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# 5\*\* 精讀系列

保證奪星  
DSE 必用技術



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# 5\*\* 扣題靚字靚句

挑戰 5\* / 5\*\* 必須內容及英文並重 - 想最短時間寫出中 point 靚字靚句?

你應該考前準備 5\*\* 文體公式 (Formula)，不應入到考場慢慢諗!



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# 扣題的靚字靚句 - Formula

1. In order to mitigate and alleviate \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ must be put forward.

為解決\_\_\_\_\_ 問題，必須提出\_\_\_\_\_ 解決方法

.....

2. Although this is a thorny and burdensome issue, it can be dealt with through utilizing some methods, such as \_\_\_\_\_

即使是棘手問題，但仍然能透過\_\_\_\_\_ 方法解決

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# 扣題的靚字靚句 - Formula

3. To avert the crisis of \_\_\_\_\_ , it would prudent to start mitigating the damages and implement a whole host of solutions, such as \_\_\_\_\_ .

為避免\_\_\_\_\_ 危機，必須用\_\_\_\_\_ 方法解決

.....

4. To cope with this unbearable situation, it is incumbent upon us to come up with good solutions, such as \_\_\_\_\_

要應付絕望情況，我們必須要有良好解決方法，例如\_\_\_\_\_

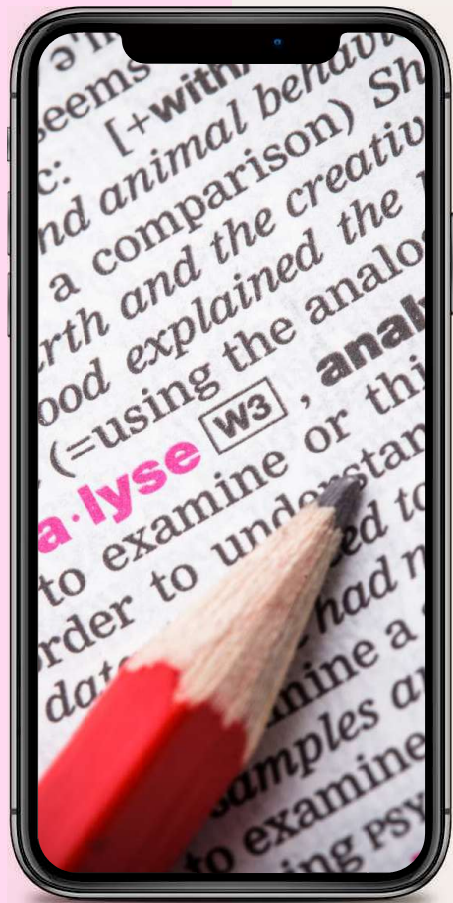


# 2

## 奪星功能 Vocab

各類文體在語氣 (TR)、受眾意識 (TA)、關鍵字、緊扣度等等有不同要求。

考生想 5/5\*15\*\*，必須突顯文章特性，用功能類型 Vocab 正可輕易搶分



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## 文體特性 - 功能 Vocab

### 1. Room for improvement 很多改善的空間

E.g. The efficiency of global search methods enables us to keep only small solution fragments, which leads to a larger neighbourhood leaving more room for improvement.

### 2. Provoke a backlash from 引起強烈反對

E.g. The proposed regulations have provoked backlash from some conservative organizations and it is high time that we tackle these issues.

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## 文體特性 - 功能 Vocab

### 3. Have been accused of 備受指責

E.g. Recently, many fresh graduates have been accused of lazier and lack of motivation in solving problems, however there are certainly ways to alleviate and solve this unfortunate situation.

### 4. Confront the problems head-on 勇敢正面的面對

E.g. Shying away from economic woes would not bring us closer to solving any issues - instead, confronting the problems head-on is the only correct action.



# 3

## 進階 5+ 句型句構

Markers反對考生死背難字及內容，5+必須原創及生動 -

進階句型(SP) 正可令文章更多變化、突顯英文底子！



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# 進階句型句構



## 1. Not only ... but also

E.g. Not only is this problem highly solvable, but it is also our responsibility to see to the elimination of its negative impacts.

## 2. Under no circumstances would / should / could / do ...

E.g. Under no circumstances should we take this problem lightly - instead, we should strive to come up with an ideal solution.

