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Paper 1

Reading passages word counts

HKDSE	Part A	Part B1	Part B2
2012	994	888	1103
2013	1088	818	1090
2014	956	894	1105
Average	1013	867	1114
2015	1022 (729 + 293)	914 (225 + 689)	1114 (997 + 117)

No. of questions/marks

HKDSE	Part A		Part B1		Part B2	
	Q	M	Q	M	Q	M
2012	20	47	20	45	33	46
2013	25	41	20	41	20	41
2014	30	47	29	41	25	41
Average	25	45	23	42	26	43
2015	31	40	24	40	22	40

Question types used in Part A

Question type	Question number	Total	2014	2013	2012
Thematic	Q23	1	-	1	1
Main idea	Q10, Q17, Q20, Q21, Q22, Q25, Q29	7	1	2	3
Specific factual	Q2, Q6	2	13	9	7
Specific/Inference	Q9	1	-	5	-
Vocabulary	Q19, Q27	2	-	1	2
Reference	Q4, Q8, Q12, Q24	4	4	1	1
Inference	Q1, Q13, Q14, Q15, Q26, Q28	6	10	3	5
Figurative language	Q5, Q7	2	-	1	-
Views justification	Q11, Q16, Q18	3	-	-	1
Sequencing	Q3	1	1	1	-
Higher-order thinking	Q30, Q31	2	1	-	-

Question formats used in Part A

Question format	Question number	Total	2014	2013	2012
Multiple choice	Q5	1	6	7	6
Short response	Q1, Q2, Q4, Q6, Q8, Q10, Q11, Q12, Q13, Q15, Q19, Q20, Q21, Q22, Q24, Q26, Q27	17	13	7	6
Matching subheadings/main points to paragraphs	-	-	1	-	-
T/F/NG	Q14	1	2	2	1

Labelling pictures	-	-	1	1	1
Cloze summary	Q17	1	-	2	1
Extended response	Q7, Q9, Q16, Q18, Q23, Q25, Q28, Q29, Q30, Q31	10	6	4	3
Matching sentences to speakers	-	-	1	-	1
Ordering events	Q3	1	1	1	-
Table completion	-	-	-	-	1
Sentence completion	-	-	1	-	-

Question types used in Part B1

Question type	Question number	Total	2014	2013	2012
Thematic	Q40	1	1	-	1
Main idea	Q44, Q47, Q49, Q53, Q54	5	-	1	3
Specific factual	Q35, Q36, Q38, Q42, Q45, Q46, Q48, Q50	8	15	12	6
Specific/Inference	Q33, Q41	2	2	1	1
Vocabulary	Q34, Q55	2	4	1	2
Reference	Q43	1	2	2	2
Inference	Q32, Q37, Q52	3	4	3	4
Figurative language	Q51	1	-	-	-
Views justification	Q39	1	-	-	-
Sequencing	-	-	1	-	1
Higher-order thinking	-	-	-	-	-

Question formats used in Part B1

Question format	Question number	Total	2014	2013	2012
Multiple choice	Q38, Q40, Q47, Q51, Q52, Q55	6	5	2	5
Short response	Q32, Q33, Q34, Q36, Q37, Q41, Q42, Q43, Q44, Q45, Q46, Q50, Q53	13	13	6	4
Matching subheadings/main points to paragraphs	Q49	1	-	-	1
T/F/NG	Q48	1	2	2	1
Labelling pictures	Q35	1	1	-	-
Cloze summary	-	-	-	1	1
Extended response	Q39, Q54	2	5	4	1
Matching sentences to speakers	-	-	-	1	1
Ordering events	-	-	1	-	2
Sentence completion	-	-	1	-	1
Ticking boxes/blackening circles	-	-	1	3	1
Single/multiple blank	-	-	-	1	2
Table completion	-	-	-	-	-

