**CCPASS S6 English Writing Assessment (3)**

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**PART B (Long Task: Learning English through Workplace Communication)**

For this question, write about 400 words.

1. What has been your experience of the world of work? For your school magazine, describe a job (paid or voluntary) that you have done, and explain what the good and bad aspects of the job were. What lessons did you learn about working from this experience? Give your article a title.

**Glossary**

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| 1. interpersonal | adj | 人際的 | 9. decisive | adj | 果斷的 |
| 1. realize | v | 認識到 | 10. misunderstanding | n | 誤解 |
| 1. drawback | n | 缺點 | 11. eye-opener | n | 使人大開眼界的事物 |
| 1. considerate | adj | 體貼的 | 12. embarrassing | adj | 令人尷尬的 |
| 1. properly | adv | 正確地 | 13. unfortunately | adv | 不幸地 |
| 1. atmosphere | n | 氣氛 | 14. prospect | n | 前途 |
| 1. devoted | adj | 忠實的 | 15. interfere | v | 干涉 |
| 1. obstacle | n | 障礙 | 16. precious | adj | 珍貴的 |

**Useful Expression**

***no matter what (不管甚麼)***

e.g. I never seem to lose any weight, no matter how hard I try.

e.g. We’ve got to get to the airport on time, no matter what.

***..(be) the key ... (****極重要的****)***

e.g. Leonardo da Vinci was a key figure in the international art world.

e.g. Communication is a key factor in tackling the problem.

***It is taken for granted that…(SVO) (認為 (SVO) 是理所當然的)***

e.g. It is taken for granted that hard work brings success.

e.g. We cannot take it for granted that if our body is born healthy, it will stay that forever.

**Sample Essay**

**Working in a pet shop**

I worked in a pet shop every Saturday for two years. The shop was in Yau Ma Tei, and was a family-run business owned by a couple called Mr and Mrs Chow. I learned a great deal about the world of work from this experience, and I have some tips to pass on to fellow students.

I was very excited when I got this job. I applied for it because I really love animals and I thought it would be great to have a job where I could earn money and be around animals every day, petting and grooming and cuddling them. **In practice** though, I had very little time to spend with the animals. Most of my day was taken up with very basic dirty jobs like cleaning out cages, replacing food and water, and keeping the floor of the shop clean. When I was not doing that, I had to sort out the stock in the store-room, sweep the floor, and clean the shelves and windows. Once or twice a day, I had a chance to serve customers.

One thing I learned from this job is that the most junior employee almost always does the worst jobs. Mr and Mrs Chow never helped me with the cleaning jobs, even when there were no customers in the shop, and there was nothing else for them to do. They would just sit in the shop chatting or arguing while I worked.

I also **realized** that choosing a job because it involves doing something that you like to do in your free time, (such as looking after animals,) is not always a good idea. In fact, I found working in the pet shop quite shocking because the animals were not treated **properly** and many of them were unwell. One or two animals die in the pet shop every week. It was very upsetting working with unhappy animals and being unable to do anything about it. For example, puppies and kitten were taken from their mothers when they were too young, and the cages for the rodents were too small and did not contain any toys. Worst of all sick animals were knowingly sold on to unsuspecting customers. It seemed to me that Mr and Mrs Chow did not really care about animals at all – for them it was just a money-making business.

Another problem with the job was that it was a family business. **Unfortunately**, Mr and Mrs Chow did not get on very well, and they often had arguments about family matters in the shop. I could hear Mrs Chow of taking money out of the shop in order to buy beer. Mr Chow often complained that Mrs Chow was as lazy in the shop as she was at home. Sometimes they even complained to me about their partner’s behavior, which was very **embarrassing**. I was only fourteen and I did not know what to say. So, my advice is – be careful about taking a job in a family business, because family matters can often **interfere** with the work.

Overall, this was not a wonderful job, but I learned a great deal from it – mainly about the drawbacks of working in a small family business. And I did have a few **precious** minutes every day cuddling the animals.