## 3. In spite of ... , it is of utmost importance for us to

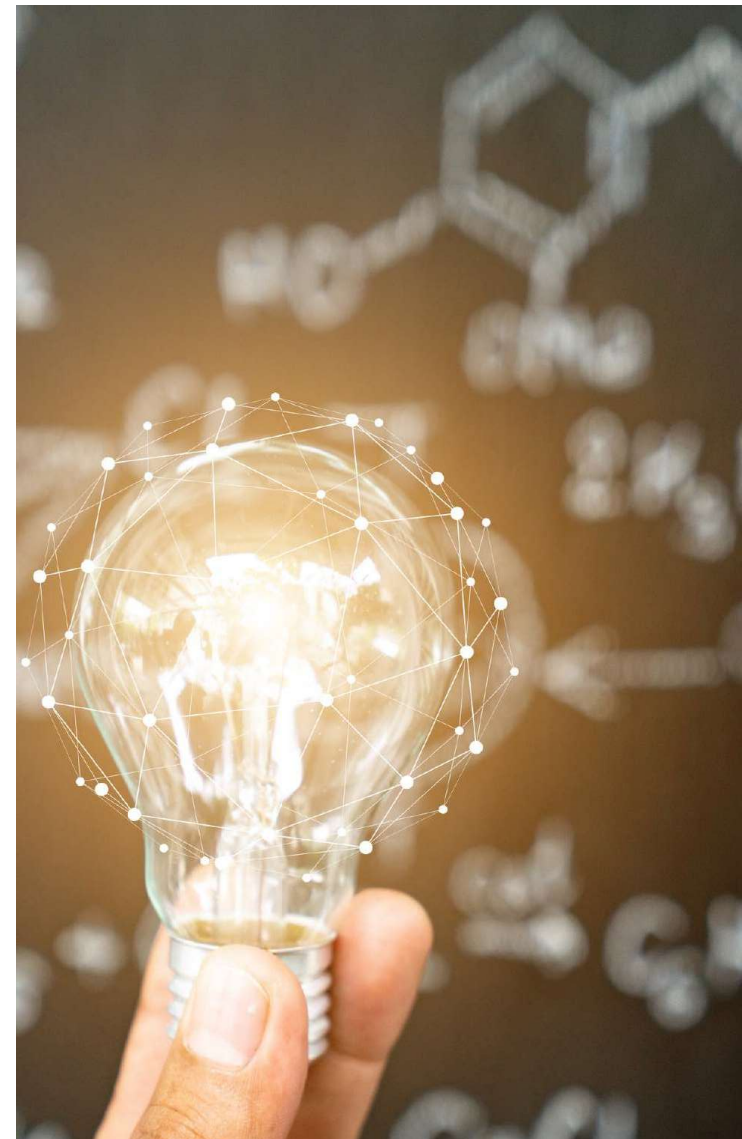
E.g. In spite of the catastrophic effect it could bring, it is of utmost importance for us to stay courageous and face it head-on.

# 4

## 百搭萬用 Vocab

想 5\*\* 雖不必濫背Vocab，但必須準備充足

高頻率 Vocab 在每年 DSE 及大考必定用到，做好大包圍萬無一失



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# 百搭類型 Vocab

## 形容熱潮

1

**Whirlwind**  
旋風一般

2

**Burgeoning trend**  
越來越 hit 嘅趨勢

3

**Focal point**  
焦點

4

**Sweeping across**  
席捲全城

5

**Seizing the public's'  
attention**  
吸引多人目光

4

# 百搭類型 Vocab

## 1. Elixir 解決方法 / 靈丹妙藥

E.g. Some believe this policy is the elixir,  
but some experts doubt that it will solve the housing problems.

## 2. Remedy / Rectify 解決問題

E.g. To remedy this thorny issue, all we need is the right mindset and skills!

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# 百搭類型 Vocab

## 3. Iron out 處理解決 (較為 casual)

E.g. To iron out this social issue, we must take the first step and listen to experts.

## 4. Sit on the sidelines 袖手旁觀

E.g. Even if you continue to sit on the sidelines, the problem won't solve itself.

## 5. Point of no return 不能逆轉的局面

E.g. If you intend to improve your results, do not wait till you have passed the point of no return.

