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LIBERAL STUDIES PAPER 1
Question-Answer Book
(Practice Question)

40 minutes

1. Consider the following information:

Source 1 A newspaper extract dated 24 August, 2009 about a protest action made by Green Sense, an environmental concern group, against a fast food chain.



Green Sense members hold an event at a fast food shop to highlight the amount of waste the chain creates.

Based on estimates from a survey, Green Sense claims that the 210 outlets of a fast food chain in Hong Kong has dumped more than 400 million disposable items such as cups, paper boxes and styrofoam bowls in the past three years. Yesterday, the group threw a “party” to illustrate how much waste the chain generates. More than 150 packaging items and pieces of disposable cutlery were used during the event, which was attended by 10 guests.

The spokeswoman for the chain said they had continuously come up with viable green campaigns such as No Straw Day, but its priority was to provide convenience to customers.

Source 2

General suggestions from the public

- Citizen A: Fast food chains should come up with a 5-year plan to voluntarily cut their use of disposable items by 50%.
- Citizen B: The government should impose a levy of HK 50 cents on disposable cups and cutlery through legislation.
- Citizen C: We should boycott chains which have poor environmental practices.

(a) Identify and elaborate on an environmental problem illustrated by Source 1. (3 marks)

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(b) According to Source 1, explain the roles of Green Sense in this case.

(6 marks)

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Source:

South China Morning Post, 24 August, 2009.

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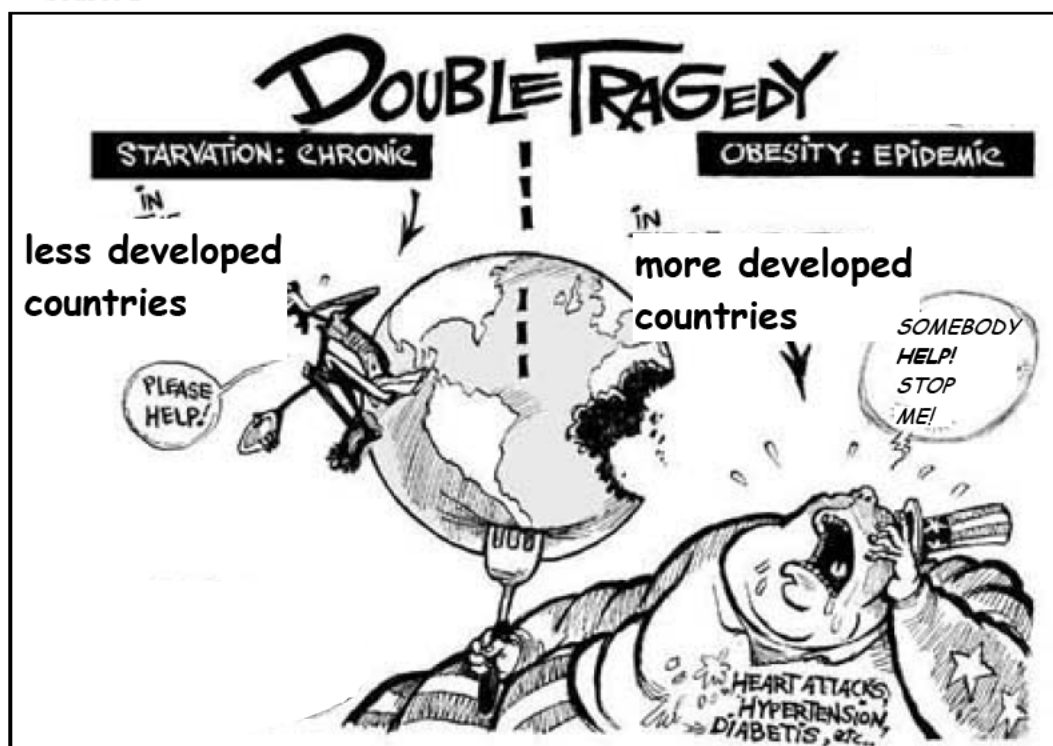
2. Consider the following information:

Source 1

GLOBESITY – the origin of the word

This is a blend of *global* and *obesity*. A writer at the World Health Organization (WHO) used it for the first time in a report in February 2001 on the increasing risk caused by obesity worldwide, which is classified by many health professionals as a much more serious problem than smoking. Obesity is one of today's most visible public health problems, paradoxically coexisting with malnutrition, another major health problem. Overweight and obesity has become an escalating global epidemic. The fat epidemic — mainly the result of poor diet— is often thought to be peculiarly a US problem or more generally one of the more developed world, but it is a problem increasingly shared by less developed countries.

