

Types of Writing	Total	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Expository	34	5	6	5	6	3	4	5
Argumentative	15	2	1	1	1	4	3	3
Narrative	8	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Persuasive	3	1	/	/	1	/	1	/
Descriptive	3	/	1	2	/	/	/	/

Part A	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Text types	Announcement	Restaurant Review	Yearbook Entry	Letter to parents	Letter to the principal	Speech	Letter to the editor
Purpose	To describe To persuade	To give opinions	To describe To reflect	To inform	To propose	To explain	To discuss
Topic	School fair	Food	School life	School trip	School life	School life	School life

Text types	Total	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Essay	9	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓		✓	✓✓	
Proposal (letter / email)	8	✓✓	✓	✓			✓	✓✓✓
Story	7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Article	7		✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓
Letter to the editor / newspaper	6	✓				✓✓	✓✓	✓
Blog post	4	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Application letter	3	✓	✓		✓			
News report	2		✓	✓				
Informal letter	2				✓		✓	
Debate speech	2				✓	✓		
Report	2					✓		✓
Business email	2				✓			✓
Review	1			✓				
Speech	1			✓				

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2021	Text Type	Announcement (morning assembly) New	Blog post (for an online challenge)	Letter to the editor (problem/solution)	Proposal email to Boss Trending	Job application letter Trending	Essay	Essay	Scary story	Proposal Letter to a TV production manager Trending
		Persuasive	Expository	Expository	Expository	Expository	Argumentative	Argumentative	Narrative	Expository
	Role	Student helper	Social media user	Newspaper Reader	Staff (sales department)	Professional athlete	NA	Student	Contestant of a story competition	Screenwriter
	Purpose	To describe To persuade	To explain To reflect	To discuss To give ideas	To give ideas	To explain To persuade	To argue	To compare To argue	To recount	To describe To explain
	Register	Semi-formal or informal	Semi-Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	NA	Formal
Question	Introduce the school fair Describe activities Recruit volunteers	State the reasons and aims of taking the 21-day Gratitude Challenge Reflect on the challenge	Give reasons for the slow sales of electric vehicles Suggest solutions	Propose to change the no-exchange / no-refund policy	Apply for the position of Assistant Coach	Discuss whether social media influencers are more trustworthy than traditional ads	Discuss whether older friendships are better than new ones	Write a scary story about a night shift of a security guard	Describe a TV drama series about three generations of a family Explain why the idea would be popular	

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2020	Text Type	Restaurant review New	Essay	News report	Internal application letter (for a work transfer) New	Proposal letter (to the International Olympic Committee) Trending	Essay	Feature article (for a magazine)	First chapter of a mystery story New	Blog (for a travel blog)
		Descriptive	Expository	Expository	Expository	Expository	Argumentative	Expository	Narrative	Expository
	Role	Diner	Student	Journalist	Hotel staff	NA	NA	Reporter	Contestant of a story competition	Visitor in Hong Kong
	Purpose	To describe To give opinions	To explain To describe	To explain	To explain	To propose To explain	To argue	To describe	To recount	To describe To explain
	Register	Semi-formal	Formal	Semi-formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	Semi-formal	NA	Informal
	Question	Describe positive and negative dining experience Give comments on food, service, environment and price	Explain why Instagrammers enjoy taking photos of Hong Kong housing estates Report residents' feelings on this	Give reasons for the decreasing number of small stationery shops Comment on whether they will survive	Apply for a work transfer as a hotel staff member Highlight work experience Explain what benefits will the transfer bring to the company	Propose dragon boat racing as an Olympic event Explain why it meets all the three requirements stated	Argue for or against the effectiveness of food warning labels in changing people's eating habits	Give details on a singer's sudden rise to fame Give details on how she is inspired to produce songs	Write the first chapter of a story in which research staff in an Arctic station disappear one by one	Give reasons for why Chinese opera performance could be enjoyable

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2019	Text Type	Yearbook Entry New	Article	Essay	Email to a district council election committee	News report	Essay	Speech (to club members)	Story	Film review
		Expository	Expository	Expository	Expository	Descriptive	Argumentative	Expository	Narrative	Descriptive
	Role	S6 student	Reader	Student	Volunteer	Reporter	Reader	Leader of an arts club	Contestant of a story competition	Reporter
	Purpose	To describe	To inform	To explain To give ideas	To explain To give ideas	To describe To recount	To argue To explain	To instruct	To recount	To describe To give opinions
	Register	Semi-formal	Semi-formal	Formal	Formal	Semi-formal	Formal	Semi-formal or informal	NA	Semi-formal
	Question	Write about one subject that you enjoyed studying or found challenging Write about what you will miss most about being a member of your class	Tell readers where you get information about the latest trends of one or two areas of pop culture Provide the name of the sources recommended	Explain some of the benefits and challenges international talent brings to Hong Kong society Explain ways to ensure local people are not neglected	Explain the ideas of the two posters you designed for a candidate running in the upcoming council election and how they would make a good campaign theme Share the ideas for the design of the remaining poster	Describe the incident in a sports game and what happened afterwards Include thoughts and opinions from different people involved	State and explain your position on whether social media platforms encourage or stifle public debate	Discuss what a critic does, how to give criticism and ways to respond to criticism Express a message	Rewrite the story 'The Tortoise and the Hare' Imagine the two animals team up to race against others	Describe briefly the plot and how the characters are portrayed in this new version of <i>Cinderella</i> Explain why the director wanted to make this film

