

**HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY**  
**HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION**

**LIBERAL STUDIES (PRACTICE QUESTION)**

**Suggested Marking Guidelines**

**Paper 1**

With regard to the nature of the curriculum and assessment design of the subject, the draft marking guidelines will only list a set of suggested marking criteria for each question for reference. Before the commencement of the marking exercise, markers are required to study the draft marking guidelines, trial mark a number of representative sample scripts, and discuss how to achieve the professional consensus in the standardisation meeting.

2. (a)

Suggested marking guideline	Marks
The candidate:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identifies clearly &amp; accurately the common characteristics shared between globesity and epidemic with examples, e.g. obesity is like a contagious disease which gradually spreads in the community all around the world; it has become a worldwide problem as poor diet prevails; it threatens people's health profoundly, e.g. heart attack, hypertension and diabetics</li> <li>gives appropriate and detailed examples from the sources to support arguments</li> </ul>	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identifies briefly the common characteristics shared between globesity and epidemic without examples</li> <li>gives appropriate but simple examples to support arguments</li> </ul>	1-2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is unable to explain the common characteristics between globesity and epidemic</li> <li>provides irrelevant answers</li> </ul>	0

(b)

Suggested marking guideline	Marks
The candidate:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>compares the views presented in the two sources clearly by stating their similar perceptions towards globesity with lucid elaborations, e.g. both sources believe that it is a kind of disease which is going to be a big challenge to people's health in the world, especially, more developed countries; it is a result of poor diet</li> <li>points out and explains thoroughly and accurately the different foci of the two sources, e.g. Source 1 mainly concerns the consequence as a result of spreading globesity, but Source 2 tends to pay equal interest to both problems – starvation and obesity in less developed and more developed countries respectively, it shows concern towards both food issues by comparing the former one to chronic disease which is like obesity, affecting many people in the world. As a result, both food problems deserve the attention of the general public and they must be tackled immediately</li> <li>provides adequate and relevant justifications and examples from the sources to support his/ her discussion</li> </ul>	5-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>states their similar perceptions towards globesity with average elaborations</li> <li>points out and explains briefly the different foci of the two sources</li> <li>provides moderately adequate and relevant justifications and examples from the sources to support his/ her discussion</li> </ul>	3-4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>states their similar perceptions towards globesity with poor/ without elaborations</li> <li>points out and explains approximately the different foci of the two sources, or does not compare them</li> <li>provides partial or unjustified arguments and examples to support his/ her discussion</li> </ul>	1-2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>does not compare the views</li> <li>gives an answer that is not relevant to the question</li> </ul>	0

(c)

Suggested marking guideline	Mark
<p>The candidate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• points out and explains clearly the meaning of “double tragedy” as suggested in source 2, e.g. uneven distribution of food with less food in less developed countries and more food in more developed countries, it has resulted in starvation and obesity in the two types of countries respectively</li> <li>• states his/ her stance clearly and consistently on how “double tragedy” is caused by globalization (with clear indication on the extent)</li> <li>• explains his/ her stance with precise &amp; justified arguments, for example,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It is related to globalization because under the influence of international trade and the trend of multi-point production, people in less developed countries rely on raw materials export and standardized production work, they tend to be disadvantaged due to price fluctuation in world market and trade barriers. They may not be able to support their own lives and thus suffer from poverty and hunger</li> <li>■ More developed countries gain more as they are offering services or manufacturing products which are more costly in the world market. They tend to enjoy more favorable terms in world trade and they have stronger competitive power. People in more developed countries accumulate wealth easily and can afford to buy a lot of food, so the problem of obesity is getting serious</li> <li>■ Together with a spread of western eating habit (such as high fat, sugar content and calories or the fast food culture) in a lot of fast developing nations, e.g. SE Asia and S America, more people are suffering from obesity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• presents multi-perspective thinking by considering views of the two sides, i.e. factors other than globalization, for example,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ poor countries are suffering from local/ regional problems which result in poverty and famine, such as poor climate, civil wars and social problems</li> <li>■ The high level of automation in rich countries has resulted in a lack of exercise among people, and so they easily get obese</li> </ul> </li> <li>• provides a well structured, in-depth, precise and well substantiated discussion</li> </ul>	9-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• points out and explains briefly the meaning of “double tragedy”</li> <li>• states his/ her stance, but not very clearly</li> <li>• explains his/ her stance briefly with reasonable arguments</li> <li>• presents multi-perspective thinking by expressing views of the two sides, i.e. the factors other than globalization, with brief elaborations</li> <li>• provides a reasonably well structured, in-depth, precise and fairly justified discussion</li> </ul>	6-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• points out and explains ambiguously the meaning of “double tragedy”</li> <li>• exhibits an ambiguous stance</li> <li>• explains approximately his/ her stance with partial arguments &amp; unclear elaborations</li> <li>• tries to present other arguments for causing the problems but the discussion is rather shallow</li> <li>• provides a moderately well structured, in-depth, precise and fairly justified discussion</li> </ul>	3-5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fails to point out and explain the meaning of “double tragedy”</li> <li>• exhibits no clear stance</li> <li>• attempts to explain his/ her stance by just stating a few simple and not quite coherent arguments</li> <li>• presents basically the views of one side only</li> <li>• provides a rather shallow discussion which contains loosely structured and superficial arguments</li> </ul>	1-2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is unable to point out and explain the meaning of “double tragedy”</li> <li>• fails to elaborate his/ her stance</li> <li>• gives assertive arguments</li> <li>• offers an irrelevant answer/ demonstrates low understanding of the question</li> </ul>	0