

2009 HSC Chinese Extension Sample Answers — Written Examination

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Section I — Response to Prescribed Text

Part A

Question 1 (a)

Sample answer:

Liu Xiao Chun's family is poor and his father could not afford to provide monetary contribution to the competition.

Question 1 (b)

Sample answer:

Liu Cheng is very persistent in persuading Mr Jiang to accept Xiao Chun as his student. He puts words in Mr Jiang's mouth without his acceptance by asking Xiao Chung to address Mr Jiang as his teacher and talking about his weekly lesson. He also boasts about Xiao Chun's ability and achievements. He does not want to accept refusal and try to gain Mr Jiang's sympathy by telling him the story about Xiao Chun's mother.

Question 1 (c)

Sample answer:

Mr Jiang's cynicism is expressed through his conversation with his colleague by his comment on using money to buy the first position in the competition. Although he is cynical of situation, he is too weak to stand up against the injustice. In his conversation with Liu Cheng he shows the audience that he does feel sympathetic towards the people of lower status. He is frank with Liu Cheng by telling him that Liu Xiao Chun cannot be successful by relying on his talent.

Question 1 (d)

Sample answer:

In this extract it clearly shows the division between poverty and wealth and the importance of education. Having a Beijing residence registration gives one superiority over people from other cities/towns/villages of China. Money plays a vital role in the society of this film. Bribery is a common practice. A person's economic background affects his/her social status. A talented person cannot be successful without money. Liu Xiao Chun is a typical example. Liu Cheng, a poor chef from the country, is unaware of the bribery practice of the city. He naively believes that with Xiao Chun's natural talent he can achieve well in the city. Although being uneducated, Liu Cheng understands the value of good education. It can improve a person's social status and provides better quality of life. He tries all his means to find a good teacher for Xiao Chun in order to provide him with improved lifestyle and to receive acknowledgement.