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2018	Text Type	Letter to parents New	Article	Letter of advice (to a reader)	Letter to staff New	Blog	Debate speech	Application letter (for a workshop) New	Story	Article
		Expository	Expository	Expository	Expository	Persuasive	Argumentative	Expository	Narrative	Expository
	Role	Class teacher	Reader	Advice columnist	Boss	Marathon runner	Debate team member	Young poet	Pet bird in a cage	Audience member of a stage play
	Purpose	To inform To describe	To explain	To give advice	To explain To give opinions	To promote To persuade	To argue	To persuade	To recount	To describe To discuss
	Register	Formal	Semi-formal	informal	Formal	Semi-formal	Formal	Formal	NA	Semi-formal
	Question	Give information on a school trip	Explain possible reasons for the rise in popularity of 'Athleisure'	Advise a reader on what to do with his/her parents, who object he/she becomes a vet	Address complaints about emails and text messages after hours	Encourage young people to run a marathon	Argue for or against the motion 'The policy of reporting students' class position [in report cards] should be abolished'	Explain your interest in poetry and why you should be selected to attend the summer poetry workshop	Write a story from the perspective of the bird when the cage is left open	To describe the recording Discuss whether video-recordings of live drama performances are a good way to attract more people to watch stage play

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2017	Text Type	Letter to the principal	Letter to the editor	Report (for a project)	Letter to the editor	Article	Debate speech	Blog	Story	Essay
		Expository	Expository	Expository	Argumentative	Argumentative	Argumentative	Narrative	Narrative	Argumentative
	Role	Chairperson of the Social Service Group	Concerned citizen	Student	NA	Member of Dance Team	Captain of the debate team	Blogger	Contestant of a story competition	Student
	Purpose	To propose	To explain To give ideas	To explain To give ideas	To argue To explain	To argue To explain	To argue	To recount	To recount	To argue
	Register	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	Semi-formal	Formal	Semi-formal	NA	Formal
Question	Propose a community project the school can carry out with an elderly home Describe one activity proposed Identify the benefits for the elderly home	Explain why traditional egg tarts and mahjong are worth being selected as intangible cultural heritage items Suggest how to protect them	Explain why the number of NEETs in Hong Kong is rising Suggest what can be done to help these young people	Disagree with the opinion that recent Hong Kong fresh university graduates are less hard-working and less willing to face challenges in the workplace compared to those in the past	Support the idea that dancers are athletes Discuss the physical strength and skills, and self-discipline and training of dancing	Argue for 'Watching TV makes us smarter'	Write about one opportunity you missed and one you took	Write a story with the topic 'Wildlife' and ending with a lion in a house	Answer the question 'Is romantic love necessary for a happy marriage?'	

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2016	Text Type	Speech (to new students)	Proposal	Essay	Article	Letter to the editor	Letter to a newspaper	Essay	Story	Email to parents
		Expository	Expository	Expository	Argumentative	Argumentative	Argumentative	Expository	Narrative	Persuasive
	Role	President of Students' Union	NA	Contestant of an essay competition	Reader	NA	NA	NA	Student	S6 student
	Purpose	To give advice	To propose	To explain	To argue	To argue	To argue	To explain	To recount	To persuade
	Register	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	NA	informal
Question	Explain the importance of following school rules and interpersonal relationships	Suggest one or two trends popular with young people Explain how to present them at the Youth Festival	Explain why one aspect of local street life or culture is disappearing Suggest why it is worth preserving	Give your views on the suggestion— Graduates should look for jobs in other cities in Asia	Argue for the suggestion— Schools should allow the public to use their sports facilities after school hours	Argue for or against the practice— Parents install apps on children's mobile phones to monitor their activities	Explain why it is important to take on and deal with challenges	Write a story on the theme 'Revenge is Sweet'	To convince parents to support programme choice for JUPAS and career choice as an actor	

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2015	Text Type	Letter to the editor	Problem / Solution Report	Article	Email to the manager	Proposal letter to the principal	Letter to the editor	Proposal letter to the Central Library	Proposal email to the English teacher	Story
		Argumentative	Expository	Expository	Expository	Expository	Argumentative	Expository	Expository	Narrative
	Role	Reader	NA	NA	Summer intern	Chairperson of the Class Association	NA	Chairperson of Poetry Club	Chairperson of Reading Club	Student
	Purpose	To argue	To explain To give ideas	To explain To discuss	To report To give ideas	To explain To give ideas	To argue	To propose	To explain To give ideas	To recount
	Register	Formal	Formal	Semi-formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal	NA
Question	Give your view on the suggestion— Schools should start at 9 am instead of 8 am	Explain why fewer people go to cinemas Give solutions	Explain why parents send children to study abroad Discuss the impact on local schools and children who stay overseas	Summarise a complaint Give solutions	Explain why classmates are unhappy about PE lessons Suggest two new activities	Argue for or against the view—Hong Kong’s harbour front should be open for public use instead of housing and commercial use	Suggest two activities to increase students’ interest in learning English for a language arts festival	Explain why an author is chosen for the ‘Meet the Author’ evening Suggest activities	Write a story on the theme ‘You are never too old to live your dreams’	