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**SECTION B**

HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION 2005

## **USE OF ENGLISH AS-LEVEL**

### **SECTION B**

### **WRITING**

8.30 am – 9.45 am (1¼ hours)

1. You have 1¼ hours for this paper (which is allocated 18% of the total subject mark).
2. It is suggested that you spend some of the time on planning and proofreading.
3. Write legibly and make neat corrections wherever necessary.
4. **DO NOT USE YOUR REAL NAME IN ANSWERING ANY OF THE QUESTIONS.** If names are provided in the question, you must use those names. If no name is provided and you still wish to use a name to identify yourself, then use 'Chris Wong'. If you need to use names for other characters in the composition, you should use names such as Mary, Peter, Wai Yee, Mr Smith, Ms Young, etc. You may lose marks if you do not follow these instructions.
5. Write about 500 words on ONE of the topics.

**Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**

1. At an inter-class sporting event your team became involved in a dispute which led to an outbreak of fighting with the opposing team. You witnessed the entire incident and do not agree with your school principal's decision to expel two of your classmates.

Write a letter to the principal, Ms Lam, to explain how the fight arose and to ask for understanding and leniency with regard to your classmates' conduct. Suggest an alternative punishment and outline the most useful lesson students can draw from this experience. You can base the incident on any team sport with which you are familiar. Sign your letter 'Chris Wong'.

2. There has recently been an increase in the number of Secondary 6 students granted early admission to university on the basis of their outstanding Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination results. Write an article for your school newspaper from your perspective as a Secondary 7 student. Give your views as to the benefits and drawbacks of the Early Admissions Scheme for secondary schools, for Secondary 6 students who have been admitted, and for students doing the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination.

3. You are a reporter for a travel magazine which has just conducted a survey to collect opinions about Hong Kong from visiting Mainland tourists. Write an article giving a broad outline of the survey results. You should report on the tourists' impressions of Hong Kong and Hong Kong people, including the negative as well as the positive aspects. Also suggest measures that can be taken by the Hong Kong Tourism Board to enhance Hong Kong's competitive edge as an attractive destination for Mainland tourists.

4. A Hong Kong radio station has recently started a programme to help young people solve their emotional problems. You called the radio programme host, Ms Wong, to tell her about a serious interpersonal problem that had been troubling you a lot. She offered you some advice, which you followed, but the outcome turned out to be disastrous.

Based on this experience, write a letter to the Editor of a youth magazine questioning the quality of the advice offered by radio programme hosts who do not have professional qualifications in counselling. Share your views about the usefulness and dangers of such programmes. Suggest ways in which young people can get good advice. Sign your letter 'Chris Wong'.

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