THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

GRADUATING STUDENTS’ LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT (ENGLISH)

Spoken Language Test (Sample)

Question Book

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your Candidate Number and Seat Number in the spaces provided above in blue or black pen.

2. Complete ALL tasks.

3. Use the spaces provided in this Question Book for notes. Nothing written in this book will be assessed.

4. Be sure to speak clearly and loudly enough to allow a proper assessment of your performance.
Listen to the recording, and answer the questions by speaking into the microphone. All your answers should be in English.

There are five tasks. Spoken instructions in the recording will tell you what to do. Only start speaking your answer when you are told to do so.

You should stop speaking when you hear this sound ♬.

Try to speak as much as you can, but if you run out of time, don’t worry. Just follow the instructions for the next task.

We will begin with a short warm-up task. Your answers in this section are for practice only and will not be assessed. Please answer these three questions in English.

Remember, you should stop speaking when you hear this sound ♬.

Warm-up Task

The Spoken Language Test will now begin.

TASK 1 In this task you will summarise a radio interview.

Situation
You will listen to a radio interview between Alison James and David Kwok. Alison James presents The Arts Show on the radio. David Kwok is the Director of the Hong Kong Asian Film Festival.

Task
While you listen, make notes. When the interview is over, you will have ONE minute to review your notes. You will then give a TWO minute summary of the interview to your Japanese friend, Sonomi, who is a great movie fan.
Listening

Listen carefully and make notes in the space provided:

Alison James –

David Kwok –

Hong Kong Asian Film Festival –

Other important details –

Now review your notes for ONE minute.

You will now summarise the radio interview for your friend, Sonomi.

You have TWO minutes to speak. Start speaking now. 🎤

♩ That is the end of Task 1.
TASK 2  In this task you will take part in an interview.

Situation
Last month, you saw a job advertisement on the departmental notice board (the job ad is on the next page). The property developer Han Sing Properties was seeking young enthusiastic graduates. You applied, and you have been selected for an interview. Congratulations! Now you have to prepare for your interview.

Task
You will have TWO minutes to prepare for the interview. During the interview, you will be asked 4 questions. You will have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Read the advertisement and decide which department of the company you would like to work in. Think about the questions you might be asked in the interview.

You now have TWO minutes to prepare for the interview.

Preparation for the interview:

Listening
Now listen to the questions. Answer each question as soon as you hear it.

Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

The questions start now.
THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY DEVELOPER

Career & Training Opportunities

Han Sing Properties are looking for young enthusiastic graduates to join our expanding organisation. So …

- if you like a challenge;
- if you are ready for responsibility;
- if you are creative and hard-working.

… then we need you in one of our dynamic departments in Hong Kong, Los Angeles, or Buenos Aires. Applications are invited from recent graduates in the following areas (training is provided for successful applicants):

- Advertising
- Sales & Marketing
- Property Valuation
- Finance
- Computing
- Human Resources
- Investment Advice
- Construction
- Engineering

Check out our website for information about positions and job conditions:

http://www.worldprop.co.hk/posns

Download an application form from:
http://www.worldprop.co.hk/posns/form.htm and email it to the following email address by the end of the month. Write “Graduate Positions Job Ad” in the subject line:

applcns@worldprop.co.hk

♫ That is the end of Task 2.

Please turn to Task 3. ➔
TASK 3 In this task you will give an oral presentation.

Situation
Your company is concerned about the health and fitness of its employees, and is planning to provide fitness club membership as a part of employees’ benefits. You have been asked to research alternatives and report on them at the monthly management committee meeting. You have found three possible fitness clubs, and you have made a table to compare them. The table is on the next page.

Task
Your task is to describe the three alternatives to the management committee. Committee members will see your table as a Power Point slide.

In your presentation you should:
• give a short introduction;
• explain the variations in the different schemes; and
• do this in a way that encourages the committee members to consider all three alternatives.

The meeting has a long agenda, so you will have only THREE minutes to make your presentation. Therefore, today you need to practice what you are going to say.

