

Composition 5 (Mock Test 3 Paper 2 Part B Question 5)

Learning English through Debating

*You are preparing for a class debate on the motion, "Computer games do more harm than good". Do you agree? Write a debate speech giving your opinion.*

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning! The motion for today's debate is "Computer games do more harm than good." I am speaking for the motion. In my opinion, computer games are certainly harmful and though they have some good points, on balance they do more harm than good.

I am going to illustrate my points one by one. Cyber bullying, abusing on computer games and a spate of pornographic information appear on the internet every day! These problems have plagued our society for a long time. We are always trapped and troubled by these problems.

Firstly, cyber bullying is terrible in Hong Kong. If children always use computer to chat with somebody unknown, they might be cheated by some bad guys. These people of ill intention usually give some benefit to lure the innocent internet users, and then demand money from them. What is next? The bad guys would demand real money from them. If their targets do not listen to them, the bad guys will threaten to harm them. As children are naïve, they tend to believe what they see or hear, and they would be easily taken in. So, there is some danger while playing computer games. It is harmful to internet users, especially children!

Secondly, playing computer games will adversely affect their school results. Due to their "24 hours hard-working", they have no time to study. Some people may say that "they can play less, maybe not 24 hours, 3 hours is also okay!" That is wrong! After playing computer games for 2 to 3 hours, we will feel tired all day! So how can we focus on our studies? For instance, when children play computer games for 3 hours, they may feel tired, but they still have to begin their studies. The efficiency of their learning will be very low! To make it short, playing computer games is a waste of time! It harms our children!

Thirdly, in the bygone days, people were not that "open-minded". However, the pendulum has swung the other way. Today, variants of pornographic information are attacking the internet. Everybody can get in touch with erotic information easily. This would give a wrong moral value to the children, such as compensated dating. They tend to think that money is more important than everything, even their bodies.

Another example is there are always loads of pornographic photos sent by hotmail under virus attack, which easily harms our children.

Although some people may say that “playing computer games can enable us to meet more friends from different quarters,” is it really correct? Friends must play computer games when they meet? This is nonsensical. If children have to meet friends, there are many ways, such as joining activity classes, swimming lessons, etc. Moreover, making friends with strangers on the internet is dangerous. We may encounter some bad guys.

First and last, I think computer games do more harm than good. That’s all I want to say. My team member will further convince you about this point. Thank you.

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Learning English through Social Issues

Hong Kong Post

Local News

Hong Kong's Angel

Vivien Wong of Hong Kong Secondary School has been chosen as one of Hong Kong's Outstanding Students.

For more than three years, Vivien has helped collect and distribute children's clothing to needy families in Hong Kong. She actively.....

*You are Chris Wong. You are greatly inspired by Vivien Wong (chosen as one of HK's Outstanding Students). As Chinese New Year is approaching, you would like to propose that the Student Council organise a day of service activities for the elderly.*

*Write a proposal to the chairperson of the Student Council, Amy Yip. Suggest activities that students could do to make this Chinese New Year special for the elderly.*

To: Amy YIP, Chairperson, Students Council

Dear Ms Yip,

A Proposal to Students Council:  
Organizing a day of service activities for the Elderly

Introduction

As the Chinese New Year is coming, everyone think of a reunion with his family and friends. But some elderly people, especially those who live alone and those who live in old age homes or institutions, are usually forgotten by their families and may feel lonely. I am therefore writing to suggest the Student Council to organise a day of service activities for these elderly to give them some warmth in this special festive season. Here are some suggestions for the activity day:

(1) Help them to clean and tidy up their houses

As the Chinese saying goes, "Do a massive cleaning on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the Lunar New Year." This long-standing tradition of a thorough house cleaning signifies clearing of the bad things of the current year to make way for the good things in the coming year.

Yet it is noted that a considerable number of the elderly people who live alone are weak or not in good health. Some of them are disabled, and can't look after themselves. They generally require assistance in cleaning their houses as most of them can't do it themselves. Here is our chance. We can help them to finish the housework, such as cleaning the floor, washing the dishes, i.e. the annual tidying up of all the stuff. When we visit them, they can stay away from loneliness. Furthermore, we can cook them a meal. This can also make them happy.

### (2) Buy them some Daily Necessities

Daily necessities are important to them. But they are unable to buy certain items due to the lack of money or the fact that they seldom leave their houses. So we can help them to get some and lend them a hand. After we buy those things, we can place them in a proper place to make them feel comfortable.

### (3) Give them a warm hug

The hug isn't only something physical. It is also psychological. Some of the elderly people haven't been visited or cared by anyone for a long time. We can greet them by saying "How do you do?" or "wish you good health". But we must be careful not to ask about their families, because this may cause them sadness or embarrassment, or recollection of some unhappy events in the past.

### (3) Buy them flowers from the Chinese New Year Flower Market

If we want them to be happy, it is important that we buy some flowers to celebrate the arrival of the Chinese New Year, such as chrysanthemums, peach blossom, water lily and silver willow. It works. It could make a great festive atmosphere at home. The Chinese traditional thinking is that flowers mean growth and fortune, for example, silver willow sounds like having a lot of money when pronounced in Chinese. And it should be a great experience for the students and the elderly.

Here are all the suggestions for the service day. It is hoped that the Student Council will consider and take these suggestions. (514 words)

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong

Tam King Ho, S6 (17) (526 words)