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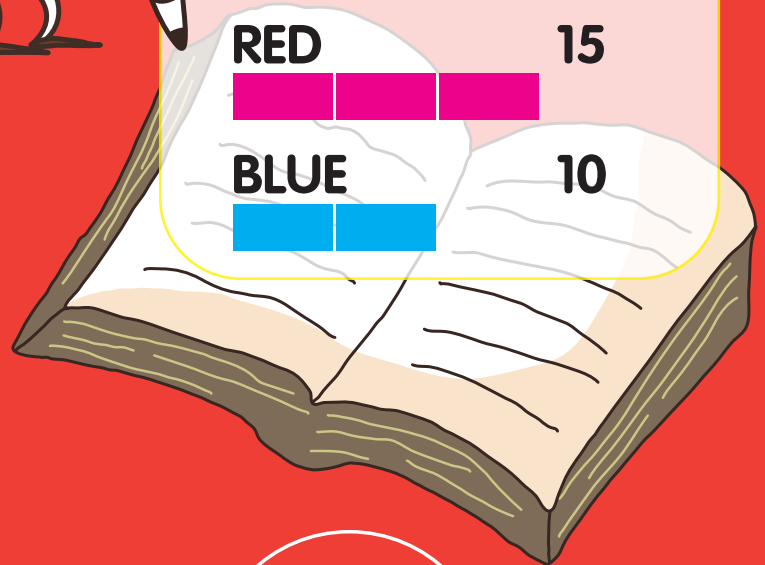
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心中的感激

人總會遇到大大小小的難題、挫折，總有需要他人幫助的時候。幫助你的人大多是親戚、朋友，而一個素不相識的人卻幫助了我。

那是一個早晨，我跟往日一樣，準備乘搭公車上學，這時才想起我的八達通忘記了增值。翻了翻錢包，硬幣也不夠支付車費，錯過這班車就要遲到了。在我感到十分苦惱時，我看到了一線曙光。排在我前面的是同校同學，雖然互不認識，但他也經常在這裡候車。我們見過很多次，卻未有任何交談。時間逼迫着我，我實在想不出其他方法，只能向他借點零錢，卻不知道該如何開口。心想如果他問：「我認識你嗎？我為什麼要借你？」我該如何回答？到了最後一刻，管不了這麼多了，我厚着臉皮問他：「你有硬幣借我一點嗎？我下次還你。」說完，他問我要多少？我回答說：「六塊。」他馬上從錢包裏拿出六塊錢硬幣借了給我。我向他表示了感謝，並說下次看見他時就還他。

於是，我時刻準備着六塊硬幣，怕再看見他時沒有零錢還給他。每天早上乘車前，我都會四周張望，卻沒發現他的身影。三、四天後，終於在車站見到他，我心裡有點高興。我把欠了多日的錢還了給他，他回了句謝謝。我心想：「他為什麼要說謝謝呢？這是我想說的，也是我應該說的啊！可能他不知道該說甚麼才這樣說的吧！」我便回了句：「應該是我謝謝你才對。」



雖然這只是一件小事，但他完全沒有幫我的義務。他願意助人，完全出自於他的善良和熱心。我對他的感激，至今仍存在心中。盼望每個人都能學習他的慷慨和仁慈，樂於助人，那麼這個世界必定更美了！

3B 連俊宇 藍社

評語：記述得到同校同學無私的幫助，藉此抒發感激之情。語言簡潔有力，結構井然，段落分明，恰當運用語言及心理描寫等令故事發展更生動傳神。



3A 劉藝 紅社

我曾經聽老師說：「人的身體有百分之七十五都是水。」水是地球上最常見的物質之一，雖然它比不上黃金般昂貴，也不及鑽石般閃耀，但卻沒有人能缺少它。

我坐在沙灘上聽着那拍打岸邊的海浪聲：「嘩啦，嘩啦……」令我感到十分舒暢，它不像汽車引擎一般發出令人煩躁的聲音，我甚至想躺在沙上，閉上眼睛，直至有人叫醒我。不過我沒有這樣做，我不禁妒忌那些在水中生活的魚兒，牠們可以自由自在地享受這舒爽的水，而水也會無條件地包容牠們。水是無私的。

