龍。這句話早被一位名叫張虎的青年聽在耳內,這句話,這杯冷酒亦將把這兩個青年牽引在一起。



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回到家, 亮起燈, 冷不防就被那個竄動的身影嚇著, 鑰匙掉在地上, 在靜夜裡特別刺耳, 妳尾巴一擺, 就躲到衣櫥後。

此後幾天,都沒有再看見妳。

我開始猜想,妳是從什麼時候住進來的呢?在我搬到這小公寓的前 還是後?一個人獨居,和我一樣?妳會不會寂寞?

總會在我毫無防備的時候,妳條地出現,殺我一個措手不及。晚上在浴室洗澡,我褪去衣服躺在浴缸內,閉目養神,再張開眼,就看見妳,赤著身體,黏在浴室的瓷磚牆壁上,在燈光下,我們同樣赤身露體。

第一次那樣近距離地跟妳接觸,大膽地把妳納入眼底。透明白的薄 表皮,內裡血管的振動幾乎要穿裂、撐開妳的面相,那小得可憐的眼 睛,冷靜自若地睨著我。

我有點窘,趕緊抓起衣服胡亂套上,再回頭時,妳就不見了。像會 變戲法一樣。就那樣,妳走進我的生活,成為我的親密室友,分享我的 居室。在許多個我躲起來哭泣的晚上,我也聽到你的喘息,從牆角傳來,悉悉率率,你同樣孤獨。

我們是那樣開始,相互依存。

我沒有同伴,獨居,一個人住在小公寓裡,不喜歡別人進佔我的生活,侵犯我的隱私,例如送包裹來的郵差,催交租金的房東太太,或者是前幾個月在窗台上發現新築的小蟻窩,我點起香煙把牠們一一灼死了,徹底且具效率,卻有點後悔,留下擦不淨的痕跡。



然而,我把妳視作同伴,為什麼?因為我們曾經那樣親密,因為我們都太寂寞。

我開始習慣妳的出現,牆角裡,衣櫥後,房間一隅,妳喜歡待在幽暗的地方,妳在深夜裡活動,妳的出現不再讓我驚訝。

甚至,我有些期待妳的身影。

每天下班回家,總不經意地用目光搜索妳最常出現的那幾個角落, 我得承認,我很喜歡這段同居的生活,妳是一個絕佳的室友,不聒噪, 不吵鬧,不佔用太多的地方。

我很怕妳會不辭而別,讓我從新再過獨居的日子,幾天不出現,就 擔心妳的安危。

冬天來了,好一段日子沒有看見妳,壁虎也需要冬眠嗎?我不知 道。不安愈來愈強烈,我只知道必須把妳找出來,才能夠釋放那磨人的 情緒。

於是,我搬動房間內的桌椅衣櫥,那太吃力了,但我還是做到,房 東太太跟我投訴深夜裡傳出的噪音,我支吾以對。

最後妳還是出現了。把桌子歸回原位的時候,妳條地出現在桌腳下。然後,被壓死了。那透明白的表皮,再沒有血管的振動,異樣的感覺,讓我打了一個冷顫。

我誤殺了我唯一的同居室友。

用紙巾把屍體一層又一層地包裹好,隨著座廁一湧而起的哄動,完 成了妳的葬禮。

我又回復一個人的生活。



天,是一片的黯淡。

「空氣污染一定會把我們都悶死。」我發晦氣。剛剛溫書,溫得很不爽,看見這種惱人的天氣,不由得說了句晦氣話。 獨個兒走在街頭上,思緒紊亂,飄零落花,如人之墜樓,也許有一天我也會從上面跳吧。

走著,居然遇上死對頭,他叫A-level,打從兩年前我就認識他,他是個又肥又矮的討厭傢伙,但我就不明白為什麼天底下有如此多人追捧他,別人瘋了似的追捧不要緊,為什麼也要逼我一起去追捧,望著A-level北高氣揚,我火大喝道:

「臭矮子,給我站住」

「?」A-level望望四周,又望望我,一臉狐疑。

「你知不知道,你把我害得多慘?」我道。

「?」

「每天何時何刻都聽到你的名字!」

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「儘管在夜裏,在夢裏也聽到了對你的呢喃。」

Г?,

「為什麼人要跟隨你?」



Г?」

「為什麼我也要跟隨你?」

「?」A-level別個臉,逕自向前走。

「喂!我還未說完…」我急步走上去。

「為什麼要我為你捱更抵夜?」我邊走邊問。

Г? ,

「為什麼你要擋在我和未來之間?」

Г?,

「為什麼你要阻隔我和夢想?」

Г?,

「因為你,我和父母吵大架!」

「?」他越走越快。

「因為你,我就算喜歡了一個女孩,也不敢和她一起。」

「?」他在奔跑。

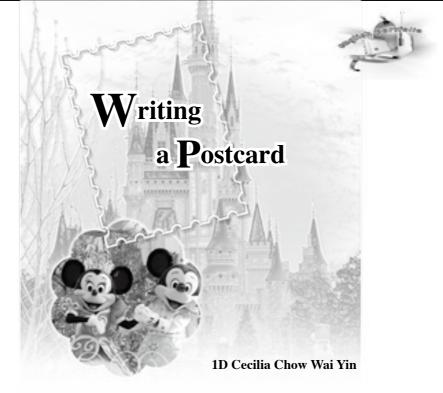
「你好討厭,知道嗎?」我邊跑邊罵。

突然,A-level停下腳步,回頭望了我一眼,說道:「既然如此,為 什麼你還要一直跟著我呢?」

Г?」



Cholish portion



Dear Mrs Wong,

How are you? Hope everything is well! Guess where I am?

I am in Japan now. I am travelling with Kate. The weather is sunny. I like sunny days.

I am shopping with Kate now. Shibuya has a lot of souvenir shops e.g. postcards, clothes, food. I will buy a special souvenir for you. Guess what? I think you will like it. I went to Tokyo Disneyland with Kate yesterday. There are a lot of exciting attractions at the park, but I like the roller coaster most. We could see many Disney characters, we took loads of pictures with Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Buzz Lightyear. This morning, we went to Ueno Park. We could see the cherry blossoms, watched the giant pandas and other animals in the zoo there. I like this park very much.

I have a lot of fun in this trip and I enjoy this trip very much. I am coming home next Monday. See you soon.

Best wishes.

Cecilia



1D Ku Ka Ki, Lily

Dear Mrs Wong,

How are you? Hope everything is well.

I am in Tokyo now. Kate is travelling with me. It is sunny and hot.

Yesterday we went to Palette Town and went on the Ferris Wheel. Then we went to Ikebukuro Gyoza Stadium and ate Japanese food. The food was very delicious. Next we watched comic characters in Tezuka Osamu Museum. Finally we bought some souvenirs in Shibuya.

Today we go to Tokyo Disneyland. There are a lot of attractions at the park and there are many of our favourite cartoon characters in Tokyo Disneyland. We will play a lot of exciting rides in Tokyo Disneyland. Then we will go to Ueno Park. It is because we all like animals and there are a lot of animals like pandas, tigers and monkeys. There also will be some fun shows. We will be very happy.