You have TWO minutes to prepare for the presentation. Start preparing now.
## Fitness Clubs

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<tr>
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<th>Dragon Boat Fitness Club</th>
<th>Lifestyle Sport and Fitness Centre</th>
<th>MMK Health Club</th>
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<td><strong>Annual Fee</strong></td>
<td>$2,800</td>
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<td>(Membership)</td>
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<td><strong>Activities</strong></td>
<td>Gym, Squash, Swimming, Aerobics</td>
<td>Gym, Squash, Swimming, Aerobics, Tennis</td>
<td>Gym, Squash, Aerobics</td>
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<td><strong>Facilities</strong></td>
<td>Spa &amp; Sauna, Cafe</td>
<td>Spa &amp; Sauna, Cafe/bar</td>
<td>Sauna, Child care</td>
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<td><strong>Hours</strong></td>
<td>Every day 6 am - 8 pm</td>
<td>Every day 6 am - midnight</td>
<td>Every day 10 am - midnight</td>
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<td><strong>Extras/Special</strong></td>
<td>Personalised training programme</td>
<td>Separate sessions for men and women</td>
<td>Swimming lessons for all levels; Dancing classes</td>
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<td><strong>Location</strong></td>
<td>Next to the office</td>
<td>Many branches</td>
<td>10 minute walk or short bus ride</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
<td>$100 off for company membership</td>
<td>10% discount for renewing members</td>
<td>Family membership $1000 per year</td>
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Preparation for the presentation:

You have THREE minutes to make the presentation. Start speaking now.

♫ That is the end of Task 3.
TASK 4  In this task you will leave a telephone message.

Situation
You are scheduled to give the presentation you rehearsed in Task 3 at a meeting at work. You will give the presentation together with your colleague, Peter Lock. Information about the meeting (plus a reminder about a video-conference) is in your diary. Look at the diary now.

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<th>Wednesday 25th</th>
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<td><strong>Meeting Agenda</strong></td>
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<td>Venue: Room 734 [Mike’s Office]</td>
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<td>9:25 Apologies &amp; Minutes of last meeting</td>
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<td>9:30 Matters arising</td>
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<td>9:45 Reports: Planning Group</td>
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<td>10:15 Site Group</td>
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<td>10:45 Financial Group</td>
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<td>11:15 <em>Presentation (Peter and me)</em></td>
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<td>11:25 Discussion</td>
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<td>12:00 close</td>
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Reminder: Wall Street project video conference – Barly Building 8:30 tonight.

Task
When you returned from lunch today, there was a message on your voicemail. It was from Peter Lock. Your task will be to call Peter back and leave him a message.
Listening

Listen to Peter’s message, and make a note of his questions while you listen.

Peter’s questions:

You now have ONE minute to prepare what you are going to say to Peter. Start preparing your message now.

Preparation for message:

Now you will call Peter. Listen to his message and start speaking after the tone. You have 40 seconds.

♫ That is the end of Task 4.

♫ Please turn to Task 5.
**TASK 5**  In this task you will join in a conversation with a visitor to Hong Kong.

**Situation**
You are now working at the Head Office of the Dragon Corporation. You have just met Harry Wright. Harry has recently come out to Hong Kong from the USA with his family and is going to be working for the Dragon Corporation’s International Legal Division. You are going to hear part of a conversation he is having with one of your colleagues.

**Task**
You will listen to a conversation between Harry Wright and a colleague. This conversation will finish with some questions. You will need to join in the conversation and answer the questions Robert asks. You will have THREE minutes to speak.

You will first listen to the conversation and then have TWO minutes to prepare what you will say. You will then listen again and join in.

**Listening**
Listen to the conversation and make notes of the questions Harry asks.

Harry’s questions:

Your task is to talk a little bit about horse racing here in Hong Kong. Also, tell Harry the best ways of getting to the horse racing from Tsim Sha Tsui. You have TWO minutes to prepare your answer to Harry’s questions. Some suggestions about things that you might want to discuss are shown below.

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<td>☐ race tracks</td>
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You will now listen to Harry’s questions again and then join in the conversation.

You have THREE minutes to speak. Start speaking now.

♩ That is the end of the test.