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很多同學或會對地球系統科學感到陌生,但 如果你喜歡地理的話,便可能會較感興趣。

簡單來說,這學科是教我們透過科學學習地理。曾接觸地理的人都知道,地理需要涉獵不同範疇的知識,不過在中學的地理課程裡,這些知識很多時候都只是輕輕帶過,不曾深入討論。地球系統科學正是要求學生因應自己曾修讀的選修科去學習各種科學或科技知識,包括物理、化學、數學、統計及程式編寫等,待升讀第二年之後,便可以循序學習有關地理的不同科目,例如氣象學、地震學、地質學等。



這學科著重學生利用不同範疇的知識去了解我們身處的地球,並深入探討某 些影響地球的重要議題,甚至尋找解決方案。因此,如果同學們希望朝著地球系統科學的方向 發展的話,切記不但要對地理有濃厚的興趣,還需要及早吸收其他科學知識,才容易在這學科 中破浪前行。

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向醫護之路進發



醫護可說是目前香港最吃香的學系之一。這個課程的資助學位要求的錄取分數門艦較自資學位高,但兩者都沒有限制申請學生必須修讀某一特定選修科。

申請學生需要經過面試,包括半小時的寫作考核及約十分鐘的小組討論。 切記注意面試時的儀容及言行學止,因為這兩者佔分較重。護理學需要修讀五年,涉獵的範疇包括人體解剖生理學、基礎護理實務及社會學與護理等。簡單來說,學生將會更仔細研究人體的各種運作機制。除了理論外,學生也需要學習基本的護士實務,例如收拾床位,量度血壓,洗傷口及插喉等。接近第一學年尾聲,學生便會派到政府診所實習。由第二學年開

始,學生每年都需要到醫院實習,時數也會按年遞增,工作的崗位包括內科、外科及急症室。 畢業後,學生便能夠獲得註冊護士的牌照,向醫護行業進發。

Tipsfor Tackling the DSE English Language Papers

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There are four papers in the DSE English Language exam: reading, writing, listening and speaking. You can improve on these different areas by using different methods.

Four DSE Papers

Reading

Try to read a wide range of texts, such as newspaper articles, book reviews, short stories and poems. When you encounter a difficult word, try to continue reading to see if you can guess its meaning. Do not look up the dictionary immediately as this will interrupt your reading process. Look it up after you finish reading the whole text or a chapter of the text. This can improve your ability of guessing the meaning of difficult words in a text, which is important in the HKDSE.

Writing

Hand in extra compositions to your English teacher. He or she will help you correct your grammatical mistakes and give feedback on the contents of your writing. Try to learn from your mistakes and avoid making the same kind of mistakes again.

Listening

Find some videos that you are interested in, like documentaries, films or even YouTube video clips. Try to watch them without subtitles to see how much you can understand. If you really don't understand, look at the subtitles for help. You can listen to people speaking with different accents at different paces by watching authentic English videos, which can help you improve your listening ability in the HKDSE.

Speaking

Talking to native speakers frequently will help improve your English and confidence in speaking in English. You can find the Native English Teachers in the English corner. They are very nice and are happy to chat with you. Talking with them is an efficient way to improve your communication skills and the skills in organizing your ideas. 'Practice makes perfect.' Don't miss the precious opportunities to practise your English!

Other Concerns Staying Healthy

To ace the HKDSE, it is important to maintain a healthy lifestyle.



To stay healthy, try to sleep at a regular hour every day. Don't stay up too late for revision. An energetic mind is far more important than a few more hours of revision. Also, find someone you trust, such as your friends, teachers or parents, to talk to when you have difficulties in your learning. It is important to have a positive mind when tackling the HKDSE as it is a long battle. We can't fight for a long time if we are in a poor physical or mental health condition.

Rich Experience in Examinations

Practising the past DSE papers is the usual method to enrich your examination experience as they are reliable materials to help you familiarize with the examination. Don't just check your marks but make sure to read the marking scheme and also the marker's report after the paper is given back to you. The marker's report is very useful as it shows the common mistakes made by candidates in general. Learn from it and try to avoid making these mistakes.

Finally, you can consider taking part in mock exams organized by different organizations. Remember that the aim of it is to have a 'rehearsal' of what you need to do in a real examination setting when the environment and candidates are all unfamiliar to you, so that you will be less nervous when you take your own HKDSE. But make sure that don't take too many mock exams (1-2 for each subject is already enough) as this will waste you a lot of time.

I hope that the above tips can help you tackle the HKDSE and I wish all of you can pass the HKDSE with flying colours!