



2012 HSC Chinese Extension 'Sample Answers'

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Section I — Response to Prescribed Text

Part A

Question 1 (a)

Sample answer:

Lili was desperate to speak to Professor Yu. She wanted to persuade him to be Xiao Chun's violin teacher.

Question 1 (b)

Answers could include:

- Direct and outspoken, bossy
- Vengeful, bearing grudge
- Doesn't want to be indebted to anyone
- Takes responsibility to redress any wrongs made

Question 1 (c)

Sample answer:

Initially Professor Yu is adamant that he is not going to take any students. However, after hearing what Lili has told him, he is curious to know more about Xiao Chun, the person who causes all this drama. Professor Yu is impressed by the emotions displayed in Xiao Chun's violin playing and admires Xiao Chun's audacity in expressing his infatuation with Lili. After recognising Xiao Chun's talent, Professor Yu tries to be friendly and is eager to be his teacher.

Question 1 (d)

Sample answer:

Lili has been very materialistic and self-centred. However, the audacity of Xiao Chun in showing his infatuation for her has touched Lili and prompted her to reflect on her way of life. She is now more thoughtful and tries to redress the wrong she has done.

Professor Yu's remark 'Have you got a beard?' shows that Xiao Chun is going through puberty, which fuels his attraction to Lili. He is impetuous in selling his violin but this action is the result of his perplexity about whether playing the violin is the sole purpose of his life.