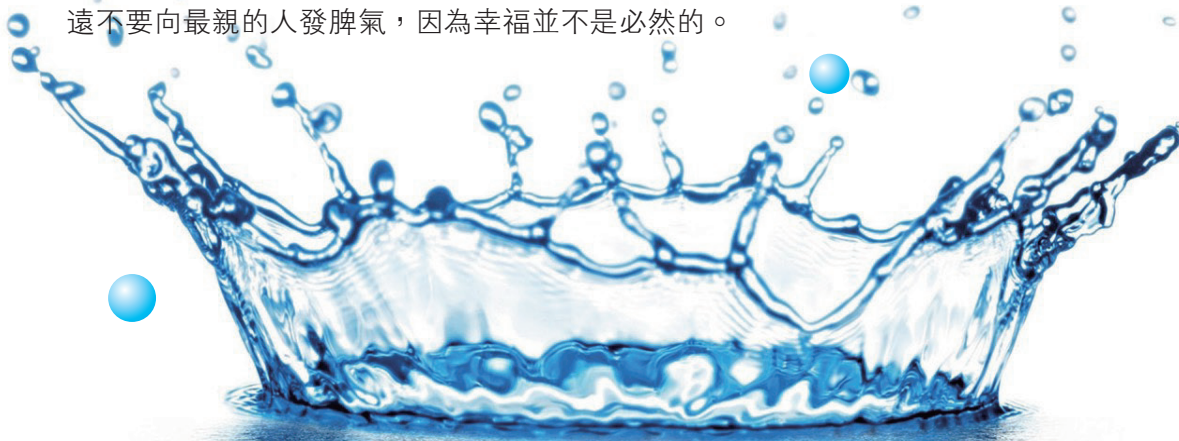
從來沒有人會重視水，只有在需要的時候才會想起它，但水不曾抱怨，即使你視它如塵土，但它卻視你為珍寶，會在你口渴時立刻滋潤你。水是偉大的。

水灌溉着大地上的一切生命，它付出了很多，但不求回報，只希望我們能帶着笑容，不再為任何事而悲傷。水是樂於助人的。

你可以透過水看到池塘裏的所有事物，不管是剛出生的小魚兒，還是放置在池塘裏的鵝卵石，都可以看得一清二楚。因為水很清澈，如同玻璃般清澈得像不存在似的，所以人們有時會忽略了它；但它從不介意，也不會刻意突顯自己。水是純潔的。

或許有些人會覺得我把水形容得太好了，畢竟很多自然災害造成的種種損失都有水參與其中；但我覺得這是我們自作自受，是我們不斷污染環境，才會被水懲罰。水是有脾氣的。

水如同我們的父母，即使我們不斷犯錯，他們也會包容我們，不求回報地滿足我們的需求，為讓我們能健康愉快地成長，他們早出晚歸，努力謀生；但不懂事的我們從來不曾理會父母，更不時將脾氣發洩到他們身上，他們明明也有脾氣，卻只會默默忍耐。我們不應將父母的付出當作理所當然，也不應在有需要的時候才重視他們。永遠不要向最親的人發脾氣，因為幸福並不是必然的。



評語：內容貼題，結構嚴謹，全文均圍繞着主題，行文流暢、清晰！



心中的陽光

天空，因有陽光而湛藍；小草，因有陽光而嫩綠；花朵，因有陽光而嬌艷；人的心靈，也因有陽光而溫暖。

「你把雨傘帶上吧，今天天氣預報要下雨。」「哎呀，天氣預報不一定準，我快遲到了！」「孩子，帶上吧……」

我在媽媽的嘆息中推門而去。路上小草不如昔日般可愛，花朵不如昔日般嬌艷，抬頭仰望天空，也是一片黯淡。我整個上午都是沒精打采的。

「叮……」隨着一陣放學鈴聲，我立刻振奮起來，肚子唱着「空城計」，促使我飛快地跑出教室。我剛出校門，便看到了許多家長為自己的孩子們送傘。我一抬頭，天空烏云密布，電閃雷鳴，只見雷公在空中咆哮了幾聲，雨點就像「連珠炮」一樣捶打著地面。面對這場突如其來的大雨，我不知所措。早上媽媽讓我帶傘，可是我並沒有聽，現在想想，真是後悔莫及。如果當初肯聽媽媽的話，現在就不需在這裏等待。望着那些學生在家長的關愛下一個個被接走，我心裏真不是味兒。

人群漸漸散去，只留下我一人獨自徘徊。天色漸漸暗淡下來，我也慢慢害怕起來，淚水不知什麼時候已經奪眶而出。我不禁想起媽媽的話：「人生的道路並不是平坦的，在你遇到困難時，首先要想辦法克服。」於是，在我認真思考之後，我咬了咬牙，擦了擦眼淚，毅然衝進了雨中。當我被雨水打濕之後，我並不害怕了，我邁着堅定的步子向前衝。路上行人寥寥無幾，我一路狂奔到可以避雨的地方。

