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**HKDSE 2012
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART B2
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**



Write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1 and stick barcode labels in the space provided on Pages 1 and 3.

Read Text 3 and answer questions 41-47. (7 marks)

41. What are Chinese moms 'superior' at?

42. What would the 'intense discussion' (line 2) be about?

43. *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* falls under all of the following book categories EXCEPT...

- A. autobiography.
- B. parenting manual.
- C. thriller.
- D. nonfiction.

A B C D

44. What metaphor does the writer use in paragraph 1 to describe the controversy of Amy Chua's book?

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45. Which of the following best describes Chua's parenting style from a Western point of view?

- A. extreme
- B. cautious
- C. personal
- D. lenient

A B C D

46. In lines 11-12, Chua 'insists that Western children are no happier than Chinese ones...'. Why would some people presume that Western children are happier than Chinese children?

47. Why does the writer suggest reading Chua's book as a cautionary tale?

End of questions for Text 3.

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Read Text 4 and answer questions 48-73. (39 marks)

48. The 'Wild Kingdom' (line 4) refers to...

- A. Beijing.
- B. China.
- C. the Philippines.
- D. the United States.

A B C D

49. Why might 'the response from what should surely be the Wild Kingdom of "tiger moms"' surprise readers (lines 3-4)?

50. Why is Guo Jing called a 'real Chinese mom' (line 5)?

- A. She works for the Chinese government.
- B. She is a traditional Chinese mother.
- C. She is a Chinese National living in China.
- D. She is proud of being Chinese.

A B C D

51. Decide whether the following statements are **True**, **False**, or the information is **Not Given** in paragraphs **2-3**. Put a tick (✓) in the appropriate column. (3 marks)

Statement	True	False	NG
Chua was born in the Philippines.			
Chua forces her children to do certain activities.			
Guo is unhappy her sons are learning painting and weiqi.			

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52. Use **ONE** word to complete each blank.

(2 marks)

Guo sends her children to an international school because classes are taught in _____ and _____ and the _____ is more relaxing.

53. Compared to Chua, Guo's style of parenting is more...

- A. exemplary.
- B. traditional.
- C. efficient.
- D. permissive.

A B C D

54. What is the main idea of paragraph 4?

55. What might 'this or that' (line 22) refer to? Find **TWO** examples given in paragraph 4.

(2 marks)

- a) _____
- b) _____

56. In paragraph 5, find three other words used to refer to 'students'. (Do **NOT** include 'student' as an answer). An example has been done for you.

(3 marks)

e.g. schoolkids

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

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57. Which Confucian belief is the reason behind the success of students in Asia?

58. What is the main idea of paragraph 5?

- A. Shanghai students scored the highest in the tests.
- B. American students did not do so well in the tests.
- C. Chinese students performed better than Western students.
- D. Students from societies based on Confucian beliefs performed the best.

A B C D

59. What does 'we' (line 28) refer to?

60. In paragraph 6, find two expressions used to describe students who do really well at school. (2 marks)

- a) _____
- b) _____

61. In paragraph 6, the author's main point is...

- A. 'Chinese moms' raise children who do very well at school.
- B. 'Chinese moms' are responsible for making China a more superior country.
- C. High-achieving students do not necessarily make China a superior country.
- D. The 'Chinese mom' issue does not explore the future of these smart children.

A B C D

62. Name one problem college graduates on the mainland are facing.

63. Find a word in paragraph 7 with the opposite meaning of 'shortage'.

64. What does 'flummoxed' (line 43) mean?

- A. confused
- B. surprised
- C. upset
- D. angry

A B C D

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65. Number the following events from paragraph 8 in chronological order. Write (1-6) in the boxes provided.

Mom gets a phone call from son.

Mainland student stays with an English family.

The Chinese employees contact colleagues in the UK.

Student wants to do his washing.

Mom calls the washing-machine company.

Student does his washing.

66. The anecdote of the Chinese student has been included to illustrate which point in paragraph 7?

67. Below is a summary of the ideas found in paragraphs 7-8. Fill in the blanks using **words that can be found in paragraphs 7-8**. Write ONE word per blank. (Hyphenated words count as one word.) (7 marks)

The new underclass is China's _____ . As educated professionals, they expect _____ jobs on completion of their studies, but employers complain that many lack even the basic _____ needed in the workplace. The excess of white-collar workers has led to a _____ of blue-collar workers. This in turn has encouraged _____ students to skip the _____ and apply directly to _____ .

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68. Which word is closest in meaning to 'ossified' (line 54)?

- A. stressful
- B. inflexible
- C. repressive
- D. competitive

A B C D

69. According to the passage, why might the 'tiger mom' approach to parenting be more successful in the US than in China?

70. According to the passage, why is there no 'Bill Gates of China' (line 56)?

71. According to the passage, why do many Chinese-born scientists go to work in the West?

72. Why is the word 'tiger' used to describe mothers?

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73. Do you agree that the key to success is a 'hybrid of East and West'? Explain.

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