

LIBERAL STUDIES PAPER 1
Question-Answer Book

8:30 am – 10:30 am (2 hours)
This paper must be answered in English

INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) This paper consists of three questions. **Answer ALL questions.**
- (2) After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1 and stick barcode labels in the spaces provided on Pages 1, 3, 5 and 7.
- (3) Write your answers in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. Do not write in the margins. Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
- (4) Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number, mark the question number box and stick a barcode label on each sheet, and fasten them with string **INSIDE** this book.
- (5) No extra time will be given to candidates for sticking on the barcode labels or filling in the question number boxes after the 'Time is up' announcement.
- (6) Candidates are reminded that this subject emphasises the ability to present and support points of view in a clear, concise and logical manner, rather than the ability to recall facts.

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Data-response Questions

Answer *all* the questions in this paper.

1. Consider the following sources:

Source A

Actual and Projected Population Statistics in Hong Kong

	Actual					Projected	
	1999	2003	2005	2007	2009	2029	2039
Aged 0-14 (Percentage of population)	17.5	15.7	14.2	13.3	12.5	12.0	11.0
Aged 15-64 (Percentage of population)	71.8	72.6	73.5	74.1	74.7	63.0	61.0
Aged 65 and over (Percentage of population)	10.7	11.7	12.3	12.6	12.8	25.0	28.0
Life expectancy at birth* (Years)	80.45	81.45	81.70	82.45	82.80	86.00	86.90

* This figure refers to the number of years that a person born in a given year is expected to live.

Source B

In the Policy Address and Budget Consultation conducted in August 2011, the Chief Executive, Mr. Donald Tsang, pointed out that care for elderly people is one of the major concerns of Hong Kong people. Some people have suggested that the Hong Kong Government should provide more resources for the needs of elderly people. Someone also suggested that legislation should be established to require young people to provide financial support for their own parents. However, others argued that legislation is unnecessary as the traditional Chinese society has long valued filial piety (respect for and obedience to parents).

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(a) Describe the trends of the population statistics of Hong Kong shown in Source A. (4 marks)

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- (c) To what extent do you agree with the suggestion about legislation for young people to provide financial support to their own parents? Explain your answer with reference to the above sources and your own knowledge. (10 marks)

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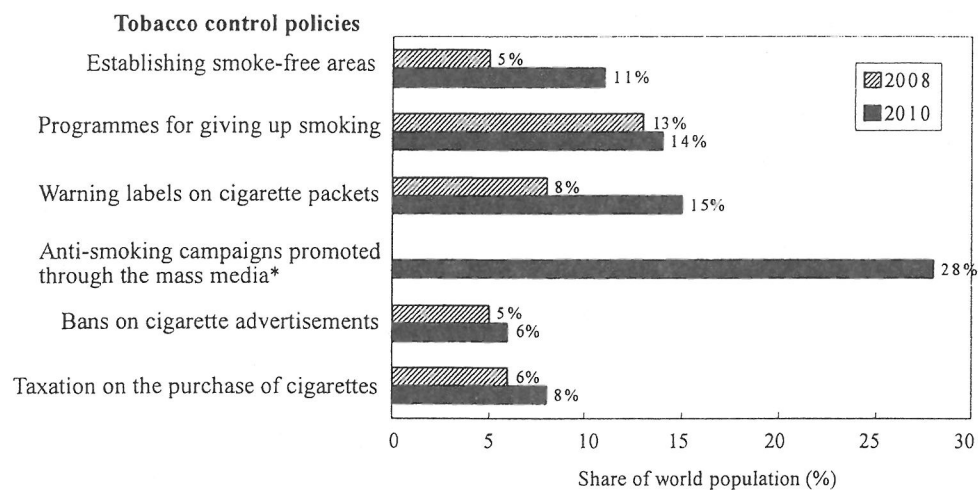
2. Consider the following sources:

Source A



Source B Data extracted from a report of the World Health Organisation

Share of the world population covered by some tobacco control policies in 2008 and 2010



* Mass media data were collected for the first time in 2010.

