

LIBERAL STUDIES (HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS) AS-LEVEL

8.30 am – 11.00 am (2½ hours)
This paper must be answered in English

1. This paper consists of **Section 1** and **Section 2**. Section 1 carries 75% of the module marks, and Section 2 carries 25%.
2. **Section 1** consists of three questions, *all* of which are to be answered. **Section 2** consists of four questions, of which candidates may attempt any *one*.
3. Each question is worth 25 marks : 18 marks are allocated for content and 7 marks for effective communication.
4. The maximum content marks are indicated in brackets at the end of each question and sub-question. They are a guide to the length of answer required, which may vary from one to several paragraphs.
5. Candidates are reminded that this subject emphasises the ability to present and support points of view in a clear, concise and logical manner, rather than the ability to recite facts.

Section 1

Answer *all* the questions in the section.

1. Some social psychologists believe that the following are some of the rules that are usually observed in successful marriages :

Rules for both spouses in marriage

- Be faithful
- Create a harmonious home atmosphere
- Respect the other partner's privacy
- Engage in sexual activity with the other partner
- Disclose personal feelings and problems to the partner
- Be tolerant of each other's friends
- Don't criticise the partner publicly
- Ask for personal advice
- Discuss personal financial matters with the other partner
- Engage in joking with the partner
- Show distress or anxiety in front of the partner

Additional rules for the husband

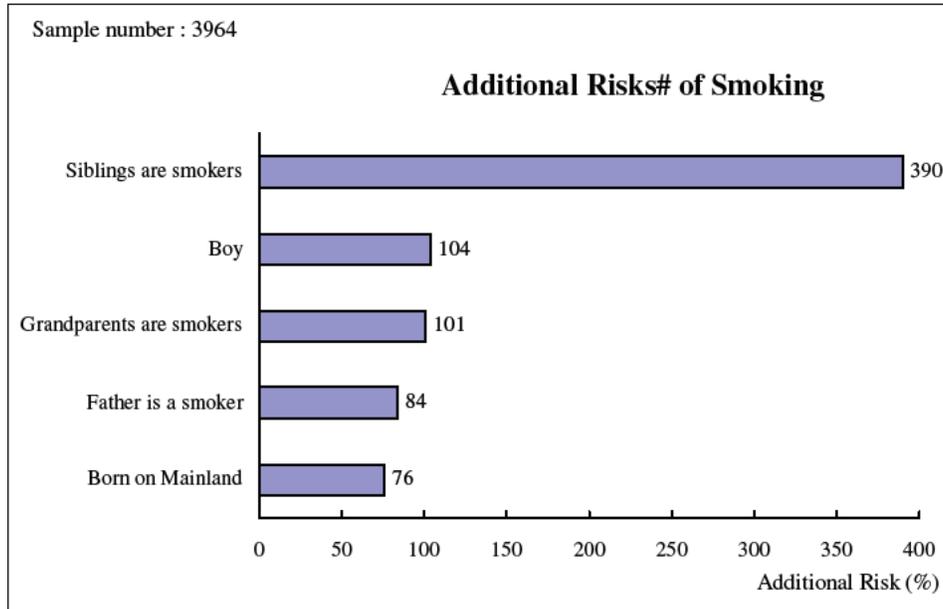
- Look after the family when the wife is unwell
- Show an interest in the wife's daily activities
- Be responsible for household repair and maintenance

Additional rules for the wife

- Show anger in front of the partner
 - Don't complain all the time
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- (a) From the list, choose two rules that you think are the most important to a successful marriage. Explain your choice. (9 marks)
- (b) From the list, choose two rules that you think are the least important to a successful marriage. Explain your choice. (9 marks)

2. The Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health commissioned the Department of Community Medicine at the University of Hong Kong to launch the first smoking survey of primary school children from P.3 to P.6. The findings showed that one in three boys and one in five girls under 13 had smoked. The survey also discovered that children are more likely to smoke if some of their family members, including siblings, parents and grandparents, are smokers (see the figure below).



[# : 'Additional Risk' is calculated by percentage. For example, the additional risk for those having siblings who are smokers is 390%, that is, the probability of their being smokers is 3.9 times higher than those having no sibling who is smoker.]

- (a) How would you explain the fact that a child's 'additional risk' of smoking is the highest if some of the child's siblings are smokers? (10 marks)
- (b) Based on the findings of the survey, suggest *two* effective means to solve the problem of early smoking. Explain. (8 marks)

3. The Keep Hong Kong Clean Campaign was launched in 1972 but it seems that Hong Kong is still not clean. There are suggestions of stronger enforcement actions against litterbugs. In response to these suggestions, Mr Kim Salkeld, Deputy Secretary, Planning, Environment and Lands Bureau, writes :

'..... The administration is in complete agreement and the officers of the municipal services departments, the Marine Department and others are constantly on the lookout for offenders. But would public fund be well spent on employing officers in every street and every place where people go in order to pounce on everybody who dropped litter? Are not the best policemen of public behaviour the public themselves?

