

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 4

### PART A Group Interaction

This email was sent to a Hong Kong secondary school teacher:

Dear Mr Wong,

The Disciplinary Team suspects that two students in your class have cheated on their homework assignment. The two students in question are *Chan Tai Man* and *Chris Wong*.

We have looked at the students' homework assignment and they are almost identical, which suggests the two students have copied from each other. However, we need more evidence. Could you arrange to talk with each student separately so we can find out more about what happened?

After you have spoken one-on-one with each student, we may need to re-interview them again. Please send us your findings and include any recommendations on how to handle this particular case. To deter students from repeating the same offence, we have used after-school detention for minor issues. For more serious cases, we meet with parents to try and understand any underlying issues. If a student continues to cheat repeatedly, he or she may be asked to leave the school.

The school regards cheating as a serious issue and we will send a reminder to all students of the dangers of copying other students' homework, using the internet to buy essays and using apps such as Google translate to do assignments.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the members on the team.

The Disciplinary Team

Two students have been caught cheating at your school. Your class teacher has asked your group to discuss this issue. You may want to talk about:

- why students cheat
- whether cheating is a common problem in schools
- suitable ways of dealing with the problem
- anything else you think is important

### PART B Individual Response

1. Do teachers know when students cheat?
2. Is there more cheating now than in the past?
3. Does technology make cheating easy?
4. Is copying from the internet cheating?
5. If parents do homework for their children, is that cheating?
6. What type of students tend to cheat?
7. Are some kinds of cheating worse than others?
8. Is cheating common in society?