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Consonant error Vowel error Syllable stress error Sentence stress error

General description

Consonant error: 13 times (think; clothes; themselves; like)

Vowel error: 3 times (office; polite; blouse)

Syllable stress error: not coded

Sentence stress error: not coded

E-Examiner S-Student

E: So we've been talking about the kind of clothes you like to wear. And I'd like to ask you some more general questions related to this. So, let's talk about designer clothing. Are designer clothes popular in Hong Kong?

S: I think the designer clothes is ... about the luxury clothes like Chanel or Gucci?

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E: That's right.

S: I think it is quite common in Hong Kong, especially in the woman, you know, because they think buying the designer clothes is a, a signal of luxury and it means

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they can have the money to buy it. And I think it's not a controversial issue because some people may judge them for wearing designer clothes is a show ... showing off

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themselves, but I think it is just a personal choice and it's okay.

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E: Well, you mentioned they're popular amongst women – not amongst men. Why do you think men are not concerned about things like that?

S: Because man is ... doesn't care about the ... I think most of the man doesn't care about the outfit at all. They may just choose something that is comfortable and cheap. And I think the ... most of the man ... to ... would like to choose sport clothes, just

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like me. And maybe design clothes is just not unnecessary or they didn't love too

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much.

E: Let's talk about clothes people wear to work now. Do you think people at work make judgments about their colleagues based on the kind of clothes they wear?

S: I think no, it is not common in Hong Kong. Because most of the workers and like ... at the office, they may wear shirt and a suit in ... working in office. And if

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you're, are blue-collar workers, they have, have their company uniform. And so I think it is not quite a big problem in Hong Kong.

E: But what if somebody did come to work dressed a little bit differently, would people regard that in a particular kind of way? Would they judge the person then?

S: I think no because most of the people in Hong Kong are nice and polite. And if it is

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really that case, they maybe, talk to them or give some advice, but would not judge in a very hostile, hostile words.

E: You mentioned uniforms there. Do you think it's reasonable for employers to be able to tell their staff what they should wear to work?

S: I think it's okay because most of the uniform are quite beautiful and some people may think that it's their freedom to wear what they want. But I think you are a

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employer, you should follow the rules of the company. And I think the uniform is not a ... is not a very controversial rules and it's okay to follow.

E: Has the way that people dress for work in Hong Kong changed very much over the last few decades?

S: I think no. Of course, the clothes in nowadays are more trendy and fashionable. But I think the types of clothes are most of the ... suit, blouse, dress and trousers ... long

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trousers. And because some company didn't allow their employees to wear short skirt to go to their work. I think it is reasonable, because when the woman ... ladies wear

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the short skirt, it's not like ... it's quite dangerous and not suitable to work. So, I

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think ... not a big change.

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