I have a good time in Tokyo. I like Tokyo very much. I am coming home tomorrow. Hope we can travel together next time.

Best wishes,

Lily



Dear Mrs Wong,

1D Fung Ngai Ling

Hope everything is well!

I am travelling in Japan now with my friend, Kate. She is like my mother. She looks after me very carefully. The weather is very cold and cloudy in Japan now.

We climbed the Mount Fuji yesterday. The Mount Fuji was very beautiful as it was covered by snow. We went to the Lavender Garden. It was very large and awesome there. We took a lot of photos in the garden. We ate lunch in a farm restaurant. We had sushi, tempura and vegetable ramen.

We are going to watch sumo wrestling tomorrow. I hope the match will be exciting. Also, my friend will take me to Shibuya to go shopping. We will buy something special in there. I think I will enjoy shopping in there very much. We are going to buy some yakitori to eat when we go shopping.

I enjoy the trip very much. I will come back to Hong Kong next Monday.

Hope we can travel together next time. Bye!

Best wishes,

Rain



1D Yao Hiu Tung

Dear Mrs Wong,

How are you? Hope everything is well! I miss you.

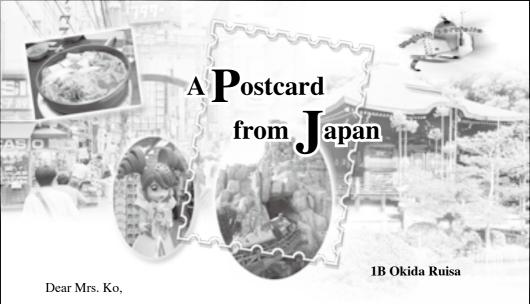
I am in Tokyo Disneyland now. I am travelling here with my friend and in here the weather is so warm.

Now, we are making a plan. We are riding on the roller coaster. I think it will be exciting. Then we are going to buy some souvenirs for you and we will go to take photos with Disney famous characters.

Yesterday, I went to Tezuka Osamu Museum to see my favourite comic character. It was very interesting. But in the meantime, I saw a man who stole an Osamu doll. It made every Osamu fan feel angry. Not a long time later, the police caught the man.

I think this trip will be fun for us and I will visit here again. I will come home next Monday. See you later! Bye!

Best wishes, Tiffany



Guess what? I'm in Japan with my pen friend Yuka now! I'm having a good time here. I enjoy going shopping and visiting different attractions. Let me share with you.

It is sunny today. We're in a café and I'm writing this postcard to you. I can see a big parade outside. For the last few days, I visited many places in Japan. They were all exciting, especially shopping at Akihabara. Akihabara is well known as a place where you can see a lot of people who are wearing costumes of their favourite animation characters. We also went to Tokyo Disneyland yesterday. I can't forget the scary height of a roller coaster called 'Big Thunder Mountain'. We took pictures of the famous Disney characters, like Tinker Bell, Winnie the Pooh, the Little Mermaid, etc. We couldn't have time to try all the rides there because it's much bigger than Hong Kong Disneyland. Maybe I'll go there later with my family. After that, Yuka and I had a delicious soba. Its colour was gray and soba is good for our health. I also ate sushi, udon, and sukiyaki.

During the dinner time, someone patted on my shoulder. That was my primary schoolmate, Aoki Natsumi who used to play with me! It was a coincidence and we shared how our lives have changed since we separated.

There are still many places in Japan where we haven't been to. We're planning to go to Hokkaido tomorrow. The dairy milk there is very sweet and there is a beautiful sceneryu. We are also going to Kyoto with our kimonos on. I love my country! I'll come back to Hong Kong next Saturday. See you soon!

Best wishes,

Ruisa



1D Chung Sin Yi, Sarahlyn

Dear Chris

I'm fine, thank you. And you? We had a Christmas party on Christmas Eve. Two weeks ago, we decorated the 1D classroom. Our classroom was small and we thought about putting up a tiny Christmas tree. It was 143cm tall. Steven and Lily put the decorations on it, such as angels, bells, ribbons and crosses.

Next, we decided to invite the principal Mr. Chan and the famous gospel singer Miss Christine Lee. Mr. Lee loves Christmas very much so we thought he would enjoy the party. Miss Christine sang the carols and she shared the messages about Jesus Christ was born. After that, we had exciting games. Throwing bean bags was one of the games we had. The most enjoyable activity was 'The sharks are coming!'. We walked around the chairs, and stood or sat on the chair before the sharks caught us. Then, we had a great Christmas meal. We had salad, cheese cakes, sausages and hamburgers. We also had two bottles of orange juice and apple juice. Miss Yau, Tony and Cecilia prepared the food and drinks.

At last, we had a lucky draw. The gifts were about \$10-\$30. I gave a pencil case. There were flowers on it. It was colourful. I got a comic. It was so entertaining. I loved this gift very much. I laughed and laughed when I read it. I enjoyed the party and I felt really happy. It was lots of fun. I hope you had a great time too!

Bye for now. See you later.

Best wishes. Sarahlyn



The title of the film is Ratatouile and it is a cartoon. The story talks about how a mouse becomes a chef. Remy is a mouse who has a good nose which makes him smell well and he knows everything about food. One day, he chases his dream with a kitchen helper – Linguini. Linguini doesn't know how to cook, so Remy always sits on Linguini's head to control him to cook. At last, their dreams have come true. The characters are very funny and entertaining.

I think the film is funny and touching because the story is meaningful. 'You can do everything if you have the heart'. Also the mouse's talking is very entertaining.

The film makes me think of my ideal and I want to do everything with my heart and I must chase my dream. I would surely tell all my friends to watch this film because the film is very funny and touching which makes us learn more about life.



The title of the film is Night at the Museum. It is a comedy. It stars Ben Stiller, Robin Williams and Owen Wilson. The characters are quite funny. They make me laugh and happy.

The story takes place at a Natural History Museum in New York. It talks about a jobless man. His name is Larry Daley. His son Nick is very disappointed with his father that he is out of job. Then Larry finds a job as a night watchman in the Museum of Natural History. The three old guards dislike him so they always play some tricks on him. In his first night at work in the museum, everything at the museum comes to life. It is because there is an old Egyptian stone in the museum. It makes everything come to life until dawn. The second night, the three old guards break into the museum to steal the magic stone. Larry asks the historic characters to help him to save the museum.

I think the film is funny and hilarious because the story is interesting and entertaining. The actors act seriously and their acting makes me laugh. All of them can really act well. Also, the animals in the museum look very real.

The film tells me I should be positive and brave when I have to overcome some difficulties. I will recommend this film to my friends because it is easy for young students to understand.



Hacken Lee was born on 6th December, 1967 in Hong Kong. He studied at Wah Yan College. He is now a singer, an actor and a master of ceremonies. He is very humorous and single-hearted of his life. On 28th November, 2006, Hacken married his long-time girlfriend, Miss Hong Kong 1992 Emily Lo Suk Yi.