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(a) Identify and explain the public health risk highlighted in Source A.

(4 marks)

(b) Describe the features of the coverage of the world population by some tobacco control policies and the features of the changes that occurred between 2008 and 2010 as shown in Source B. (5 marks)

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- (c) Which two tobacco control policies shown in Source B might be more effective in dealing with the public health risk highlighted in Source A in Hong Kong? Explain your answer with reference to the sources and your own knowledge. (10 marks)

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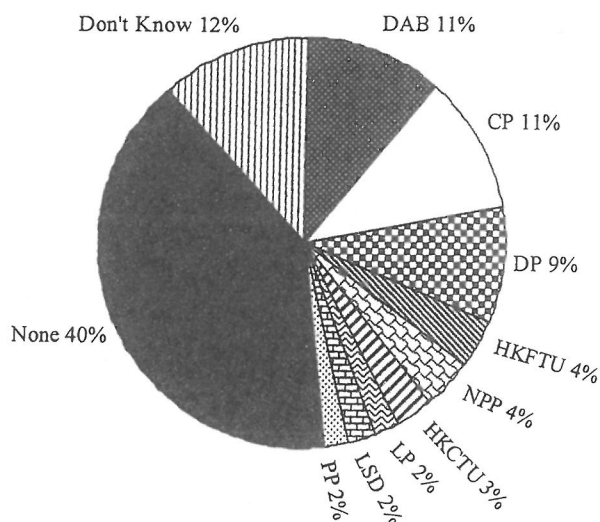
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3. Consider the following sources:

Source A Figure A1 and Table A2 show some findings from a survey conducted in April 2011 by a university in Hong Kong

Figure A1

The political organisations in the Legislative Council that Hong Kong people think can best represent or protect their interests



Keys

DAB: Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong
 CP: Civic Party
 DP: The Democratic Party
 HKFTU: The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
 NPP: New People's Party
 HKCTU: Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions
 LP: Liberal Party
 LSD: League of Social Democrats
 PP: People's Power

Table A2

Hong Kong people's satisfaction with the performance of some political organisations in the Legislative Council in April 2011

Political organisation	Very dissatisfied (%)	Somewhat dissatisfied (%)	Somewhat satisfied (%)	Very satisfied (%)	Don't know (%)
DAB	16	31	34	3	16
CP	11	24	40	4	21
DP	16	32	33	2	17
HKFTU	10	24	43	2	21
NPP	6	21	37	2	34
HKCTU	15	29	37	3	16
LSD	36	27	18	2	17
PP	30	27	15	2	26

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Source B An extract from a newspaper article

Inside the Legislative Council, the divide between the pro-establishment and the pan-democratic forces has shaped the battles over political issues. At the community level, major political organisations have succeeded in building up their groups of loyal supporters. In districts, offices run by District Council members from political organisations have played an important role in addressing residents' daily concerns on matters ranging from hygiene to bus frequency.

However, there is no denying that the growth of political organisations has lagged behind economic and social developments in the city. Political organisations are evolving at a slow pace. The two pan-democratic groups – the Democratic Party and the Civic Party – as well as the Liberal Party, have only several hundred members each. The Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong (DAB) has just over 20 000. All the organisations, in various degrees, face similar difficulties: lack of resources, weak policy research capacity, and a shortage of young talent. Importantly, the political organisations as a whole suffer from a negative public image.

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(a) According to Source A, what are the views of Hong Kong people towards the political organisations in Hong Kong? (4 marks)

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(b) With reference to Source B, suggest and explain some possible factors that help to account for the views of Hong Kong people as identified in (a). (5 marks)

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- (c) 'The presence of various political organisations in Hong Kong enhances the effectiveness of governance by the Hong Kong Government.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer with reference to the above sources and your own knowledge. (10 marks)

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