Error Complex verb group Subordinate clause

General Description

Error (20 times)

Singular/ plural noun form: 5 times (some *brand*; a *people* ..., that *people*; if *people* ..., that *people*)

Inappropriate verb form: 4 times (it's *base* on; I *work* in IKEA before; they also *asking* me for ... *asking* me to)

Subject-verb agreement: 3 times (some brands ... which is; there's a lot of; it's very come)

Missing articles: 3 times (if ^person; is ^kind of image; to wear ^uniform)

Inappropriate article: 1 time (*the* pale tone colour)

Redundant article: 3 times Redundant verb: 1 time

Complex verb group (1 time)

Passive

Subordinate clause (24 times)

Noun clause: 13 times Adverbial clause: 9 times Relative clause: 2 times

E-Examiner S-Student

E: So we've been talking about the type of clothing you like to wear and now I'd like to ask you one or two more general questions related to this. Let's consider, first of all, designer clothing. Are designer clothes popular in Hong Kong?

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S: I don't really think so because designer clothing is usually too expensive for the Hong [SUB-adverbial clause]

Kong people so they would like to buy some brand that is ... which is more, more normal and in [brands] [SUB-relative clause] [are]

Hong Kong, for example, like Uniqlo as I said before, and also H&M as well. [SUB-adverbial clause]

E: For those people who do buy designer clothes in Hong Kong or other parts of the world, why do you think they're willing to pay the extra money for it?

S: I think it's based on the personality of the people. If they would like to stand out of a [SUB-noun clause] [CVG-passive] [SUB-adverbial clause]

group of the people and maybe they love fashion, they would like to pay a more ... pay a higher money for the clothing. So I think it's base, base on the personality.

[SUB-noun clause] [based]

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

S: I think yes. Because like in my district ... like in the art industry, there's a lot of people [SUB-adverbial clause] [are]

'loving art and they would like ... they love beautiful things so they probably judge the [SUB-relative clause] [who] [love]

clothing ... judge people just by the clothing. I think this is true.

[SUB-noun clause]

E: When colleagues see each other at work wearing particular clothes, do you think it's reasonable that they make assumptions about what type of person that is? About their personality, for example?

S: If a people like to wear some clothing with ... like red or maybe a bright colour, I think [SUB-adverbial clause] [person] [likes]

that people will be more ... is more outgoing and if 'people would like to wear the pale tone [SUB-noun clause] [person] [SUB-adverbial clause] [a] [person] [a]

colour, I think it's ... that people may be more, more shy, I guess. Yes. [SUB-noun clause] [person]

E: Should people be forced to wear certain types of clothing to work?

S: Excuse me? Can you speak lower? I can't hear you.

E: Sometimes employers tell their employees that they must wear certain styles of clothing. Do you think that's reasonable?

S: Yeah, I think it's reasonable, because I think clothing is 'kind of image and a symbol to [SUB-noun clause] [SUB-adverbial clause] [SUB-noun clause] [a kind of]

represent that you are a professional. So I think it ... I think it's reasonable for the, like, employer [SUB-noun clause]

to wear appropriate.

E: What about uniforms? Do you think it's okay for the employer to ask their staff to wear a uniform?

S: I think yes. I think it is more tidy because I work in IKEA before, they also asking me [SUB-noun clause] [SUB-adverbial clause] [have worked] [asked]

for ... asking me to wear ^uniform. I think ... I think it's very come in handy as well because I [asked] [a uniform] [SUB-noun clause] [comes in handy] [SUB-adverbial clause]

don't need to think about what, what I need to wear every day.

[SUB-noun clause]

E: Has the way that people in Hong Kong dress for work changed in recent times?

S: The work changed? The type of work or ... sorry?

E: The way people dress for work ... the way people dress for work. Has that changed in recent decades?

S: I don't think so. I think it's pretty much the same as before in this ... or the past decade, [SUB-noun clause]

yes. I didn't see any ...

E: Alright. Thank you very much.

S: Yeah, thank you.

The E: That's the end of the test. n University of Hong Kong