When he was 18 years old, he won the 19 District Singing Contest singing 'Love in the Fog', a song made famous by Alan Tam. In 1995, because his concert had a very low turnout, he was very sad but he never gave up. In 2003 he cooperated with Alan Tam in a series of successful concerts around the world, named 'Neighbors'. In 2002 he won the TVB Jade Solid Gold Award and another one in 2005. During his singer life, he was the first Chinese artist to release a Duo Disc. He was successful in his singing career.

His wife Emily Lo is now pregnant. In his new album 'My Cup of Tea' there was a song named 'Xiao Bao Bao'. He did not reveal this piece of good news by words but by his latest song. I chose to write a profile for Hacken because he never gives up and he is a good man of his life as he is single-hearted.

A Profile

By Nicole Yeung (2D)

In this essay, I would like to introduce my grandma. Her name is Lee Bik Wan. Her nickname is 'Super Grandma' because she is very energetic. She does exercise for a long time every morning. Sometimes, she is even stronger than me. She was born in Macau on 4th May, 1936. She is very compassionate and optimistic. She always has a pleasant smile on her face. She is a housewife. When she was sixteen, she came to Hong Kong. She met my grandpa at seventeen. When she was eighteen, she married my grandpa. My grandpa is very handsome but he doesn't have a healthy body. When she was twenty-six, she opened a little restaurant and she made good business.

My grandma's hobbies are cooking, knitting sweaters and collecting coins. She is very good at cooking hometown food. I like to eat my grandma's food because it is very tasty. Therefore, I go to my grandma's home to have dinner every Friday. Moreover, she can knit very beautiful sweaters. I think the sweaters that she makes are more beautiful than those sold in shops.

My grandma is about seventy years old so she is limited in her ability. However, she wants to teach me how to knit sweaters and teach my sister how to cook hometown food in the future.



Dear Jenny,

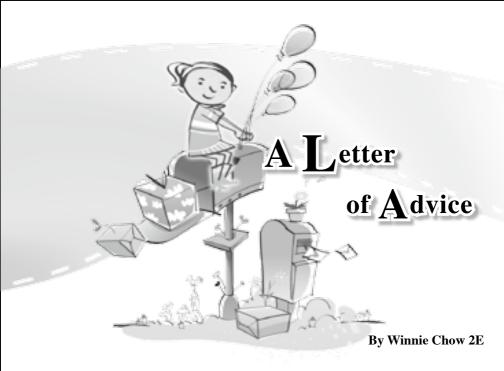
I'm sorry to hear your problems. Please do not worry. These are several things you can do to solve these problems. I can help you to make friends and stay healthy.

I know you feel miserable. It is common for students who have first moved to a new place to have problems in making friends. You are very shy. If you want to meet new friends, you should not be shy! If I were you, I would think about I am good at. I think you are good at PTH, so you can ask your class teacher whether you can teach your classmates PTH. You should also try to say more Cantonese. For example, read Chinese newspapers aloud and listen to Cantonese songs.

Your second problem is your face is full of pimples and you are too fat. I think you eat too much fried food and don't do exercise regularly, don't drink enough water and don't clean your face thoroughly. So, you ought to clean your face always and eat enough fruits and vegetables. The most important is to do exercise regularly. You should always keep smiling and don't be miserable. So, you should change your lifestyle and eating habits.

I hope this advice helps you. Please write to me again if you need more help. If you feel miserable, please tell me. Don't keep the problems to yourself. I am willing to listen to you.

Best wishes Vicky



Dear Miserable Jenny

I am sorry to hear about your problems. I know you are miserable and embarrassed for a while. Please don't worry. There are several things you can do to solve these problems.

It is common for students who have first moved to a new place to have problems. If I were you, I would join more school clubs and take part in more school activities. Don't be shy! Also, you ought to join some clubs in which you can show your talents. You should join some competitions held in PTH. It helps you to build up your confidence.

Having pimples is a common problem for a teenager. If I were you, I would change my lifestyle. You should have a balanced diet. You ought to eat more fruits, vegetables and drink at least 6 to 8 glasses of fluid. Also, you need to do exercise regularly and have enough sleep. Don't eat too much fried food. Finally, I think you need to clean face thoroughly. Don't feel stressed!

I hope this advice helps you. Please write to me again if you need more help.

Best wishes Polly



By Huen Kit Ting 2E

If I were a fish,
I would shout, 'Keep the water fresh!'

If I were a honey bee,
I would shout, 'Keep the trees!'

If I were a butterfly,
I would shout, 'Stop contaminating the sky!'

If I were a mouse,
I would shout, 'Stop destroying our house!'



S.2D, Pun Siu Sin, Koey

If I had...

If I had one wish, it would be that my family members, my friends and the people who know me all stay healthy and happy. I think good health and happiness are the most important things in our life. If they were healthy and happy, I would be happy too. I often get sick because of my spine problem so I have experienced the feeling of serious illness. Therefore, I wish everyone around me are healthy!

If I had only 24 hours to live, I would do these things. First, I would promise an organ transplant to the hospital. I would like to help the people after I die as they probably need some of my organs. Second, I would write letters to my friends and my teachers who had always helped me. I would thank them whole-heartedly for their help. Lastly, I would stay with my family until I die.

If I had to work full-time now, I would arrange a schedule for my work. I would turn off my computer and mobile phone because I need to give much attention to my work. I would drink some coffee before I work because it might help me pay better attention.



If I...

If I found \$10,000 in a taxi, I would take the money to the police station and tell them I had found the money in a taxi. It is because if I don't take it to the police, the person who lost the money will become very anxious. Or maybe that money is for doing some important things like paying for a medial operation, so I could not be that selfish.

If I were a teacher, I would teach my students as many things as I can. I would also like to teach my students with love, where a happy learning atmosphere could be provided and where they could experience studying in harmony. On the other hand, if they did their homework well, I would give them a prize. It is because I think these rewards are important for students to keep on learning.

If I had only 24 hours to live, I would contribute half of my wealth to a charity organization as I want to do a little good deed to the community. I would also put aside half of the time to be with my parents and my wife. For the remaining time, I would go and sit on a beach alone until I die. It is because I don't want my loved ones to be sad about my death.



By Chan Kwok Shing (2E)

My favourite cartoon character is called Doraemon. Doraemon was born on 3rd September 2112. He is a robotic cat. He has a round face, a round, red nose and big eyes. Also, he has a short, red tail, long, black whiskers and a very big mouth. Doraemon is short. He is 129.3cm tall but he weighs 129.3 kg. And he can jump up to 129.3m.

Doraemon is very helpful and kind because he always helps Nobita to solve problems. And he is often very kind to treat Nobita. Also, he originally had ears but it was bitten off by a mouse. Another reason I like him is he has a lot of Recurring Dogu such as Time machine, Take-copter etc.

