

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 3

### PART B2

### DATA FILE

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Refer to the General Instructions on Page 1 of the Question-Answer Book for Part A.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART B2

- (1) The Question-Answer Book for Part B2 is inserted into this Data File.
- (2) For Part B, attempt **EITHER** those tasks in Part B1 (Tasks 5-7) **OR** those in Part B2 (Tasks 8-10)
- (3) You are advised to use a pen for Part B.
- (4) The Data Files will **NOT** be collected at the end of the examination. Do **NOT** write your answers in the Data Files.
- (5) Hand in only **ONE** Question-Answer Book for Part B, either B1 or B2, and tie it with the Question-Answer Book for Part A.

## PART B

### Situation

You are Frances Fan, a reporter working for a local newspaper.

You are going to listen to a radio phone in programme about removing a local park to make way for more public housing.

Before the recording is played, you will have five minutes to study the Question-Answer Book and the Data File for Part B1 and the Question-Answer Book and the Data File for Part B2. Remember you must choose to do the tasks in either Part B1 or Part B2. Do **NOT** attempt both Parts B1 and B2.

Complete the tasks by following the instructions in the Question-Answer Book that you choose and on the recording. You will find all the information you need in the Question-Answer Book and the Data File that you choose and in the recording. As you listen you can make notes on page 3 of the Data File.

You will have five minutes to familiarize yourself with the Part B Questions–Answer Book and the Data File.

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**Listening note-taking sheet for radio phone-in programme**

Terry Lau's ideas:

We need more \_\_\_\_\_.

The population is \_\_\_\_\_.

There are plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ where people can do what they want.

The elderly can practise *tai chi* \_\_\_\_\_.

Alice Woo's ideas:

Public parks are a safe haven away from \_\_\_\_\_.

People want to enjoy a \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

Country parks are \_\_\_\_\_.

People, especially the elderly, like to visit the parks to \_\_\_\_\_.

Avery Wong agrees with \_\_\_\_\_.

Ray Yip agrees with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Email from Rezona Lok, editor**

The image shows a screenshot of an email client window. The title bar at the top says "Email from Rezona Lok, editor". The window has a standard toolbar with icons for copy, paste, undo, redo, and other functions. The email header shows:

To: Frances Fan  
From: Rezona Lok  
Sent: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013  
Subject: Work-to-do

The body of the email contains the following text:

Dear Frances,

We've decided to follow this story on the possible closure of the local park to make way for more government housing. There are three things I would like you to be involved with:

A. Feature article

We want you to write a short feature article about Hong Kong parks and why they are so important to people. Please can you write this article and include as much information as you can provided by some local residents I interviewed.

You might want to start by having a look at those interview notes. Make sure you re-read your notes from the radio phone in programme as well.

B. Email to Nancy Kwok

Nancy has already submitted an article about proposed improvements to another park but she needs to check it and change a few things. Please email her and tell her what is needed. Remind her about the deadline for submission. You may want to start by looking at the notes about her article from the editorial team.

C. Editorial

Please write the editorial for the next issue to highlight how important local parks are to the local community. You can use the letter from Terry Lau which was published in the paper last week as a starting point. Write the editorial to argue against his point. You need to include the following:

- 1) A good title;
- 2) A brief to give a summary of Terry's point of view;
- 3) The positive effects the park has on the local community.

You may want to start by reading Terry's letter and don't forget to check your notes from the radio phone in programme.

Let me know when everything is finished.

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## Notes from the editorial team on Nancy Kwok's article

### Editorial team: submitted article comment

Issue: Vol 27 – Sept 2013

Submission reviewed on August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013

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Writer: Nancy Kwok

Topic: threat to local park

Reviewer: Tracy Chan

Images: remind Nancy we need a choice of images, PDF format, and she needs to tell us the source

Title: not included. We need this urgently. There is a limit on the number of letters.

Word count: 1200 (Comment: Check the word limit for this issue.)

#### Reviewer's comment:

Nancy needs contacting about the above details. She also needs to check the names of the people she mentions in her article and confirm the dates when she says events are/were held in the park before we can publish.

## Minutes of editorial meeting

### Editorial meeting

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013

Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room

Present: Rezona Lok, Frances Fan, Nick Lui, Mantic So, Tracy Chan

Apologies: Candy Yuen

1. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting
2. Matters arising
3. Upcoming issue: suggested topics — threat to local parks, festival highlights, working mums
4. Writers: RL agreed to contact previous contributors for articles. NL reminded everyone to check the 2013 publication guidelines. MS reminded everyone that around 20 images should be submitted with each article, including sources, and that the editorial team would probably choose a maximum of five to be used.
5. Deadline for articles: set for the end of this week, August 27<sup>th</sup>
6. Payment will be made once an article is accepted for publication.
7. Next meeting: Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>
8. AOB: the word limit for this month is 900 per article.

### Letters from concerned citizens in newspaper

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposal to remove Shatin park and turn it into government housing.

