

Extended response questions

Answer *one* question only.

1. Consider the following sources:

Source A: Adapted from a news article in 2018 and a news report in 2021

Ching Ming Festival is an occasion to remember ancestors. It has a special meaning in today's society. However, attention should be paid to environmental-friendliness and safety during worship to minimise pollution and the risk of hill fires.

In 2010, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department launched the 'Internet Memorial Service' website, which enables people to create memorial webpages for deceased family members free of charge. Through creating virtual worshipping sites, family and friends can lay flowers and leave messages. Relatives and friends living afar can also honour the deceased.

Source B: Adapted from a news article in 2018

An environmental group estimated that nearly 320 million red packets are used annually in Hong Kong, equivalent to chopping over 16 000 trees. Using electronic red packets might reduce the phenomenon of discarding traditional red packets after one-time consumption. Although electronic red packets might give people a sense of newness, it is not as joyful as holding a real red packet in hand.

Source C: Adapted from a press release of an environmental group in 2019

Over 90% of the interviewees supported celebrating Mid-Autumn Festival in a more environmental-friendly way. They also supported the global plastic reduction campaign by reducing the consumption of single-use plastic items during Mid-Autumn Festival. About 80% of the interviewed families spent an environmental-friendly Mid-Autumn Festival last year in various ways, including giving out fewer mooncakes, reducing leftover food at dinner gatherings, and avoiding the use of glow sticks.

- (a) What are the benefits that online worshipping of ancestors would bring to the Hong Kong society? Explain your answer. (8 marks)
- (b) 'In modern society, the factor of environmental protection should take priority in practising traditional Chinese customs.' To what extent do you agree with this view? Justify your answer. (12 marks)

2. Consider the following sources:

Source A: Adapted from a research paper in 2016 and news reports in 2020

The basic functions of a museum are collection, research, education, and exhibition. The Hong Kong Palace Museum, located in the West Kowloon Cultural District, will open in the third quarter of 2022. The opening exhibition will showcase 800 artifacts from the Palace Museum in Beijing. The museum hopes to bring an immersive exhibition to the visitors, and adopts a style with Hong Kong characteristics to enable visitors to learn about the cultural relics, life in palace, and historical narratives of the Forbidden City. The Hong Kong Palace Museum will make use of modern technology, keeping it connected with contemporary life, to shorten the distance in historical time and space between visitors and the artifacts. 'Story-telling' will also be used to help the public learn about the history and culture.

Source B: Adapted from news reports on the Palace Museum in Beijing in 2020 and the Louvre Museum in Paris in 2021

The Palace Museum in Beijing has collected 1 743 high-definition panoramic images and produced the 'Panoramic Palace Museum' column. Using virtual reality technology, people can enjoy a 360-degree view of the Forbidden City online, and can even browse areas not yet open to the public. During the pandemic, the average daily hits have exceeded 300 000.

The Louvre Museum has digitised its collection of 482 000 artworks and displayed them on its website. Each digitised image, according to the museum, comes with scientific data: title, artist, inventory number, dimensions, materials and techniques, date and place of production, history of the object, current location and bibliography. These data are updated on a daily basis.

- (a) How can the establishment of the Hong Kong Palace Museum enhance Hong Kong people's quality of life? Explain your answer. (8 marks)
- (b) 'Using technology to display artifacts is the most effective way to facilitate people's learning of cultural knowledge.' To what extent do you agree with this view? Justify your answer. (12 marks)

3. Consider the following sources:

Source A: Adapted from a journal article in 2021

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization projects that global meat consumption will rise by more than 1% in 2021. The fastest growth of meat consumption will occur in low- and middle-income countries, where incomes are steadily climbing. The growth of meat consumption will generate more greenhouse gas emissions. Global greenhouse gas emissions from food production are expected to rise 60% by 2050, mainly because of increased livestock production.

Eating less meat, in particular beef and lamb, is certainly a change that people can make to cut their carbon footprints. But we should not lay our hopes on billions of people eating less meat immediately.

Source B: Adapted from online articles in 2019

Plant-based meat is 'meat' made from plants. Plant-based meat is deliberately made to look like, taste like, and cook like conventional meat, and can be made into burger patties, nuggets, and sausages.

Many plant-based meat products in the market have some not-so healthy ingredients. They are highly processed foods and are high in sodium, which could be a health problem for people with high blood pressure. Many manufacturers also add refined oils, saturated fats, genetically-modified ingredients, artificial flavours, sugar, and other not-so healthy additives to plant-based meat products.

- (a) What are the reasons for people's resistance to a 'meat-free diet'? Explain your answer. (8 marks)
- (b) 'To promote plant-based meat is a feasible way to achieve sustainable development.' To what extent do you agree with this view? Justify your answer. (12 marks)

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