I think he is very cute and lovely. So I like him very much.



Chen Yanwen, Mandy (S.2D)

If I were...

If I were a sparrow,

I'd fly in the sky and touch the snow.

When I have my family,

I'd make my wonderful roost on the tree.

I'd sing the songs and be free,

I'd live in the big forest and be glee.

I can fly to wherever I want to go,

I can see the entire world.



If I were a Giraffe

Hui Chi Kwong, Terry (S.2D)

If I were a giraffe,

I would like to take a long bath.

I'd live with a dog who likes to yaff,

He likes to talk with me in a path.

We'd go fishing with a fish pole, fish bait

and a gaff.

Also, I'd live with a calf.

Sometimes he takes me to drink a cup of coffee

In a small caff.

Then we'd have lunch for a half.

For all these things, I think I'd attract the raff.

Because I really love the greatest GOD!



Law Chui Lin, Helen (S.2D)

If I were a fox, I'd jump into the box.

If I were a deer,
I'd try to drink some beer.

If I were a sea horse, I'd be good friends with Morse.

If I were a dove,
I'd want to give people love.

If I were a mandrill,
I'd run against the monkey on the hill.

If I were a hen,
I'd count the number from one to ten.

I'd like to be all the animals, But this is almost impossible!



My MSN friend Ming is visiting Hong Kong for three to four days. I will spend a day with him and take him around Hong Kong. Therefore, I would like to suggest a one-day itinerary for him on Saturday.

In the morning, at ten o'clock, we will go to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum which is located at Sha Tin Man Lam Road as I believe Ming wants to know more about the Chinese culture. We can go there by MTR. It provides comprehensive exhibitions on history, art and culture. First, we can go to the Chinese Opera Heritage Hall to learn more about Chinese opera history. Then, we can go to T. T. Tsui Gallery to appreciate Chinese art. Afterwards, we will leave around noon.

In the afternoon, we will take the MTR to Mei Foo and change to the West Rail to go to Hong Kong Wetland Park in Tin Shui Wai. We will arrive at around half-past twelve and we can eat lunch there. After lunch, we will go to Pui Pui's home and Human Culture. Also, I understand there is a showcase exhibiting the importance of wetland on biodiversity, civilization and conservation. We can take photos of the nature. Then we will leave at half-past four.

In the evening, we will take the bus to Stanley and buy some cheap and beautiful souvenirs. For dinner, we can eat delicious seafood in Aberdeen! Finally, we can go back to Yau Yat Chuen by bus.

I look forward to having lots of fun and I hope Ming will enjoy this trip. I also hope I can get to know him better after this trip.



3A Erica Kam

Dear Editor,

Did you eat dog meat before? Do you think eating dog meat should be allowed? I don't agree with this point. I don't think eating dog meat is good for us and I will never dog meat.

Dogs are friends and pets. Dogs are very loyal. So, I think we should not eat dog meat. Dogs are good animals. From ancient times till now, dogs always play with us. Dogs know what we think. When we are sad, dogs will sit next to us and they would do something to make us happy.

Secondly, dogs always help us from ancient times till now, too. Dogs always help us to stay at home to catch a thief. Also, dogs can help policemen and blind people. Dogs help policemen to catch a thief and find narcotics. And dogs can bring the blind people to the places where they want to go. Also Hong Kong has many dogs called dog doctors. They can make the sick people more happy, So if we eat dog meat, it is too inhumane.

Finally, many dogs have virus and germs. If we eat dog meat, we would easily get sick, If it is very serious, maybe we will die, and many people will have diseases. It is the third reason that I don't agree to eat dog meat.

So, I think we should not eat dog meat and eating dog meat should not be allowed.

Yours sincerely, Erica



The question is if eating dog meat should be allowed or not. In my opinion, I think eating dog meat should not be allowed. I don't agree with the people who eat dog meat.

I think eating dog meat should not be allowed because dogs can help us to prevent the robbers to go into our house. When a robber comes, the dog can bark so that people can call the policeman to find the culprits. As a dog is so helpful for people, we should protect the dogs.

Secondly, I think eating dog meat should not be allowed because the dogs may have virus and germs. If people eat dog meat, they will get some serious diseases from the sick dog. It's very harmful for people's health.

At last, I think eating dog meat should not be allowed because dogs are not only our friends, but also our pets. We should treat dogs as pets, eating pets is illegal and cruel. Eating dog meat is just like eating pets. It's very cruel.

In conclusion, eating dog meat should not be allowed because dogs are helpful, it's harmful for people's health and dogs are pets.

Your reader

Tracy Kwan



3D Sam Fung

Dear Mum and Dad,

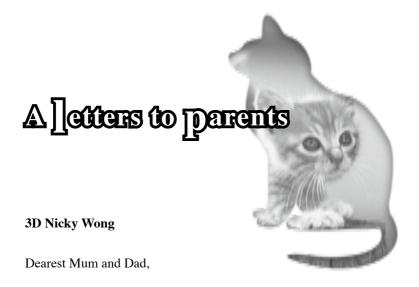
I am writing this letter to ask your permission for buying an exotic pet. I want to have two terrapins. They are good pets. They are very small and quiet. They look cute with the green shells. If I have two terrapins, I will not feel lonely and I can learn to be a responsible pet owner.

Terrapins are easy to take care of. I will be able to take good care of them. They like to eat fish. They should be fed twice a day. I promise to feed them in the morning and at night. They live indoors. They only need a small tank to live in. They do not need any special equipment but only a stone and a small amount of water. I promise to wash the tank twice a week. They do not need do any special exercise. They just need to swim and crawl in the tank.

Terrapins are the ideal pets for me. I can afford to buy them and take care of them by myself. It will be fun to keep them at home.

I would show you more information later. Thank you for your consideration.

Love Sam



My birthday is coming, I want to have a kitten as part of our family because sometimes I feel lonely at home. Kittens are playful and learn tricks quickly. They can move very energetically, so it is lots of fun to play with them.

It's easy for me to take care of a kitten. I will train it to go to toilet properly. I know canned food and dried food is the healthiest food for kittens. We only need to buy a basket and it is possible for me to carry it because it is light enough. Kittens don't need to go for walks but I will play games with it daily. Most of the kittens play gently and it is important for me to treat it kindly.

I think kittens are suitable for us to keep. Kittens can live indoors and only need little space. It needs less exercise than dogs do, so it is better than keeping a dog as my pet. I promise to keep my pet happy and healthy, and I'll be a responsible pet owner.

Love Nicky



Eating Dog Meat Should Not Be Allowed



Have you tried to eat dog meat before? I think the majority of people don't like eating dog meat as they think it is very disgusting. However, there are lots of people eating dog meat in Asia such as China, which has eaten dog meat since Han Dynasty. In Hong Kong and England, eating dog meat is banned. Nevertheless, eating dog meat is legal. Do you think eating dog should be allowed in Hong Kong? It is a controversial issue. In my stance, I think eating dog meat should be allowed because of the following significant reasons.