Question types used in Part B2

Question type	Question number	Total	2014	2013	2012
Thematic	Q74, Q75	2	-	-	-
Main idea	Q59, Q61, Q63, Q66, Q69, Q71	6	2	4	6
Specific factual	Q64	1	7	5	3
Specific/Inference	-	-	1	2	1
Vocabulary	Q58, Q65, Q72	3	1	1	6
Reference	Q60	1	5	2	3
Inference	Q56, Q57, Q62, Q67, Q68, Q73	6	7	2	8
Figurative language	Q70	1	3	1	1
Views justification	Q76, Q77	2	-	-	1
Sequencing	-	-	-	1	1
Higher-order thinking	-	-	-	2	3

Question formats used in Part B2

Question format	Question number	Total	2014	2013	2012
Multiple choice	Q56, Q63, Q65, Q69, Q75	5	5	4	9
Short response	Q58, Q60, Q67, Q68, Q70, Q71, Q72	7	13	4	11
Matching subheadings/main points to paragraphs	-	-	1	-	-
T/F/NG	Q62	1	-	1	1
Labelling pictures	-	-	-	-	-
Cloze summary	Q61	1	1	2	1
Extended response	Q57, Q66, Q74, Q76, Q77	5	4	7	9
Matching sentences to speakers/person in the text	Q59	1	-	1	-
Sentence completion	-	-	1	-	-
Ticking boxes/blackening circles	Q73	1	-	-	-
Proofreading	Q64	1	-	-	-
Single/multiple blank	-	-	-	-	1
Ordering events	-	-	-	-	1
Timeline completion	-	-	1	-	-
Table completion	-	-	-	-	-

Paper 1 summary

Part A

- Two reading passages
- 31 questions (Text 1: 24; Text 2: 7)
- 40 marks (Text 1: 31; Text 2: 9)
- Word count: 1022 words (Text 1: 729; Text 2: 293)

Reading passage: Text 1—In from the cold among warm-hearted Koreans

- This is an adapted version of an article in the SCMP
(<http://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/books/article/1448556/books-qa-daniel-tudor-aut-hor-geek-korea>)

Reading passage: Text 2—Tudor’s Book Covers Implausible, Impossible Korea

- This is an adapted version of an article in the Wall Street Journal
(<http://blogs.wsj.com/korearealtime/2012/10/15/tudors-book-covers-implausible-impossible-korea/>)

Part B1

- Two reading passages
- 24 questions (Text 3: 10; Text 4: 14)
- 40 marks (Text 3: 15; Text 4: 25)
- Word count: 914 words (Text 3: 225; Text 4: 689)

Reading passage: Text 3—Witness Statement

- This is a sample witness statement, taken from an Australian website which provides legal advice
(http://www.lawassist.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/lawassist/lawassist_sample_witness_statements_1_car_accidents.html)

Reading passage: Text 4—Will cars with no drivers catch on?

- This is an adapted version of an article in the Washington Post
(<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/10/23/heres-what-it-would-take-for-self-driving-cars-to-catch-on/>)

Part B2

- One text, with comments
- 22 questions
- 40 marks
- Word count: 1052 words (Text 5: 997; Comments: 117)

Reading passage: Text 5—Young Minds in Critical Condition

- This is lifted from an article in ‘The Opinion Pages’ of *The New York Times*
(http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/05/10/young-minds-in-critical-condition/?_r=1)

Paper 3

Marks

	Part A					Part B1			Part B2		
	<i>Task 1</i>	<i>Task 2</i>	<i>Task 3</i>	<i>Task 4</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Task 5</i>	<i>Task 6</i>	<i>Task 7</i>	<i>Task 8</i>	<i>Task 9</i>	<i>Task 10</i>
2012	13	13	14	13	53	12	18	18	18	18	18
2013	14	13	15	16	58	18	18	18	18	18	18
2014	12	15	15	18	60	18	18	18	18	18	18
2015	17	14	16	11	58	18	18	18	18	18	18
Av	14	13.75	14.75	14.5	57.25	16.5	18	18	18	18	18

