

**LIBERAL STUDIES PAPER 1**

8:30 am – 10:30 am (2 hours)

This paper must be answered in English

- (1) This paper consists of three questions. **Answer ALL questions.**
- (2) The Question-Answer Book is inserted into this Question Paper. Write your answers in the spaces provided in the **Question-Answer Book**. Answers written in this Question Paper will **NOT** be marked.
- (3) Do not write in the margins. Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
- (4) After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1 of the Question-Answer Book and stick barcode labels in the spaces provided on Pages 1, 3 and 5.
- (5) 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** the Question-Answer Book.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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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end of the examination session

## Data-response Questions

Answer *all* the questions in this paper.

1. Consider the following sources:

### Source A

**Photograph 1:** Hong Kong Celebrations Association organised a march on 1 January, 2013

The big banner held by the marchers in the foreground of the photograph says:

- Unite youth power
- Back up Hong Kong with concerted effort



**Photograph 2:** Civil Human Rights Front organised a march on 1 January, 2013

The big banner held by the marchers in the foreground of the photograph says:

- New Year's Day March
- Citizens' grievances flare up
- Deceiving Chief Executive step down
- No to the Cheating Government
- Universal suffrage now



**Source B:** Figures on prosecutions during public order events from 2004 to 2012

Year	Number of public order events (e.g. public meetings and processions)	Figures on prosecutions	
		Number of public order events in which people were prosecuted	Percentage (%) of public order events in which people were prosecuted
2004	1 974	1	0.05
2005	1 900	2	0.11
2006	2 228	4	0.18
2007	3 824	4	0.10
2008	4 287	4	0.09
2009	4 222	3	0.07
2010	5 656	10	0.18
2011	6 878	15	0.22
2012	7 529	22	0.29

**Source C**

Date	Demands of some public order events in Hong Kong in 2013
1 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulation of standard working hours and enhancement of retirement protection scheme</li> <li>Not to allow the import of labour</li> </ul>
16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawal of the proposal to expand Tseung Kwan O landfill</li> </ul>
1 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genuine universal suffrage</li> <li>Genuine democracy</li> </ul>
28 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawal of the proposal to develop the Northeast New Territories</li> </ul>
20 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanation of the rationale behind the decision regarding free-television licensing</li> </ul>

- (a) Identify and elaborate on *two* difficulties for the Hong Kong government to govern Hong Kong, as reflected by the demands shown in the two photographs in Source A. (4 marks)
- (b) Which *two* core values of Hong Kong society are in conflict as reflected in Source B? Are the consequences of the conflicts over the two core values becoming more serious? Explain your answer with reference to Source B. (6 marks)
- (c) 'Expressing demands through processions and demonstrations helps to improve the quality of life of Hong Kong people.' To what extent do you agree with this view? Explain your answer with reference to the sources and your own knowledge. (8 marks)