In the first instance, dog meat possesses some benefits of our health. I absolutely believe most people want to a healthy life. According to the scientific evidence, per 100g dog meat has about 19g protein so eating dog meat can make us stronger. It can also improve virility and women's skin. Now you can see that we can be healthier if we eat dog meat.

What is also worth noticing is that eating dog meat can help you recover from an illness. According to the traditional culture in China, a dog is sacrificed and the family eats the meat when they suffer or recover from an illness. On one occasion, my grandfather got a serious disease. My grandmother suggested him eating dog meat. After my grandfather eating the dog meat, his condition improved and recovered in one month. Generally speaking, you can see eating dog meat can get good health.

Thirdly, the value of dog must be taken into consideration. Some people think that eating dog meat is disgusting and immoral; meanwhile, some people think eating dog meat is toothsome and palatable. Therefore, you can see different kinds of people have distinct thinking. To illustrate this, there is an example that is very persuasive. Just imagine, some people say dogs are their friends so we don't eat dog meat. Moreover, they also think dogs are trustworthy and compassionate animal. Thus we cannot eat dog meat. On the contrary, some people think pigs are their friends. Is it moral to eat pork? Cows are an enthusiastic animal. They help farmers to farm and reap. Can we eat beef?

Taking into all these factors into account, we may reasonably come to the conclusion that eating dog meat should be allowed on account of it can makes us healthier, expels the illnesses away and this the value problem. Eventually, I hope the government can reconsider that the law of eating dog meat is illegal.

Yours sincerely Raymond Law





Wetland Park is very important for the city near the sea. Hong Kong Wetland Park, a world-class conservation, education and tourism facilities, is located in Tin Shui Wai. It was open in 1998. To go there, you can take the Light Transit Railway. You will be sure to have a good time and see many kinds of animals such as mouse deer, green turtles and so on.

We need Wetland Park because it helps protecting the endangered animals. Many animals like to live in Wetland Park and some of them are endangered. If we damage the environment in the wetland park or let it get polluted, it will ruin the home of many animals.

In addition, Wetland Park can protect the environment too. It protects our shore lines against storm waves, floods and erosions such as mangroves. A city without a wetland park might be attacked by the storm. So, Wetland Park is like a 'storm-keeper'.

Besides, many tourists will be attracted to go to Hong Kong Wetland Park. Endangered animals have their priceless value and they can't be seen everywhere. So, many photographers and tourists will go to Wetland Park to take photos and admire the nature and the endangered animals.

Finally, I think we need Wetland Park very much because its affects our environment. Let's embrace the nature



By Edward Ip 4A

Name of book: The Fugitive

Author: J. M. Dillard

Type: Novel

Publisher: Pearson Education Limited

 Describe the personality and appearance of two main characters in your book.

Dr. Richard Kimble, a successful Chicago surgeon, who lived with his wife Helen Kimble. He is righteous, intelligent and devoted to his work. Although the police suspected that he was the killer of Helen Kimble, he never forgot he was a doctor and helped others unceasingly. Richard Kimble had short, golden hair and wore a bluish green jacket and white trousers while he became a fugitive on the outside.



Lt. Philip Gerard, the Police Hall Division party chief in Chicago, is responsible to investigate Helen's murder case. He attached importance to this case. He thought that the killer was Richard Kimble. He tried to arrest him but he could not. He always suffered from mental strains. Philip Gerard had short, bright hair. He wore a sweater with the police's coat, striped trousers and leather shoes. He is very tall. Moreover, he looked serious while he was working.

2. What did you learn from the book you read.

I learned something from the characters in the book, for example, Richard Kimble. When he found his wife was dead, he had to escape and searched for the killer or else the police would catch him and send him to prison. However, he still helped people who needed him. It is not easy to do so since he would be caught by the police anywhere. In addition, Philip Gerard thought the killer was Richard Kimble. He had a distinct target to investigate the case.

Why do most students hate studying? One of the reasons is that they do not set a clear goal. As a result, they lose direction and they think studying is hard for them. For me, it reminds me again that setting a goal at the beginning is very important. It is an important condition to strive to succeed.





4A Ivy Chan

Dear Pat

I'm so happy that I can send you a letter because I really want to share something with you. I had a bad day yesterday which I will never forget! I have never met a guy who is so impolite! Unfortunately, I met one who is extremely rude.

Yesterday afternoon, I saw a poster while I was going shopping. Tom Woo came to Hong Kong and had a book signing in Comic Land! Oh! You know I love him very much so I joined it immediately! There were so many people lining up and waiting for my lovely idol.

Then I wanted to buy a comic book and get his autograph. When I got the comic, I saw a boy who stood opposite me. Oh! My gosh! We got the same book! The worst thing is this was the last one. Afterwards, I told him if he was a gentleman, he should give me the book but he said 'No!' He said he was not a gentleman. We started to argue about the book! He is a boy so he should yield it to me, right? I cannot imagine that a boy could treat a girl so badly! Then we were fighting for the last comic book. I felt a bit frustrated so I shouted at him! You can't guess what he said later! He said I was a savage! Then we kept fighting. 'Shut up!' a security guard shouted at us and threw us out! Oh! I felt really embarrassed.

Finally, we both couldn't get the book or Tom Woo's autograph! How sad I am! I couldn't get my idol's autograph and had an argument with a boy! What an unlucky day! Isn't that so bad? Write back soon!

Ivy



4C Joyce Chan

Ken is having a farewell dinner for his English teacher on his grandfather's birthday. If I were him, I would go to Ms White's farewell party. I think this is the last time that Ken meets his English teacher. It is difficult to see Ms White again. He will miss her a lot, so I think he should go to Ms White's farewell dinner. Another reason that I think Ken should go to the farewell dinner is he has an important job that he should do. He promised to make the speech at the farewell dinner. If he doesn't go to the farewell, no one can take his job.

He should say 'Happy Birthday' to his grandfather on the phone and tell him why he can't have dinner with him on that day. I think he should buy a present for his grandfather too.

After the farewell dinner, he should meet his grandfather or meet him the next day after the farewell dinner.

At the farewell dinner, if I were Ken, I would enjoy it very much and take some photos with her as this is the last time that Ken sees his English teacher.



6C CHUA CHUN MING

Recently, the problems of pirated products in Hong Kong having been getting more serious. No matter computer software, books or clothes, there is also a similar trend that people use fake products. The most common pirated products students use are books and computer software. And why would this happen?

I know that many students think that using pirated products is no big deal. They don't think they will get caught by the police nor punished by their parents. But the fact is that using pirated products is a serious crime and it will cause serious consequences if once you get caught. You may have to go to jail and also pay a heavy fine for it. Your future will be definitely ruined by it. Is it really worthwhile? Of course not, so please stop using pirated products anymore.

Maybe, you would think that it can save money as the authentic products usually cost lots of money. But please think from the publishers' point of view. They launch their products on the market; they have put lots of money



to develop them. But all of us use the pirated products. Isn't it really unforgivable. We waste the effort they have made, so from now on please give support to all producers and designers by using authentic products.