到了家中，家裏沒有一個人，空蕩蕩的房子令我難受。正當我用乾毛巾擦頭髮時，媽媽回來了，手中拿着兩把雨傘。她看着我被淋濕的樣子居然笑了，我心中的委屈終於朝媽媽發洩，媽媽看着我埋頭大哭，什麼也沒說。

從這以後，我與媽媽的關係再也沒有以前那麼親密了。有天放學回家，爸爸對我說：「兒子啊，其實那天下雨，你媽媽也有到學校去接你，她只是想知道你在面臨困難時會怎麼做，於是她一直悄悄地跟在你身後……」。我再也控制不住自己了，心中如同打翻了「五味瓶」似的，難過極了。媽媽其實是非常關愛我的，我立刻愧疚地向媽媽道了歉。

謝謝媽媽！你為我的成長付出了無比的心血和忍耐，你在我的心中灑滿了陽光，讓我能你的關懷愛護下健康成長。

3C 鄭積亮 綠社



評語：內容豐富充實，感情真摯，記述一次不聽媽媽的話而被雨淋濕，從中知道媽媽對自己的關懷和鍛鍊，藉此抒發對媽媽的感激之情。敘事生動傳神，抒情細膩，善用語言及心理描寫，行文流暢，首尾呼應！

A taste of my possible future job

Last summer, I took part in a programme called 'Low-income workers'. Students who joined were asked to take up during the summer holiday one of the three jobs which included fast food worker, dishwasher and street cleaner. I chose to be a fast food worker.

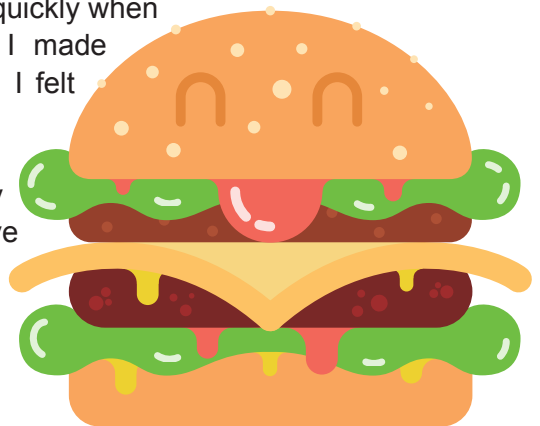
I started on the job in July. I worked in the McDonald's. It is in Tsuen Wan. I picked it because it is near my home. For the first few days, I just had to make the fries and clean the kitchen. When I got the hang of it, I had to take orders and make burgers too. The biggest problem with the job is to deal with customers. Some customers were bad-tempered and often yelled at me for no reason.

Nevertheless, one of the benefits about the job is that I learnt how to communicate with customers effectively. It was an important part for most jobs, especially when dealing with unreasonable customers. It also developed my problem-solving skills and emotional quotient. Even if the customers shouted at me, I had to be polite and patient as I did not want to lose my job.

The downside comes along with the benefits. Meeting with some rude customers always made me feel frustrated. No matter how hard I tried, they were never satisfied.

What is out of my expectation is that our boss was pretty nice to us. He did not scold us when we did something wrong but instead he taught us patiently, and when we did well, he praised us. My co-workers were also nice to me, but sometimes they would be impatient when they were busy. I also learned to think and react quickly when dealing with customers. In fact, I felt upset when I made mistakes. Even though no one put the blame on me, I felt sorry that they had to make up for me.

After two months' work in the McDonald's, I can honestly say that it was a great experience. Since then, I have great respect for people who have low-paid jobs. Next time, I will not yell at the staff if my order is served late.



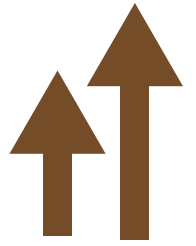
5A Chan Ka Kiu (Red House)



Comments:

- Sam, you've got loads of brilliant ideas and they are coherently presented.

Will rising house prices affect teenagers' future?



With the crazy house prices and shortage of public housing, people in Hong Kong are highly pressed by financial burden. In my point of view, not only adults are facing these problems, but also teenagers. Most of the teenagers start worrying whether they can own a flat in future when they are still in school. As more and more teenagers are confused about their future, let's see how housing problems make an impact on them.

To begin with, there is no doubt that purchasing a flat will bring a brighter future for teenagers. If teenagers have their own flat, they need not worry about when to build a family as they have already secured a stable environment. Also, as property prices keep rising, teenagers may resell the flat to make more money. As a result, having a flat means one has already got basic financial security which supports him to plan his future step by step.