This would be a terrible mistake. My wife and I visit the park regularly, meeting friends there to enjoy traditional Chinese dancing. WE often eat a snack from the snack shop and admire the flowers. It is a very relaxing place and if it were replaced by even more flats we would have nowhere to go at the weekends. I hope the government will reconsider this idea and leave our park alone.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Lim, Shatin

Dear Sir,

*I read last week that the government wants to close Shatin Park and put up some more flats. What a terrible idea! My friends and I meet there every week to perform. We are a new band and we have been playing in Shatin Park for over 6 months. More and more people are coming to hear us and we are getting very popular. If we lose our venue, where will we play?*


*Let's stop this nonsense and save our park.*

*Leroy Yuen, Shatin*

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## Cultural and Leisure Services Department

The Hong Kong Cultural and Leisure Services Department manages over 25 local parks across the territory. Whether you wish to take a stroll, play in the park, enjoy *tai chi* or feed the fish, there is a park near you that will suit your needs.



### Upcoming events

Sundays from 2.30pm — A variety of live performances will be held in the park every Sunday. Check notice boards in individual parks for running order of events.

*tai chi*: mornings from 7am.

Artists' Bazaar: every weekend from 10am.

Get Fit Fast: Shatin Park and Tai Po Waterfront Park only. Evenings from 7pm.

Mid-Autumn Festival celebration: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (Thursday)

- ★ Hong Kong Park, Shatin Park
  - ★ Picnic or snacks 6–7pm
  - ★ Lucky draw 7–7.30pm
  - ★ Lanterns 7.30–8pm
- ★ Tai Po Waterfront Park, Ma On Shan Park
  - ★ Lucky draw 6.30–7pm
  - ★ Lanterns 7–8pm.

All welcome. Please check the park plan for location of events.

Done



### Interview notes: Interview with park users

Name: Cyrus Mok

Age: 17

Frequency of visits to park: weekly

Reason: plays in band

Any special information: Cyrus and his band mates perform to local crowds every Sunday afternoon and are getting quite a big group of fans. An agent has even been along to see them. If the park goes, they will have nowhere to perform. Cyrus wonders what they will do if they can't play music together.

Name: Abigail Lee

Age: 27

Frequency of visits to park: daily

Reason: brings her children to play

Any special information: Abigail lives in a crowded 400 square foot flat in Shatin with her husband and her parents-in-law. She feels there is not enough room for everybody, especially since she had her second child in January. She brings her children to the park to play every morning and usually buys a snack. She has no idea how she will cope if the park is taken away and she loses this freedom.

Name: Wilson Lam

Age: 74

Frequency of visits to park: every Saturday and Sunday

Reason: sells handicrafts

Any special information: Wilson has been drawing caricatures all his life and has funded a spot in Shatin Park where a number of artists sell portraits and paintings at the weekend. His wife died two years ago so now he lives alone. He loves the feel of community this group offers him, and he even makes a little bit of money. If the park is closed he will lose this connection and will be left alone at home at the weekends.

Name: Tiffany Kwok

Age: 9

Frequency of visits to the park: as often as possible

Reason: feeds the fish

Tiffany struggles at school and is under a lot of pressure to study. Her parents fight all the time and she hates being at home when they shout at each other, or, worse, at her. She escapes to the park as often as she can so she can relax and think. She loves being around the fish. They help her concentrate on her studies away from the noise at home.

**Transcript excerpt of lifestyle documentary ‘Balancing Act’**

(Cecile Lam video clip extract 1)

Cecile: I am sure every one of us has visited a park at some point in our lives. Many of us enjoyed playing there as children. It is common to see older people exercising and couples going for a romantic stroll. But now our parks may be under threat.

(Cecile Lam video clip extract 2)

Cecile: We talked to some of the people for whom the park is a life line. With me now is Abigail Lee. Abigail, what does the park mean to you?

Abigail: Honestly, Cecile, I don’t know how I would live without it. I come here every day to get some time away from my family. It is the only time I can relax.

Cecile: So how do you feel about the fact that the government is thinking of turning this park into government housing?

Abigail: I think it is a dreadful idea. I realize people need somewhere to live, but there is more to living than a 300 square foot box.

Cecile: Why do you think the park is so important?

Abigail: Take a look around you. It is always full of people doing things that are important to them. Enjoying nature, exercising, meeting people. Look, there’s a group of students studying over there. Where else could they do that?

Cecile: Yes, I get your point. The park is busy, without being crowded, even though it is 11am on a weekday and you would expect everyone to be at work.

Abigail: You should come here at the weekend. You really can’t imagine how many people use this place, for all sorts of things. It really is very important for the whole community.