# 4

## 百搭類型 Vocab

### Important

作文、說話可加強語調，實用文必用！

- Prominent
- Prime
- Salient (形容因素)
- Indispensable (不能取代)
- Of overriding importance

### Popular / Common

關於潮流、熱門趨勢，大部份作文題目必備

- Prevalent
- Prevailing
- Ubiquitous (無處不在)
- Universal
- Widespread

## 4

# 百搭類型 Vocab

## I believe that

表達己見可以用唔同表達方法，令整體更生動

- It is my two cents (個人愚見)
- It is my firm conviction that
- There is no doubt that
- I harbor no doubt that
- It is a concrete fact that

## Lead to / Because

關聯詞極重要，做得好，篇文睇落更通順

- Provoke
- Trigger
- Spark off (引起導致)
- Initiate
- Kickstart





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## 5\*\* 高頻 Expression 示範

最後一步最重要 - 靈活運用所有以上教你嘅嘢

用範文逐步教你應用，為你準備埋其他熱門練習題目

# 段落示範

## Q: 解決港人被國際人才搶工作的問題 (DSE 2019 B3)

In order to mitigate and alleviate the unemployment issue faced by locals, prudent government policies must be put forward (Formula) – subsidies would be an ideal solution. When companies are provided with incentives to hire more locals, it will increase the demand for the HK workforce, which counters the threat from foreign talents. Since the government has been accused of (功能 Vocab) inaction, setting up a subsidy would be a good way to confront this social issue head-on (功能 Vocab). When the government can actively encourage private companies to hire locals, it will not only have a straightforward effect, but it will also act as a vote of confidence for our local employees (句型).

100 + 必學實用 VOCAB  
(有例句教你)

狀元都一定會用



# Issues

1. Acute problems (嚴峻問題)
2. Devastating (有破壞性)
3. Catastrophic impacts (負面影響)
4. Pose a threat to XXX (構成威脅)
5. Detrimental effects (= harmful effects)

E.g. The **acute problems** in society are **devastating** many poor citizens. We must find a good solution, or the **catastrophic impacts** will **pose a threat** to their livelihood and create **detrimental effects**.

# Confusing Situation

6. Bizarre / odd (奇怪)

7. Peculiar (奇怪)

8. Perplexed about (感到困擾)

9. Bewildered about (感到困擾)

10. Confounding (令人困惑)

11. Many people / experts are left scratching their heads (毫無頭緒)

E.g. Recently, plenty investors are **perplexed** and **bewildered** by the **bizarre** movements in the stock market – **many experts are left scratching their heads** because they have no idea what to do.

# Phenomenon

12. Trending (= popular)
13. Gaining popularity (越來越流行)
14. Gaining traction (越來越流行)
15. Diving popularity (流行度下降)
16. Plummeting (暴跌)
17. Under the spotlight (城中熱話)
18. Talk of the town (城中熱話)
19. Captivated the public's attention (吸引大眾目光)
20. Heavily scrutinized (備受關注)

E.g. Online dating is becoming a trending culture that has **captivated the public's attention**. While such 'dating culture' is now the **talk of the town**, it is being **heavily scrutinized** by many disapproving citizens.

# Solving Issues

21. High time to XXX (當務之急)
22. It is a matter of urgency (緊急事務)
23. Watch with folded arms (袖手旁觀)
24. The point of no-return (不歸路)
25. Reverse the tide (扭轉逆勢)
26. Clear the hurdles (清除障礙)

E.g. It is **high time** for the government to tackle the mask-shortage problem instead of **watching** the situation **with folded arms**. **It is a matter of urgency** and we must **reverse the tide** by producing our own masks.

# Attack

- 27. Drawing criticism (受抨擊)
- 28. Has plenty of room for improvements (有進步空間)
- 29. Leaves much to be desired (有進步空間)
- 30. Slammed for XXX (被批評)
- 31. The gov't has been under fire (被受攻擊)
- 32. Condemned (被抨擊)
- 33. Denounced (被抨擊)
- 34. Censured (被抨擊)

E.g. The government has been **denounced** and **slammed for** how they handled the coronavirus crisis. While officials claim to have tried their best, their performance **leaves much to be desired**.



# Worsening

- 35. To make things worse (雪上加霜)
- 36. Rub salt into the wound (雪上加霜)
- 37. Exacerbate (令事情變差)
- 38. Aggravate (令事情變差)
- 39. Add oil to fire (火上加油)
- 40. Going down the downward spiral (每況愈下)
- 41. Going downslope (越來越差)

E.g. HK students' critical thinking ability has been **going downslope** and cancelling LS will only **aggravate** the issue. The government's plan will certainly **add oil to fire** and make things worse.

# Positive Personalities

- 42. **Modest / humble** (謙虛的)
- 43. **Approachable / amiable** (平易近人)
- 44. **Down-to-earth / pragmatic** (實制 / 貼地)
- 45. **Credible / trustworthy** (可信的)
- 46. **Compassionate / sympathetic** (富有同情心的)
- 47. **Driven / hard-working / diligent** (勤奮)
- 48. **Courteous / respectful** (有禮貌)

E.g. The best way to earn respect is to stay **modest** and **approachable** with your peers; **down-to-earth** and **trustworthy** with your superiors; **courteous** and **compassionate** with your subordinates.