However, buying a flat can only be a dream for most of the teenagers in Hong Kong. Most of the fresh graduates can just immediately become a worker, and work for their dream house every day. 'Losing at the starting line' is the greatest saying to describe a graduate who does not have his own flat. If you were born in a wealthy family, you may easily get upward mobility in the society. However, not every family can support their children to purchase their flat, so they can only change their life by working harder. We can see that young adults nowadays keep working from 8am to 6pm in order to achieve their dream. Everyone just fights for his own flat, and sees it as their life goal. What a sorrowful phenomenon!

It goes without saying that students cannot guarantee a comfortable future without owning a property. If a graduate does not have his own property, he may need to

spend more time working on it, and he will not have the chance to pursue his dream. I believe no one would like to have a stressful life like this. Teenagers may feel depressed as they foresee it. How can a comfortable future be full of depression?

In addition, living with parents forever also does not guarantee a comfortable future. Without property, young adults will find it hard to build their own family. If it is easier to buy property, they need not be so worried. It helps reduce lots of pressure.

On the other hand, someone may say that without owning a property, a student can still have a comfortable future. I agree that some optimistic teenagers can still enjoy their life even though they are not well-off. Some of them may enjoy chasing their dreams even if they do not have a strong financial background. However, without property, it is hard for them to go further on their road of chasing their dreams. They can enjoy this moment just because they are still young and their family can give support to them. If you think more deeply, is it still the case after 10 years, 20 years or 30 years? Can you still get support from your family and not become independent? If unfortunately your parents pass away, can you guarantee your future at that moment? So, I think having one's own property is a basic requirement to guarantee a comfortable future of every teenager.

Last but not least, every teenager hopes to have a glorious future. The crazy property prices and lack of living spaces undoubtedly limit or break teenagers' dream. It is so hard for them to succeed and they even cannot see their future clearly. What a hard-living city for teenagers.

5B Lei Cheuk Lam Sydney (Red House)





My Working Experience in SUMMER

Last summer, I was employed as one of the crew members at a fast food restaurant. To me, it was an unforgettable and rewarding experience as this was my first time to earn money myself.

Every day during the summer holidays, I had several duties to do, for example, making orders, preparing food, handling payments, maintaining cleanliness and delivering food to customers. I had an hour's lunch break and I could enjoy a free meal provided by the restaurant.

Thanks to this job, I made a lot of friends while I was working there and so my social circle was enlarged. I not only learnt how to communicate with other people, but also knew the importance of team spirit - one can never be able to finish a big task successfully unless he or she tries to cooperate with other members in a team to get everything done.

Working at a fast food restaurant, I also got some challenges and difficulties to deal with. For instance, I was always hurt by boiling oil when frying food in the kitchen. Besides that, as I was a novice crew member, customers might get impatient or annoyed. They sometimes even yelled at me because of making careless mistakes.

From this experience, I realise that being patient and having good temper is very important when working in the service industry. I also know that it is not easy to earn a living nowadays since our society is competitive. There is no doubt that being equipped with different skills can guarantee a more promising future.

5C Chou Ching Long, Ray (Blue House)



Comments:

- Your essay is quite well written with a lot of details and elaboration. They are mostly relevant to the topic and are well organized. Well done! Keep up the good work!

The logo for 'Selfie Craze' features the word 'Selfie' in a blue, cursive font with a hand holding a smartphone above the 'i'. The word 'Craze' is in a blue, sans-serif font. Three yellow stars are scattered around the text, and a blue circular swoosh underlines 'Selfie'.

We all know that taking selfie has been getting more popular recently among youngsters and young adults. We can find selfies on different social networking sites. It has gradually become a craze. In this essay, both reasons and problems of taking selfies will be discussed.

There are quite a number of reasons why people enjoy taking selfies. It is true that taking selfies can document the special moments in people's lives. In addition, people want to reinforce their carefully self-built image. Taking selfies serves as a confidence booster.

Owing to the selfie craze, the possible problems brought by it should not be ignored. It cannot be denied that image-based platforms are forcing people to look at themselves more critically than ever before. They may even be willing to take risks as long as they look better. It is because the more obsessed they become with selfies, the more likely they would feel the urge to bridge the gap between their virtual and real images. For example, the selfie craze has driven more young people to seek plastic surgery.

On the other hand, selfie craze may lead to a decrease in self-esteem and satisfaction in the viewers as people may unwittingly compare their not-as-glamorous lives with those shared by others. For example, they may trap themselves in negative thoughts such as being disappointed and complaining about themselves when comparing with the illusions projected by others.

Needless to say, we should focus more on appreciating one's inner beauty. It is hoped that people will not get addicted to taking selfies.

5D Shahzadi Maira (Green House)



Comments:

- The article is well presented and the flow is smooth.