It is vital for us to stop using fake products. It you see people in the street selling pirated products, don't hesitate, call the police immediately and of course, remember, don't try to make money by selling pirated products. It is illegal.

To combat this crime, we should really educate people about the seriousness of this act. Let me give three suggestions on what we can do.

First, schools should really hold talks to educate students that using pirated products is a serious crime and also let than know we should respect the producers. Schools can invite people from the government to give accurate information about copyright. I am sure that they can help students.

At the same time, the government should also impose heavy fines on these who make illegal copies of products. In the USA, they seldom use fake products as there is a heavy fine. I think the Hong Kong government can also learn from them.

Third, parents should also set a good example to their children. They should educate their child from their early age. Once children see that their parents don't use illegal products, I think they won't use them either.

In conclusion, it is definitely wrong to use illegal products. It causes lots of harm to ourselves, society, and the producers. All parties: schools, the government, parents and we ourselves should bear the responsibility. So let us work together and make Hong Kong a good city.



Recently, Wikipedia, an online encyclopedia, was blamed "just like a public toilet, because you will never know who used it before you." Maybe it is mean to say so, but this saying can actually describe the nature of the Internet in some ways.

There is so much information available on the Internet today. It is really difficult for us to distinguish right from wrong. Just like the public toilet, the Internet is a place where everyone can go in and leave something there. The difference is that usually things left in the toilet are useless, while those left on the internet are sometimes useful, but most of the time not. It is always hard to find useful information on the Internet, just like grabing gold in a used toilet.

Compared to the Internet, we might not learn as much at schools. However, we do feel confident of teachers who are well educated. Their knowledge is always reliable. Each of them is proficient in different areas. Their knowledge altogether is just like a small encyclopedia!

Internet is only a platform, a platform for people to express their feelings, to share their knowledge or to communicate with each other. It is emotionless, thoughtless and will never correct your mistakes since it is not its responsibility. Schools and teachers are different. Their responsibility is to educate and correct the mistakes made by their students. Students can grow up through studying in schools. They can never grow up on the internet.

Knowledge is very important, but moral fiber is of the same importance. How is a man different from a machine or robot? Man has a heart but a robot does not. Caring and supporting are all about moral fiber. They can't be learned through the Internet, but only schools.

We can't deny the Internet is very important. However, its importance can never be compared with that of schools. It is just part of our life, just like a public toilet.

No traditional schools/ teachers?

6A Yeung Wai Kwan, Ryan

With the rapid development of technology, nowadays, almost everyone has used the computer, especially for surfing the Internet. Undoubtedly, there is much information available on the Internet today. Some people even claim that traditional secondary schools and teachers are no longer necessary. However, as a student, I absolutely disagree with this statement. In this essay, I am going to give some reasons and my opinion.

Firstly, education does not mean the translation of knowledge or information only. Students are not just learning knowledge in traditional school but also other skills, like how to communicate and build a friendly relationship with the others. Through a web camera, people may not show what they actually think and their reactions. However, at school students learn how interact with the others face-to face. Apart from knowledge, teachers also help in the physical and spiritual development of students by sharing experience and giving encouragements to students in person. If students only focus on the information on the Internet, they will even become 'Otaku', which is a Japanese term used to describe people who do not know how to get along with others. Then should we put our children in the risk of this problem that has been annoying the Government of Japan for many years?

Secondly, secondary students are still not mature enough to choose what information they should get on the Internet. Every-one is free to get any information one wants in the Internet. Teenagers, may explore some indecent, level three or violent information accidentally. They may then become addicted and develop these behaviors into habits. There are many examples of this phenomenon. Typical example is the case of Edison Chan and Gillian. Some personal indecent photos of Mr. Chan with his previous girlfriends are lost 'accidentally' and are uploaded to the Net. People downloading the photos and sharing the files with their friends do not care about the feeling of the people involved. What can we learn by looking at such indecent pictures? There is actually nothing beneficial but hurting the feeling of the people involved. Are traditional schools and teachers no longer necessary to give us a correct moral concept?

Last but not least, there is no guidelines for people to express their opinion on the Internet. People are free to express anything they want, including those that are offensive to others. Some years ago, some teenagers grouped to form an organization called 'flash mob rape' in a famous and popular forum called Golden Forum. They discussed and gave their opinion, on how to rape females. Eventually, they were prosecuted. They claimed that the discussion was only for fun, but to some people, especially females, it seems to be realistic. This is a disgusting case under inadequate guidelines of using the Internet. If there are no teachers or schools and students are left alone with the Internet, can you imagine how serious the consequence will be?

To conclude, in my opinion, no matter how much information is available on the Internet, traditional secondary schools and teachers are necessary. Knowledge does not mean everything. Apart from knowledge, teachers also help students in both physical and mental development. They set a model of what a mature and responsible adults should be, for students to follow. In addition, school is a small society where students can learn how to get along with others and prepare for their future. Internet cannot give all that information, knowledge or any experience that a teacher can teach and school can provide. Therefore, traditional secondary schools and teachers will always be necessary,



Recently, a number of people commit common illegal acts including buying smuggled goods, photocopying books and notes, buying pirated CDs, DVDs and even computer software programs. However, many people indeed do not know the consequences of these acts. Here, I am going to talk about the consequences of those acts and try to talk the students into not doing such illegal acts.

Many students wrongly think that the penalties of those illegal acts are not serious. In fact, you may be liable to a heavy fine of even sentenced to jail. The reason behind why the students commit those illegal acts is mainly due to money. Being a student, they do not have jobs yet. The only source of money from their parents is limited. Since those illegal goods are always cheaper than the legal goods, students would buy the cheaper one rather than the more expensive one as they do not have too much money or they want to save up some pocket money. However, they have to answer for such illegal acts one day which means they have to pay the heavy fine or be sentenced to jail. So I want to ask if it is worthwhile to commit those illegal acts? The answer is definitely not.

Some students may think that it is all their own problems and they have the right to do everything they want to do. They are very selfish and they have never thought about the serious affect to the others as a result of their illegal acts. Those illegal acts would lead to the decline in sales of the legal goods and the consequently sharp depreciation that many relevant companies suffer from. All these add up to many companies falling into decline. More seriously, many companies would close down as a result of your illegal acts. Consequently, many people become unemployed. Are you

happy to see such consequences? Please think before you take action as your one decision may lead to a great effect on others. Don't be selfish, stop committing such illegal acts right now.

Have you ever considered it is a form of support to the illegal workers when you are buying the illegal goods from them? In fact, they can't do without your support. To many students' surprise, whether the illegal companies survive or not depends on them. If all students stay away from those illegal acts, the profit they get must greatly decrease. You will become a criminal if you support those criminals. Undoubtedly, it is not a pleasure to become a criminal, right?

