

### Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – This is a diary entry. There is no fixed format, but the opening, main body and closing should be clearly differentiated by each's content. Begin your entry with 'Dear Diary'. Write in the first person.
2. Genre – This is a commentary and a piece of descriptive writing. Describe the performance of the winning speaker in detail, and comment on things in the performance that show that the winner deserved the prize.
3. Language and formality – The language of a diary entry can be informal and personal, since it is only for one's own reading. Adopt terms in debating abundantly. Express personal feelings freely. The tone can be approving and admiring, since the writer is impressed. Write in the simple past tense in general. Write in the simple present tense when expressing feelings.
4. Organisation – In the beginning, give the background of the debate competition and mention your impression of the winner speaker. Then give examples from his speech to show the excellence of his performance. In the following paragraphs, comment on his debating skills more generally to show that the award is well-deserved. End by expressing your wish to do as well. Organise the paragraphs, and sentences in each paragraph, with cohesive devices.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The topic of this diary entry is debating and public speaking techniques. Draw on your own experience. Also refer to the following vocabulary for suggestions about ideas.

### Useful vocabulary and expressions

#### Verbs / verb phrases

boost	提升
challenge	提出異議
fund	資助
keep the audience alert	令觀眾集中
maintain good eye contact	保持良好的眼神接觸
make contributions	作出貢獻
skillfully rebut	巧妙地反駁
strike	打動
tactfully pose	機智地提出
turn a deaf ear to	漠視某人或物
wrap up	總結

#### Nouns / noun phrases

argument	論點
best speaker award	最佳辯論員獎
bridge words or phrases	銜接詞或短語
charity	慈善
delivery technique	表達技巧
figure	數字
firm attitude	堅定的態度
motion	議題
national identity	民族性
opponent	對手
opposition side	反方
plus	另一好處

powerful space nation	太空強國
reputation	聲譽
rural children	鄉村孩子
space exploration	太空探索
space mission	太空任務
sustainable growth	可持續發展
talented people	專才
transition	過渡

#### Adjectives / adjective phrases

affirmative	正方的
badly needed	急需的
close to perfect	接近完美的
concrete	具體的
convincing / persuasive	有說服力的
definite	明確的
encouraging	鼓勵的
essential	精要的
forceful / sound	有力的
impressive	印象深刻的
outstanding	突出的
poverty-stricken	貧困不堪的
sound	合理的
unproductive	無收益的
well-organised	組織性強的