2. Consider the following sources:

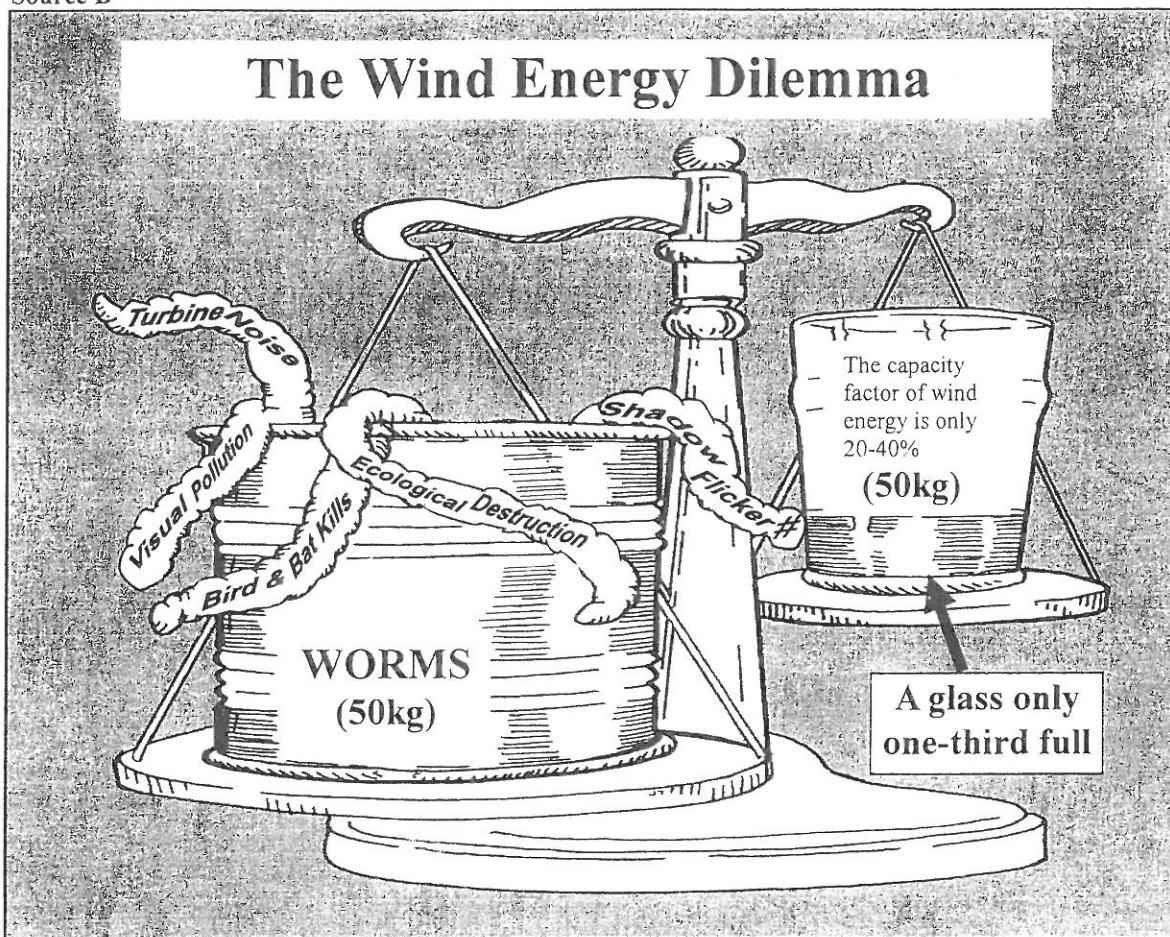
**Source A:** Information on electricity generation using different energy sources

Sources of electricity generation		Capacity factor* (%)	Cost of generating electricity (US\$/ megawatt-hour)	Carbon dioxide emission** (tonne/ gigawatt-hour)
Coal		85	100	888
Natural gas		87	67	499
Nuclear		90	108	29
Water (hydro)		52	90	26
Wind	Onshore	34	87	26
	Offshore	37	222	

\* Capacity factor is the ratio of the actual amount of electricity produced in a given period to the maximum amount possible.

\*\* The carbon dioxide emissions taken into account include those from the production processes of raw energy resources (such as mining), the construction of the power plant, the power generation process in the plant and the waste disposal.

**Source B**



# Shadow flicker refers to the visual disturbance caused by the shadows of the rotating blades of a wind power generator.

Source C: Adapted from some news articles

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP) has been granted approval by the Hong Kong government to build an offshore wind farm in Sai Kung. The farm, costing between HK\$5 billion and HK\$7 billion, will produce about 1% of the city's electricity. CLP estimates the farm will reduce annually the emissions of 343 000 - 383 000 tonnes of carbon dioxide, 45 - 60 tonnes of sulphur dioxide, 394 - 440 tonnes of nitrogen oxides; and 14 - 16 tonnes of particulate matter.

