

Extended response questions

Answer *one* question only.

1. Consider the following sources:

Source A: Adapted from a journal article in 2011 and a news report in 2019

Information on the internet has great impacts on the health understanding, perception and behaviour of individuals and the general public. On one hand, online media provide health information (including knowledge and warnings) to help improve health knowledge and literacy of the public and to prevent diseases. On the other hand, incomplete and incorrect information also brings adverse effects such as unhealthy lifestyle. The flow of information is not restricted by borders, and information may even spread faster and more widely than viruses.

Source B: Adapted from a journal article in 2018

The human and economic impacts of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), Ebola, and other diseases, have been shocking. Communities must be engaged as active partners in disease prevention. The health workforce must work with inter-professional teams, communities, and across sectors for global pandemic preparedness.

- (a) How does information on the internet affect people's health-related choices? Explain your answer. (8 marks)
- (b) 'Medical professionals play the most important role in maintaining public health.' To what extent do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. (12 marks)

2. Consider the following sources:

Source A: Adapted from a commentary in 2019 and an online article of Legislative Council in 2018

In Hong Kong, with the rapid development of internet technology and the growing popularity of smartphones, traditional payment methods that rely on cash mainly are being replaced by electronic payment. Electronic payment and internet shopping promote each other, and a variety of related services have come into existence, changing people's way of consumption.

Source B: Adapted from a news report in 2020

Countries such as Germany, Japan, and South Korea that are facing the problem of ageing population need robots to fill their labour force. The CEO of a research institute points out that innovative technology not only improves work practice and quality of life, but also helps solve the problems caused by ageing population. Nevertheless, how humans and robots can work with each other will become a topic for future exploration.

Source C: Adapted from a speech of a government official in 2020

The wave of innovative technology has swept the world, fundamentally changing the economic structure and human life. The application and popularisation of innovative technologies, such as communication technology, artificial intelligence, and big data, have spawned new industries and sharing economy, have lowered the threshold for starting businesses, and have given birth to new ideas, new products and services.

- (a) What are the impacts of electronic payment on Hong Kong's consumption pattern? Explain your answer. (8 marks)
- (b) 'Innovative technology brings more opportunities than challenges to the career prospect of young people in Hong Kong.' To what extent do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. (12 marks)

3. Consider the following sources:

Source A: Adapted from a news report in 2019

A survey on the exercise habits of Hong Kong people showed that nearly 80% of the respondents exercised at least once a month, and half of them expressed their intention to increase the frequency of doing exercise. The survey also collected respondents' opinions on sports venues in Hong Kong, and found that 'parks and recreational spaces' (45%), 'government sports facilities' (45%) and 'sports facilities of estates' (38%) were the places where the respondents did exercise more often. The survey report also quoted the 2017-2018 Budget, stating that the average usage rate of sports grounds under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department since 2017 was as high as 99%.

Source B: Adapted from a Legislative Council document in 2018

With regard to art and culture, the government allocated \$21.6 billion in 2008 for the construction of the West Kowloon Cultural District to increase the number of art and cultural venues. It continued to allocate large amounts of resources in response to the need of the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District. With regard to sports, the government decided to allocate \$31.9 billion to build the Kai Tak Sports Park in 2017. In addition, the government has also constructed the East Kowloon Cultural Centre and revamped the Hong Kong Museum of Art in the past few years, and has reserved \$20 billion to build more and revamp cultural, recreation and sports facilities.

- (a) What are the factors affecting Hong Kong people's exercise habits? Explain your answer. (8 marks)
- (b) 'To significantly enhance the quality of life of Hong Kong people, the government should increase the resources allocated to culture and sports.' To what extent do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. (12 marks)

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