There are three ways to discourage those illegal acts, and the government, schools and parents are three important components of such ways. First and foremost, the government can increase the extent of penalty concerning such illegal acts. They can also advertise on TV to let people know about the illegal acts as many people do not know the acts they are doing are illegal. Second, the schools can organize the talks for the students regularly in order to educate them not to commit those illegal acts. Last but not least, the parents should educate their children by means of telling them which acts are illegal when they are young. Then they are less likely to commit those illegal acts when they grow up. I am convinced if they act on these ways, those illegal acts can be discouraged.





6B Wong Shuk Fan

Do you know that some of you may be one of the supporters of the illegal acts? Do you know that buying pirated CDs, DVDs and photocopying of books is illegal? Actually, besides the above, buying smuggled goods and copying computer software programs are all illegal. It is obvious that many students lack knowledge in these issues, they may ignore the seriousness of getting involved in these illegal acts and their influences to the society and even you.

Firstly, getting involved in illegal acts may affect the future of the students. Getting involved in illegal acts is very dangerous and will result in getting a penalty from the government. The bad conduct will be given to you. Conduct is an important factor for finding jobs. Imagine, if you are the boss of the company, will you hire someone with bad conduct or someone who has the same education level but without any bad conduct? The answer is obvious, the one with no bad conduct. It is easy to know that it is not worthwhile to get involved in illegal acts. Will you be pleased to see that it damages your bright future?

Secondly, many people know that Hong Kong is proud of her creative industry. However getting involved in these illegal acts seriously damages its development. For the creative industry, capital is one of the important factors for its daily running. If you get involved in buying pirated CDs and DVDs and photo- copying books from criminals, how can the creative industry get money for developing their creations? What will you think if your favourite idol will not publish his or her new CD anymore because of lack of capital? You can imagine that Hong Kong will become dull because the creative industry declines. I think no one wants to see this happen in our home, Hong Kong.

Thirdly, these illegal acts damage the image of Hong Kong. As other people, such as tourists find out that many illegal acts happen in Hong Kong, they may doubt whether the moral education in Hong Kong is enough because most people show their support to these illegal acts. They may also think that Hong Kong is not a place of civilisation anymore. What will you feel if people said that you are this kind of person?

It is our responsibility to work against these illegal acts. I think we can start with both schools and the government. For schools, they play an important role in teaching students, so they can organise talks and activities, such as exhibitions and games to let the students know the importance in working against these illegal acts and what is their role in this issue.

For the government, they can train more people working against these illegal acts and take more action on them. For instance, increase the number of patrol policeman and enforcement. Besides, improving the regulation is also a way. With the harsher punishment, most people may be afraid and less people will get involved in these illegal acts.

There is a strong need to work against these illegal acts. Both schools and the government have the responsibility to discourage these acts. Let's show our efforts on it!



6C MO YEUK TIN

Nowadays, there are a lot of illegal acts happening in the Hong Kong society; for example, photocopying looks and notes, buying pirated CDs or DVDs and copying computer software programs. This trend becomes more serious. However, have you ever thought that these kinds of illegal acts are damaging your life and the whole society? All of them have plenty of disadvantages. It is good for you to stop doing the illegal behaviour.

First of all, the illegal acts will surely harm your life. It is because you will break the law and you will be caught by the police. Don't think the police cannot find you. For now it is very easy for the police to detect you as they have lots of high technologies. If you are caught by the police, you will be given a heavy sentence as these illegal acts are very rampant in Hong Kong society. First you have to pay a heavy fine. Then you may be sentenced to imprisonment. It is not a good consequence. Besides if you do these acts, you break the moral standard of society. You may not be respected by your friends or family. As you see, this behaviour is totally harming your life. Why don't you stop it?

Second this illegal deed will harm the creative industry. As all the products are completely designed by the designers, they expect their products to be respected by people. Nevertheless, the offenders just ignore the designers' feelings. They use pirated goods just for their own convenience. As a result, the motivation of designing new products will be lessened by

those people. For example if somebody keeps stealing your food which you cooked, what will you feel? Absolutely, you will not feel happy and your desire for cooking more food will be reduced. Thus, the creative industry will decline, and there will be far fewer new products for this world.

Third, this widespread malpractice will also prevent the economic development. Because of the low prices, people are tempted to buy the pirated CDs and DVDs. Or they don't even need to pay as they just download the software. However, the producers will suffer. As a result, these companies will bear the brunt of the act. They will finally go into liquidation. The economic development will be affected by these illegal acts.

But these deeds must be entirely banned. Therefore, the government should adopt the carrot and stick methods. For the strict action, the government should impose a heavier penalty on the people who break the law. So, they may think carefully about the consequences that they have to bear. It can stop their behaviour.

Only imposing penalties on them is not enough. We should also give them the carrot. The access to these illegal acts is too easy. People can easily buy the pirated CDs or DVDs and download software on the Internet. Thus, the government should provide more security systems to protect the products, thus reducing the risk of piracy.

Undoubtedly, education is a good method to solve this problem. Teachers should educate students on the importance of respecting copyright and the designers. If they understand the importance of intellectual property, I believe the trend of using pirated goods will decrease.

All in all, these illegal deeds have a lot of disadvantages. All of them will harm your life and society. We must stop doing this. Moreover, the government should also do something to stop this trend.



The pros and cons of taking a gap yoar



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In Europe and North America, it is quite common for students to work full time for one year before entering university. Recently, some employers and educationalists have suggested that Form 7 graduates in Hong Kong should do the same. What are the pros and cons of taking a gap year and should Form 7 graduates follow suit? Let me spell the issue out.

Firstly, taking a year off is a good opportunity for the graduates to relax. After experiencing the toilsome AL exams, the graduates feel exhausted and really need a break. A gap year is definitely a great chance for them to recharge their batteries. For example, they can take the chance to travel abroad and explore exotic places. Traveling is a good way to relax as well as to learn foreign languages and cultures. This helps graduates broaden their horizons. Having good relaxation surely helps graduates refresh themselves and makes them more independent, enhancing their motivation towards their studies.

Secondly, a gap year is a good time for graduates to enrich their CV as working full time can provide them precious work experience. It would be rewarding for graduates to learn new skills and experience the real world in advance, especially when they are engaged in a sector which they are

interested in. Working provides them a head start for their future career, and at the same time, lets them consider whether their dream jobs really suit them or not, so they might adjust their options earlier.

Thirdly, graduates can gain a sense of responsibility by saving money for their studies. A gap year enables graduates to earn money to pay for the school fees for university. Apart from relieving the financial burden inflicted on their families, they learn that they have to pay their effort and experience the hardship of work in order to pursue their studies and achieve their goal. This helps them develop a sense of responsibility.