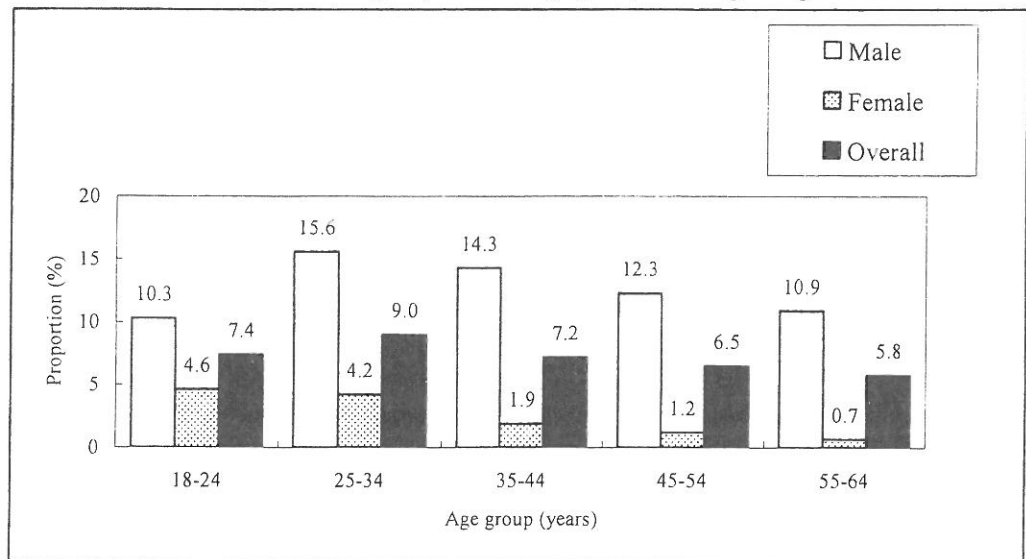
Some groups, however, have opposed the plan. The Chairman of a concern group, for example, said, "The government is more interested in making symbolic gestures rather than really tackling greenhouse gas emissions. The wind farm will only produce a small amount of clean and renewable energy, but will have a terrible impact on the environment." This group suggests that buying nuclear power from the mainland or educating the public about energy saving habits would be better ways of reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

- (a) 'The costs of wind power outweigh the benefits.' Do Sources A, B and C support this view? Explain your answer. (8 marks)
- (b) In comparison with building an offshore wind farm, do you think that *each of the two suggestions* by the concern group in Source C would be a better choice for Hong Kong? With reference to the sources and your own knowledge, explain your answer. (8 marks)

3. Consider the following sources:

**Source A:** Some findings from a survey on adults' alcohol consumption

**Proportion of binge drinking\* by sex and age group in Hong Kong in 2010**



\* Binge drinking refers to the excessive consumption of alcoholic drinks on any one occasion. The respondents were asked whether they had drunk at least 5 cans/glasses of alcoholic beverages within a few hours on one occasion during the month prior to the survey.

**Source B:** Views on drinking alcoholic beverages from some Hong Kong people

Hei (Age: 60) (Male): Drinking is a must in social gatherings and celebrations. But my doctor advises me to drink less now.

Ming (Age: 34) (Male): I am a marketing officer. I have to develop business through establishing close connections with my clients, especially those on the mainland. So, drinking is an important part of my work.

Sze (Age: 22) (Female): When you hang out with friends, alcohol makes you relaxed and enables you to make friends more easily. It's hip to have a drink with some friends after work, just like the characters in TV series and movies. But I also worry about my safety if I'm drunk.

Sam (Age: 26) (Male): I don't want to lose face in front of my friends. I have to drink as much as them in gatherings. You are not a real man until you can hold down 10 cans of beer in an evening.

May (Age: 40) (Female): I have to take care of my family, so I don't have time for social gatherings and drinking.



- (a) Describe the pattern of binge drinking among Hong Kong adults as shown in Source A. (4 marks)
- (b) Using Source B, explain the factors that may lead to the pattern of binge drinking described in your answer to (a). (8 marks)

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Sources of materials used in this paper will be acknowledged in the *Examination Report and Question Papers* published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority at a later stage.

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**Question-Answer Book**

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(b) Which **two** core values of Hong Kong society are in conflict as reflected in Source B? Are the consequences of the conflicts over the two core values becoming more serious? Explain your answer with reference to Source B. (6 marks)

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- (c) 'Expressing demands through processions and demonstrations helps to improve the quality of life of Hong Kong people.' To what extent do you agree with this view? Explain your answer with reference to the sources and your own knowledge. (8 marks)

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2. (a) 'The costs of wind power outweigh the benefits.' Do Sources A, B and C support this view?  
Explain your answer. (8 marks)

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