Source 2



- (a) With reference to the above information, how do you think globesity can be compared to an epidemic? (3 marks)

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- (b) Compare the views expressed in Sources 1 and 2. (6 marks)

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- (c) Referring to Source 2, to what extent do you think that the double-tragedy is caused by globalization? Explain your answer. (10 marks)

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Sources:

Worldwide Words

<<<http://www.worldwidewords.org/turnsofphrase/tp-glo2.htm>>>

Foodmuseum

Cartoon: “Double Tragedy”

<<<http://www.foodmuseum.com/>>>

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3. Consider the following information:

Source 1: Views expressed by three students towards the 'Trial Scheme on School Drug Testing'

Michael	The scheme will lead to tense relationships between parents and children if parents insist that their kids take the tests and the youngsters object.
Mary	I support the drug testing scheme, and believe it can act as a deterrent. It can discourage drug use and stop its spread within a school.
Marley	I am not sure to whom my drug test result would be disclosed and I am also worried about being punished for testing positive.

Source 2

Commissioner for Narcotics, Ms Sally Wong said, "During the second half of 2009, the Narcotics Division, Security Bureau and Education Bureau held a series of consultation and sharing sessions to exchange views with the relevant stakeholders on the drug testing scheme* details. We have refined the details of the scheme after fully considering the views of relevant parties."

Under-Secretary for Education, Mr Kenneth Chen said, "Full protection of students' privacy is in place in the refined scheme details. Any drug testing results will be safeguarded under the principle of confidentiality and the relevant authorities will only provide the information to people on a need-to-know basis and will not let just anybody obtain such information."

*This scheme refers to the Trial Scheme on School Drug Testing in Tai Po District.

Source 3



- (a) What are the factors considered by the 3 students in Source 1 when expressing their respective views? (4 marks)

- (b) Refer to Sources 2 and 3. Describe and elaborate on the message conveyed in the cartoon. (5 marks)

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Sources:

Apple Daily, 19 August, 2009.

Government Information Services, “Details of Trial Scheme on School Drug Testing in Tai Po District announced”, 19 October, 2009.

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4. Consider the following information:

Source 1

Some studies have found the following kinds of behaviour common among Hong Kong people:

- Switching on the computer, the TV, air conditioners, or lights in all the rooms once they arrive home
- Not switching off lights or air-conditioners when a room is not in use
- Leaving electrical appliances plugged in on standby while they are not in use

Source 2

Local consumption of electricity by type of users

Unit: terajoule

Year	Quarter	Domestic	Commercial*
2007	4	6 775 (20.2)	23 614 (70.5)
2008	1	7 298 (24.2)	20 105 (66.7)
	2	8 320 (22.3)	25 793 (69.0)
	3	13 878 (30.5)	28 337 (62.3)
	4	7 604 (22.2)	23 829 (69.4)
2009	1	6 874 (22.9)	20 820 (69.2)
	2	9 133 (24.3)	25 558 (67.9)
	3	15 094 (31.6)	29 531 (61.9)

Notes: 1 terajoule = 10^{12} joules.

Figures in brackets denote percentage shares against the total consumption of electricity for the respective quarter. Industrial consumption is not shown in the table.

*Includes street lighting, which is charged to the Government's account.

(a) Describe the electricity consumption pattern of Hong Kong people shown in Source 2. (4 marks)

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- (b) With reference to Sources 1 and 2, in what ways do you think that the electricity consumption of Hong Kong people may reflect their personal living styles? (5 marks)

- (c) Explain how the electricity consumption of Hong Kong people may have a negative impact on the quality of life in Hong Kong. (5 marks)

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(d) Discuss measures to help alleviate the negative impact you mentioned in (c). (6 marks)

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Source:

Hong Kong Energy Statistics Quarterly Report, Second Quarter 2009

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