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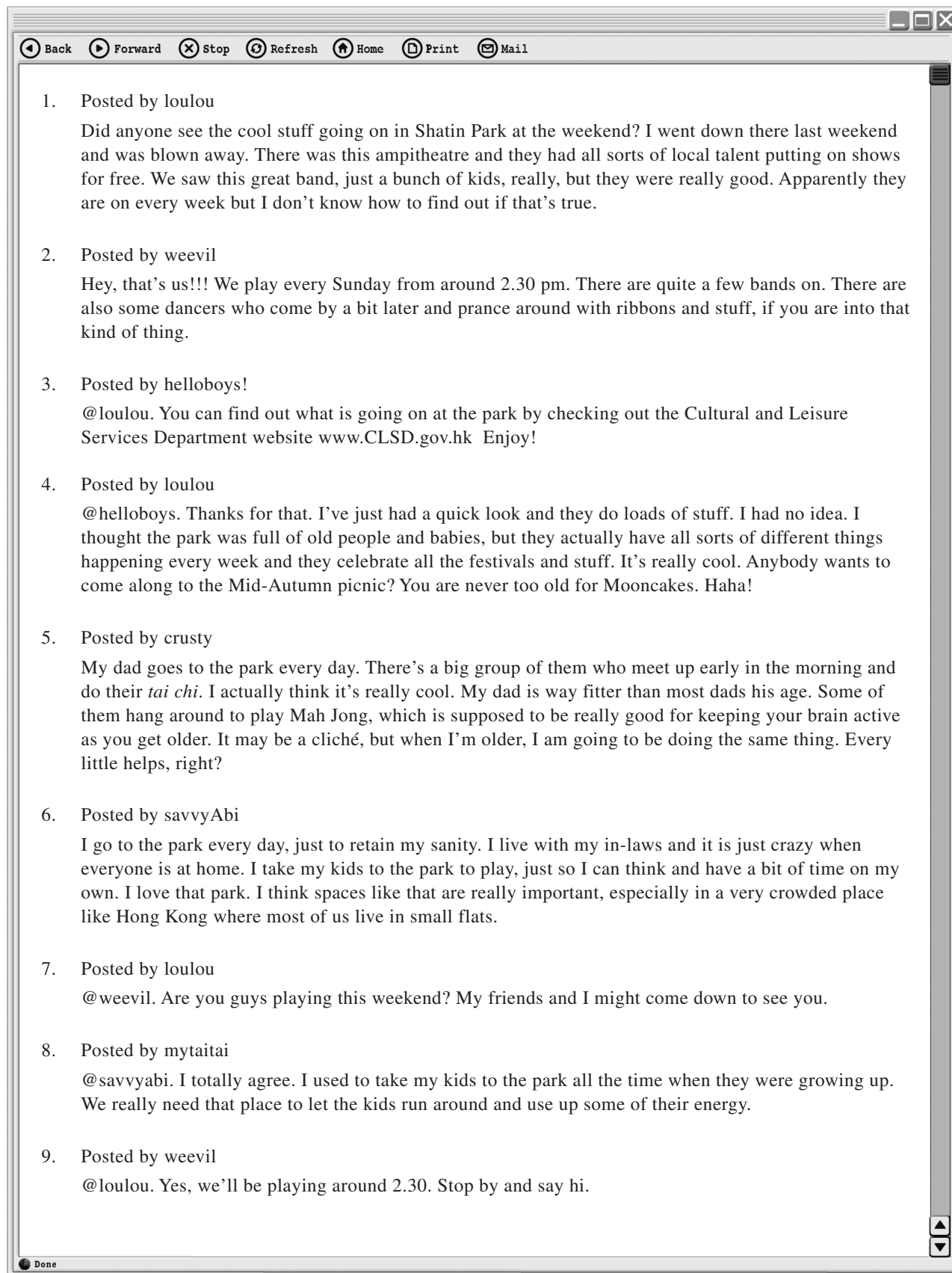


To: Editorial team  
From: Rezona Lok  
Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
Subject: 2013 Writers' Guidelines

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Please note new submission guidelines with immediate effect:

1. All articles must be submitted at least a month in advance to allow for editorial comments.
2. Copyright of all materials used (e.g. photographs) must not breach copyright laws. Source of all materials must be clearly stated.
3. Images must be sent as a soft copy in either PDF or JPEG format.
4. Refer to word limit stated in editorial meetings (check minutes if necessary) as this may vary.
5. Titles must not exceed 80 letters.
6. Style and content of article at the writer's discretion.
7. Payment will be made upon acceptance of article for publication.



## Letter from Terry Lau in newspaper

### EPH NEWS

Dear Sir,

I am writing with regard to recent criticisms of the government's proposal to remove Shatin Park and replace it with public housing.

Whilst I accept that many people enjoy the park, that is it, they enjoy it. People have to realize that we are facing a housing crisis. Our population is growing at an extraordinary rate and people need homes. Shatin Park is one of the largest in the territory. Shatin also enjoys the luxury of being surrounded by open spaces and access to two country parks, not to mention the proximity of the race course and Tolo Harbour. Shatin people cannot be selfish. They have plenty of room where they can relax.

When it comes to putting the needs of Hong Kong people first, I think we will all agree that having a roof over your head is far more important than having grass under your feet. Hong Kong people should not have to commute for hours every day simply because some people like to practise *tai chi* in the morning.

The government's proposal is the only way to ensure enough housing for everyone in a convenient location. The park has got to go.

Terry Lau,  
Secretary for Housing