Content points in Tasks 6–7

	<i>Task 6</i>		<i>Task 7</i>		<i>Task 8</i>		<i>Task 9</i>		<i>Task 10</i>	
	<i>TC</i>	<i>CPs</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>CPs</i>	<i>Marks</i>	<i>CPs</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>CPs</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>CPs</i>
2012	9	12	9	15	9	15	9	13	9	14
2013	9	9	9	18	9	13	9	9	9	13
2014	9	9	9	10	9	15	9	11	9	10
2015	9	12*	9	10*	9	12*	9	16*	9	12*
Av	9	10.5*	9	13.25*	9	11.25*	9	12.25*	9	12.25*

TC = Task Completion, CPs = Content Points *Estimate

Tapescript word count

	Part A				Part B	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Task 1</i>	<i>Task 2</i>	<i>Task 3</i>	<i>Task 4</i>		
2012	571	868	742	580	1079	3658
2013	822	1037	476	624	1213	4172
2014	815	612	922	984	1106	4439
2015	728	670	915	754	895	3962
Av	734	797	764	735	1073	4058

All figures are for just the tasks, without the 'Announcer' parts (rubrics and end of task announcements)

DF items/word count

	B1		B2	
	<i>DF items</i>	<i>Word count</i>	<i>DF items</i>	<i>Word count</i>
2012	7	1040	8	1738
2013	9	1224	10	1836
2014	9	1487	13	1872
2015	11	1410	10	2057
Av	9	1290	10.33	1876

Word limit for Part B tasks

	Part B1			Part B2		
	<i>Task 5</i>	<i>Task 6</i>	<i>Task 7</i>	<i>Task 8</i>	<i>Task 9</i>	<i>Task 10</i>
2012	–	120	150	150	200	200
2013	–	120	150	150	120	200
2014	–	120	150	150	150	200
2015	–	120	150	120	180	200
Av	–	120	150	142	162	200

Paper 3 summary

Part A

4 tasks, 58 marks in total (very close to the average)

2012	53
2013	58
2014	60
2015	58
Average	57.25

Task 1

17 marks

2012	13
2013	14
2014	12
2015	17
Average	14

Format: 'Meeting notes' (gap-fill/sentence completion/ticking boxes)

Listening for numbers

Listening for times and dates

Listening for place names

Listening for web addresses

Listening for keywords and information

Listening for changes and self-corrections

Listening for descriptions of pictures

Listening for opinions

Task 2

14 marks

2012	13
2013	13
2014	15
2015	14
Average	13.75

Format: table completion (gap-fill/sentence completion, giving reasons which are explicitly stated)

Listening for keywords and information

Listening for positive and negative information

Listening for comparisons and preferences

Evaluating information

Listening for main ideas and supporting points

Task 3

16 marks

2012	14
2013	15
2014	15
2015	16
Average	14.75

Format: 'Meeting notes' (gap-fill/sentence completion)

Listening for keywords and information

Listening and completing a text

Summarizing information

Task 4

11 marks

2012	13
2013	16
2014	18
2015	11
Average	14.5

Format: Radio debate Question-Answer sheet

Listening for keywords and information

Listening for implied meanings

Listening for attitudes and opinions

Listening for main ideas and supporting points

Summarizing information

Listening for descriptions of cause and effect, problems and solutions

Task 5

18 marks

Complete a schedule using information from the Data File and the recording

Task 6

18 marks

Write a short biography of Charlie Chiba using information from the Data File (120 words)

Task 7

18 marks

Write an email replying to the pupils at St. Godfrey's Catholic School using information from the Data File and the recording (150 words)

Task 8

18 marks

Write an email to Ultimatum Products using information from the Data File and the recording (120 words)

Task 9

18 marks

Write an email to the manager at The Peak Sky Deck using information from the Data File and the recording (180 words)

Task 10

18 marks

Write a short article using information from the Data File (200 words)