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**HKDSE 2015  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 1 PART B2  
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**

**B2**  
DIFFICULT SECTION

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Read Text 5 and answer questions 56-77. (40 marks)

56. Why does Michael Roth try “not to sound too weary” (lines 3-4) when he replies to his students?
- A. The students are not self-reliant.
  - B. The students have no imagination.
  - C. He thinks the writers are not interesting.
  - D. He has replied to these comments many times before.
- A  B  C  D

57. i) In lines 1-2, the student points out that Jean-Jacques Rousseau “is undermining himself”. Why does the student think this?

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ii) Why might the student feel triumphant?

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58. Which word or phrase in paragraph 2 best summarizes the student’s criticism of the writers in paragraph 1?

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59. Match the person on the left with the idea presented in the questions on the right taken from paragraph 2. Write the letter (A-C) on the line next to the person’s name. ONE question is not used. (2 marks)

Person	Question
i) Michael Roth _____	A. “How do we think about inequality and learning?” (line 7)
ii) Ralph Waldo Emerson _____	B. “How can we stand on our own feet while being open to inspiration from the world around us?” (lines 7-8)
	C. “Isn’t it more interesting to put ourselves in a frame of mind to find inspiration in them?” (line 9)

60. What does “It” (line 11) refer to?

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61. Complete this summary of paragraphs 3 and 4 by choosing a word from the eight options given below. Write the correct word in the space provided. Each word can be used ONCE only. (3 marks)

difficult	important	intelligent	gruelling
responsible	satisfying	cynical	unproductive

According to Roth, the kind of thinking honed at college is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ once students leave the campus. However, students believe it makes them more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ although others may feel they are just being (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

62. Based on paragraphs 5 and 6, decide whether the following statements are **True**, **False** or the information is **Not Given**. Blacken ONE circle only for each statement. (3 marks)

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|  | <b>T</b>              | <b>F</b>              | <b>NG</b>             |
| i) The writer thinks that being critical has no use.                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ii) Students could learn more if they were less critical.                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iii) Students don't enjoy books, music and experiments in the classroom. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

63. What is the main idea in paragraph 7?

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|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Living outside university requires tolerance.                    |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| B. Critical skills contribute to your popularity after university.  |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| C. Displaying critical prowess has little benefit after university. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| D. There is little critical thinking outside the university.        |                       |                       |                       |                       |

64. Below is a summary of paragraph 8. In three of the lines, there is ONE mistake. If you find a mistake, underline the mistake and replace the word with one that expresses the correct idea. Write the word in the space on the right. If there is no mistake, put a tick (✓) in the space. The first has been done for you. (4 marks)

	Summary	Correction
e.g.	There are <u>three</u> traditions in liberal education in America:	<i>two</i>
i)	one pursues truth, the other pursues exuberance. Since	
ii)	the 1960s, there has been less emphasis on the former,	
iii)	which now is synonymous with fault-finding and challenging beliefs.	
iv)	Rather than being a participant, there is a preference to be a competitor.	

65. Which phrase can replace the meaning of "fetishizing" in line 37?

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|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. the obsession with  |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| B. the problem of      |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| C. the hatred of       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| D. the experiment with |                       |                       |                       |                       |

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66. According to paragraph 9, in what two ways have people changed, contributing to the changes in our cultural life? (2 marks)

i) \_\_\_\_\_

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ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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67. In paragraph 10, what does Michael Roth believe students initially would prefer to watch in his class?

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68. i) Why do the students think Michael Roth asks them to put away their phones and tablets?

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ii) When Michael Roth says that the class even “forget” their phones and tablets, what does this imply?

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69. Which one of the following is NOT mentioned as an outcome of liberal learning in paragraph 11?

- A. being open to different lifestyles
- B. developing problem-solving skills
- C. activating existing knowledge
- D. initiating new opportunities

A  B  C  D

70. What does Michael Roth mean by “blindness” (line 52)?

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71. i) What danger might “absorption” (line 56) pose?

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ii) What can be used as a protection against that risk?

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72. Which word in paragraph 12 means “really want”? \_\_\_\_\_

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73. Which of the following does Michael Roth imply in paragraph 13?  
Put a tick (✓) next to the TWO that apply. (2 marks)

- i) Learning should have some application to society. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) University education is limited to critical thinking. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) Liberal education helps whole person development. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) There should be more problem solving rather than critical thinking. \_\_\_\_\_

74. In the title “Young Minds in Critical Condition”, what TWO implications does “critical” have in this context? (2 marks)

- i) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

75. Which of the following best describes Michael Roth’s intention in writing this article?

- A. to express a strongly held opinion
  - B. to show the pros and cons of an issue
  - C. to expose a dangerous secret to the public
  - D. to amuse the reader using his personal experience
- A    B    C    D

Read the Comments (lines 63-74) and answer questions 76-77.

76. What is Tom’s stance towards Liberal Education? Summarize his opinion in your own words. (4 marks)

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77. Does Laura agree with Michael Roth? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

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