For as long as people tolerate littering or think that if someone else litters it is all right if they do too, or have the feeling that it is macho to flout the law and drop litter, any amount of enforcement by public officers, is not going to make a great deal of difference. The difference will come out as more and more people understand that home is not just the flat where you live, but your housing estate, your district, the whole of Hong Kong, and that it just doesn't make sense to rubbish your own home

- (a) Explain the view of Mr Salkeld. Do you agree with him? (4 + 4 marks)
- (b) What do you think would be the most effective way to make people understand that home is not just the flat where one lives? (10 marks)

Section 2

Answer *one* question from this section.

4. This is a letter to the editor of a local newspaper :

Less romance

I regularly see teenage boys and girls hugging and kissing openly in cinemas, streets and shopping centres.

They don't seem to care who's watching and carry on even if people are staring. I think this behaviour is unacceptable in public places.

These students spend less time studying and are unlikely to perform well in examinations.

Early romance is not suitable for students as they are too young to understand the real meaning of love.

Premature romance often ends with guilt and even suicide.

Parents should not allow their children to date before 18.

Mr Lam
Kwai Chung

Comment on Mr Lam's view on early romance.

(18 marks)

5. In a survey, junior secondary school students were asked to record the physical activities they pursued from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on three specified school days. The following table lists the top ten activities :

Rank Order of Physical Activities

| Rank Order | Activity Item | Duration (Minutes) |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | | Mean |
| 1 | Walking | 346 |
| 2 | Watching television | 145 |
| 3 | Standing | 82 |
| 4 | Reading | 64 |
| 5 | Volleyball (recreational) | 61 |
| 6 | Basketball (recreational) | 55 |
| 7 | Computer games | 44 |
| 8 | Shopping | 36 |
| 9 | Listening to music | 28 |
| 10 | Housework | 21 |

Note : Only the top ten activities are listed

- (a) How would you explain the fact that the top four items, namely, walking, watching television, standing and reading, are all generally speaking not socially involved? (9 marks)
- (b) How would you explain the fact that only two sports activities, namely, recreational volleyball and basketball, are listed amongst the top ten activities? (9 marks)
6. Ka Ming, 16 years old, attempted suicide recently and was rescued by firemen. The incident was reported in a local newspaper :

Ka Ming was a Secondary 5 student last year. The separation of his parents came as a blow to him. He became very unhappy, lost interest in studying and eventually failed to attend the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination. He seldom disclosed himself to others, except his uncle. In the past, whenever he was depressed, his uncle was the only person he would talk to. But, unfortunately, his uncle died from cancer last year. Last month, he tried to borrow money from his relatives. His relatives refused because they couldn't understand why he needed the money and thought he was still young.

Nobody except Ka Ming himself knows the reasons why he attempted suicide.

- (a) What do you think would be the major factors contributing to Ka Ming's attempted suicide? (10 marks)
- (b) If you were a friend of Ka Ming, what would you do to prevent him from attempting suicide again? (8 marks)

7. An enquiry on organ donation was conducted between June and October 1994. A total of 9565 persons aged 18 or above were interviewed. The following tables present some of the findings :

Table 1

| Persons aged 18 or over by whether willing to donate their organs | |
|--|------|
| <u>Jun–Oct 1994</u> | |
| Whether willing to donate their organs | % |
| Willing | 36.8 |
| Not willing | 48.1 |
| No opinion | 15.1 |
| Total : | 100 |

Table 2

| Persons aged 18 or over who were willing to donate their organs by age and sex | | |
|---|------|-------|
| <u>Jun–Oct 1994</u> | | |
| Age and sex | % | Rate* |
| <u>Age</u> | | |
| 18–29 | 34.9 | 55.4 |
| 30–39 | 33.1 | 43.9 |
| 40–49 | 19.3 | 36.2 |
| 50–59 | 6.1 | 21.1 |
| 60–69 | 4.7 | 15.0 |
| 70 or over | 1.9 | 9.3 |
| Total : | 100 | 36.8 |
| <u>Sex</u> | | |
| Male | 47.4 | 36.4 |
| Female | 52.6 | 37.1 |
| Total : | 100 | 36.8 |
| *As a percentage of persons in the respective age or sex sub-groups. | | |

- (a) Based on the findings of the survey, explain the relationship between age and willingness to donate organs. (10 marks)
- (b) Suppose you were asked to design a promotion programme to encourage people to donate their organs, but were only given very limited funding. Based on the findings in the survey, how would you design your programme to attract as many potential donors as possible? (8 marks)

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