

Grammar:

Error Complex verb group Subordinate clause

General Description

Error (26 times)

Inappropriate verb form: 7 times (is known to *values* the idea of faces; you've *get*; people would not respect you or *validates*; Putting in dress shirt and trousers, not only *show*; Hong Kong *has always known* to be; so it *got* a lot; even allowing you *bringing*)

Subject-verb agreement: 6 times (Yes, *it is*; it kind of *save* faces; people *is* paying; people *pays* for; people really *cares* about; all of these *shows*)

Singular/plural form of noun: 4 times (people from low-income *family*; teenage *girl*; the *considerations*; certain *day*)

Inappropriate relative pronoun: 2 times (certain days *where* you should; cares about is *where* you're able to provide basic services)

Missing article: 2 times (So even ^girl; go for ^professional job)

Missing connectives: 1 time (do it obviously ^walk out)

Missing preposition: 1 time (sometimes ^smart casual)

Missing relative pronoun: 1 time (because ^people really cares about is)

Missing possessive: 1 time (affects *someone* first impression)

Inappropriate subject: 1 time (*People* doesn't matter)

Complex verb group (11 times)

Present continuous: 5 times

Passive: 4 times

Present perfect: 2 times

Subordinate sentence (27 times)

Noun clause: 13 times

Adverbial clause: 9 times

Relative clause: 5 times

Lexical Resource:

Less common words Paraphrase Idiomatic expressions Collocations

Appropriacy of the words used

General Description

Less common words: 3 less common words are identified (exquisite, stylish, validate).

Paraphrase: 4 paraphrases are coded.

Designer item → expensive items

More open → certain day where you should do suits and ties, sometimes smart casual, sometimes you can go in with really comfortable clothing

some workplaces → being a teacher → being a lawyer → work in a Cha chaan teng or like a so-called local restaurant

being comfortable with your workplace → from comfortable clothing to even allowing you bring pets or your children to work

Idiomatic expressions: 2 idiomatic expressions are identified (dress the part).

Collocations: no collocation is coded.

Appropriacy of the words used: 5 inappropriate uses of words are coded.

Inappropriate collocations: 2 times (more open *with* their clothing, putting *in* dress shirt)

Inappropriate word form: 2 time (*Asia* culture, Western influences *nowaday*)

Inappropriate word choice: 1 time (how professional you are *with* how serious you're taking your job)

E-Examiner S-Student

E: Alright, so we've been talking about the type of clothes you like to wear. And I'd like to discuss with you one or two more general questions related to this. So let's consider first of all designer clothes. Are designer clothes popular in your country?

S: Yes, **it is**. **As Hong Kong is known for shopping ...** part of the reason **why Hong Kong is** **[they are]** [SUB-adverbial clause] [CVG-passive] **[SUB-relative clause]** called a Shopping Paradise is **how much designer clothing is sold in Hong Kong**. It goes all the **[CVG-passive]** **[SUB-noun clause]** **[CVG-passive]** way from **people from low-income family**, thanks to credit cards, to people with expensive, **[people from low-income families]** **exquisite** taste. So even **^girl ...** a teen ... for people who always ... **who obviously have the** **[a girl]** **[SUB-relative clause]** **money to afford it**, then it's great. They could do it obviously ... **walk out in** **stylish**, fashionable, **[and walk out]** up-to-date gear. But even for people from low-income families such as **teenage girl**, they'll save **[teenage girls]** up for months of money just to have this tiny, tiny designer bag. So from that you can see the influences of the popularity of designer clothing and bags.

E: So why do people want to wear designer clothing?

S: I think, Hong ... Chinese people ... **Asia** culture **is known to values** the idea of faces. So they **[Asian]** **[CVG-passive]** **[value]** like to save faces. So having ... being able to own a **designer item** means **you have the wealth for** **[SUB-noun clause]** **it**. So it kind of **save** faces and it gives you the approval from the society of ... that's, you know, **[saves]** being able to afford **expensive items** is the **considerations** or the standard **of how it's considered** **[consideration]**

as you've made it. You've, you've **get** to a certain point to acknowledge your ability and your [SUB-adverbial clause] [CVG-present perfect] [got] wealth and your job as well.

E: Alright, let's turn now to the type of clothes that people wear to work. Do you think people at work make judgments about their colleagues based on the kind of clothes they wear?

S: I think it quite depends on the working atmosphere. Because nowadays a lot of ... a [SUB-noun clause] [SUB-adverbial] company's known to be more **open with** their ... with their clothing. They would have **certain day** [open about] [days] **where** you should do suits and ties, **sometimes ^smart casual**, sometimes you can go in with [when] [sometimes in smart casual] really comfortable clothing as well. But I think obviously, whenever, **whenever someone sees** [SUB-noun clause] you the first time, they see your face. The second thing would be your clothing. So it really affects **someone** first impression. And if you go for **^professional job in unprofessional gear**, then [someone's] [SUB-adverbial clause] [a professional job] obviously, people would not respect you or **validates** your ... how ... about how professional [validate] you would be with the job. So I think it quite depends on the workplace of what kind of ... **if it's** [SUB-adverbial clause] a place that you need to be in professional clothing, then you need it for people to **validate** you. [SUB-relative clause] If not, then you would be comfortable with anything and people would be fine.

E: Do you think in **some workplaces** ... people are told what they should wear by their employer ... do you think that's reasonable?

S: Yes, I think **that's part of the job**. So, if you're **gonna** need to do the job or **dressing the part** [SUB-noun clause] [CVG-present continuous] [CVG-present continuous] as people put it is part of the job, they kind of paid you to do that. Like **being a** [SUB-adverbial clause] teacher ... putting **in** dress shirt and trousers, **not only show** that you respect the workplace, it [on] [not only shows] [SUB-noun clause] also shows you, **how professional you are** **with** **how serious you're taking your job**. And for [SUB-noun clause] [and] [SUB-noun clause] [CVG-present continuous] example, **being a lawyer** ... same as well. You need to be in a suit **because people is** paying for [SUB-adverbial clause] [are] your opinion. You need to **dress the part** to make sure you know what you do. It ... in kind of [SUB-noun clause] [SUB-noun clause] way it tells people you know what you're doing. You, you're able to put yourself together to be [SUB-noun clause] [CVG-present continuous] able to give ... **validate** professional advice that people **pays** for. Otherwise, if you **work in a ...** [SUB-relative clause] [pay]

in a Cha chaan teng or like a so-called local restaurant, then you could be in jeans, sneakers. People doesn't matter, because ^people really cares about is where you're able to provide basic services. And your clothing would not affect how people consider whether you'll be able to do your job properly.

E: In Hong Kong, do you think that the way people dress for work has changed in recent years?

S: I would agree so ... as Hong Kong has always known to be an international city, so it^ got a lot of Western influences. And as Western influences nowadays would propose the idea of being comfortable with your workplace ... kind of treating your workplace as your home ... so it goes all the way from comfortable clothing to even allowing you bringing pets or your children to, to, to work. And all of these shows that people are getting less strict with rules. And one of those rules in the past used to be strict professional clothing for a certain job.

E: Thank you very much. That's the end of the test.

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