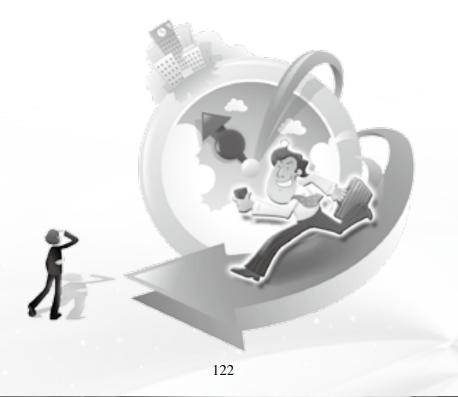
However, a coin has two sides. First of all, some graduates may find it hard to settle back into their studies. For example, graduates who have got used to an irregular timetable during the gap year may find it hard to re-set their alarm clock for the monotonous morning call. They may mess up their time management, leading to a decline in efficiency of study in their new university life.

Moreover, graduates who are too impatient to wait may quit and choose to begin their career earlier, as revealed by a recent survey conducted by the Chinese University. Among all the Form 7 graduates taking a gap year, about 20% quit their education in favour of their career. It is short-sighted of them to do so as most of the employers take a close look at their resume.

Finally, a major concern of this issue is that taking a gap year delays the time of graduation and thus the graduates' start of joining the labour force. When your friends graduate from university, you will still be one year behind them. There's no surprise that some graduates might unnecessarily develop a sense of inferiority.



Taking a gap year is a great chance for relaxation from the clutches of academic exams and tests. Working during a gap year can also give graduates rewarding work experience. Working paid jobs can also help graduates develop a sense of responsibility and earn some cash to pay their school fees or save up for travel. However the graduates may find it difficult to settle back to their studies after taking a gap year. Some career-minded graduates may choose to begin their career earlier and abandon schooling. Although some think that taking a year off is a waste of time as this delays the commencement of graduates, I think it's still worthwhile to do so as its pros outweigh its cons. Therefore it's advisable for Form 7 graduates to take a gap year. However, taking a gap year is a matter of choice. Form 7 graduates must think carefully what their reasons for taking a gap year are and they must plan cautiously and set goals for their gap year.





Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my feelings on the article 'Designer Babies'. As genetic technology has become more advanced, designing our own babies by choosing the gender, appearance and intelligence is not an impossibility. It may even come true in the foreseeable future. But I do not think that is good news because I believe this practice would have serious side-effects on human beings, society and those designer babies.

First of all, I believe that humans have no right to manipulate life. Life consists of reproduction, growth, development, death, etc. All these are natural processes. We can do something to help these processes develop better such as improving medical care and doing exercise, but we should not and must not try to tamper with them. I support parents trying to prevent hereditary and genetic diseases like the harelip for their babies' healthy growth by using the latest genetic technology; however, that should be all. Why do we even want to change babies' gender, appearance and intelligence, and to tamper with their lives? Appearance, gender and intelligence are not the most important things anymore in our life nowadays or in the future society. Discrimination of gender and appearance is becoming less prevalent. A woman can also work as a leader in a firm or become a president to lead the country. Those who tease someone with an ugly appearance are foolish. Everyone can be successful no matter whether he or she is intelligent if he or she finds the right job. No one has the right to manipulate life.

If we can design our babies, I am afraid the gap between the rich and the poor will become wider. It is because designing babies is a service which



involves money, so the rich can afford to design a better or even a 'perfect' baby while the poor cannot do so. As a result, the rich children perform better than the poor children in school in every aspect like sports, arts, music and academic subjects. The poor children have to work even harder to catch up with the standard. When the new generation grows up and enters society, there is no surprise that the rich families dominate society in terms of social stature or the job position because of the inborn preponderance. Finally the poor will be marginalised. They cannot maintain their livelihood through hard work and may depend on social welfare. They may be considered the burden of society.

I am also afraid our designer babies will lose their individuality and uniqueness. For example, if the parents have similar ideas of beauty and intelligence in a particular period, we can imagine that there will be thousands of Beckhams or Einsteins on the street twenty years later. How horrible! Children may have the same appearance but they have no blood relationship. Then how will they feel? They may think that's fun at the beginning, but afterwards, they may be confused about their identity and who they really are. Hence, having designer babies' is violating individuality and uniqueness of life. Life is so precious and every life is unique. While technology changes life into a product, it is just like picking up ingredients to cook a dish without thinking of whether the ingredients match each other. When genetic selection becomes a business, we can easily give up on our child and 'create' a better one. The whole issue is just a business transaction.

The idea of designer babies seems to provide parents a better way to try their best for their babies, but it does not mean it is the best for the babies. This idea is even harmful to human beings, society and the babies themselves.

Yours faithfully Chris Wong.

CHINA, ARE YOU READY?

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Having gained the experience of the previous attempts, China eventually defeated other countries such as Pakistan, Osaka, Paris and Toronto and made a successful bid to host the 2008 Olympic Games. However, while all Chinese, government officials included, are very happy about it, it brings into question whether China is capable to handle this 4-year-interval global event and meet the required standards. In a bid to ease our worry, the Chinese government alleged that they have been doing much preparation work such as fighting air pollution, upgrading its infrastructure and educating the public. Have China done enough on these three aspects? Are the new measures able to make improvement? In this essay, we are going to look into these questions.

Air pollution has long been a major problem in China. With a sheer number of vehicles and factories, the air pollution level in Beijing has always been high and we can hardly see a blue sky. To improve air quality, the Chinese government claimed that they introduced a number of new measures such as barring cars from the road in busy area, replacing 2,580 outdated buses and 5,000 obsolete taxis as well as shutting down or relocating plants near Beijing. Figures revealed that vehicle emission is lowered and the air pollution level drops gradually. Beijing can probably meet its commitments to hold a "green Olympics" next summer and we can soon see blue skies instead of unhealthy haze.



China has also put much effort on upgrading the infrastructure. With the boost in China's economy, money is definitely not a problem. Actually, 470 billion Yuan is expected to be invested in Olympics infrastructure. There is abundant land available in Beijing, so there is no hindrance on the recent 2,400 construction and upgrading projects. For example, 28 massive structures have been built or renovated to house Olympics events. Subways, roads and even the current international airport are being upgraded. We can see that China's preparations are so massive and well-orchestrated that it is going to provide the best places for competition, accommodation and transport to the outsiders.

However, without the cooperation of the public, there will not be a successful and perfect Olympics. Thus, the Chinese government has put many resources on educating the public to get them well-prepared for the upcoming Olympics. For the young ones, Olympic education is provided for 400 million students in more that 400,000 schools. Plus, programmes such as the "Olympic Education Model Schools" encourages students to be more involved in the 2008 Olympics. For adults, the Chinese government has recruited some officials to distribute good-manners pamphlets, warning people not to spit in public and telling them to stand in line at bus stops during "designated queuing days". It is hoped that the public can improve their personal behaviour and be more "civilized". However, raising the residents' standards in such a short period of time is definitely a daunting task. Many still cannot see any improvement on the public's behaviour and they are not confident to see this change.



Undoubtedly, China has pulled its weight in preparing for this big global event. This can be seen on the improvement in air quality and the upgrade of infrastructure. However, when it comes to the public's behaviour, there is still little progress. The China government should do more on this aspect and we all, myself included, are eager to see Beijing to make the Olympics a monumental success.