# Improve

- 49. **Augment** (加強)
- 50. **Elevating** (提升/提高)
- 51. **Alleviate** (緩和/紓解)
- 52. **Take it to the next level** (發展推向新水平)
- 53. **Give it a boost** (來增加/推動)
- 54. **Revitalize and rejuvenate** (重振及復興)

E.g. To **augment** and **elevate** Hong Kong's STEM development is never an easy task – the authority must **give** the industry **a boost** by **revitalizing** it with enough funding.

# Bad

- 55. **Should not be taken lightly** (不容輕視的)
- 56. **Appalling** (令人震驚的/觸目驚心)
- 57. **Horrible** (可怕的)
- 58. **Abhorrent** (令人髮指/痛恨)
- 59. **Dreadful** (可怕糟糕的)
- 60. **Atrocious** (極其殘暴的)

E.g HK's retail sector is experiencing a dreadful stage as the overall economy is highly **appalling**. If we don't want this trend to persist, we **must not take it lightly**.

# Worrying

- 61. Concerning / alarming (令人擔心)
- 62. Squirming in the seat (如坐針氈)
- 63. Break into a cold sweat (冒出冷汗)
- 64. Unsettling (令人擔心)
- 65. Unnerving (令人擔心)

E.g. HK students' lack of financial knowledge is highly **alarming** as this **unsettling** situation can have a long-lasting effect in the future. Sadly, many parents are **squirming in the seat** whenever they need to teach their children about money or investment.

# Important

- 66. Indispensable / irreplaceable (不能取代)
- 67. Paramount importance (非常重要)
- 68. Vital (重要)
- 69. Crucial (重要)
- 70. Consequential (極具重要性)
- 71. It is imperative that we XX (我們必須 XX)

E.g Respecting your friends is an **indispensable** quality that we should have because good social skills are highly **consequential** to our future success. **It is imperative that we** grow and develop such skills.

# Shocked

72. **Flabbergasted** (目瞪口呆)

73. **Leave a person's mouth hanging open**  
(啞口無言)

74. **Stunned** (令人詫異)

75. **Mind-blowing** (令人詫異)

E.g Many Europeans are **flabbergasted** after witnessing the selfish actions of some Asian tourists. Behaviors such as peeing on the streets **stunned** many locals and **left their mouths' hanging open**.

# Angry

76. **Make someone's blood boil** (令人髮指)

77. **Infuriating** (令人憤怒)

78. **Maddening** (令人憤怒)

79. **Enraged** (憤怒)

E.g Cyber bullying problems are certainly very **infuriating** and **maddening** because many victims have no one to turn to for help – many educators are **enraged** that the government has done nothing to help so far.



# Sad

- 80. Break down in tears (落淚)
- 81. Burst into tears (落淚)
- 82. Tears rolling down your cheeks (淚如雨下)
- 83. Sorrowful / dejected (感到傷心)
- 84. Depressed / upset about (感到傷心)
- 85. To someone's dismay (令人不悅)
- 86. Feel miserable (感到不快)

E.g Those in the retail and tourism sectors are **feeling miserable** right now because they are highly **depressed about** the current economic situation. **To their dismay**, the economy has shown no sign of recovery in these recent months.

# Related to arguments

- 87. Argue / assert / claim (強烈提出)
- 88. Contend / counter / insist (反駁、堅持)
- 89. Maintain / hold the opinion / hold the view / hold the belief (認為)
- 90. Absurd / preposterous / ludicrous (無稽滑稽)
- 91. Do not hold much water (並不成立)
- 92. Flawed argument (錯誤論調)
- 93. Misguided idea (錯誤論調)
- 94. Unjustifiable (並不成立)

E.g While some are **contending** that more should be done for our athletes in HK, our ex-CE made the **flawed argument** that athletes are not producing any 'economic value'. This **unjustifiable** idea is clearly **misguided**, and we should not believe in such a **preposterous** claim.

# Attractive

95. Fascinating (十分吸引)

96. Appealing (十分吸引)

97. Leaves many drooling after XXX  
(令人垂涎三尺)

98. Intriguing (引人入勝)

99. Mesmerizing (引人入勝)

100. Breath-taking (引人入勝)

E.g The James Bond movie franchise is highly **appealing** to many male fans as Bond lives a **fascinating** lifestyle that is very **intriguing** to them. In addition, the **mesmerizing** plot has kept it popular around the world.

# 其他 7 大熱門題型

**Argumentative  
article / essay**

**Debate speech**

**Expository &  
Suggestion  
essay**

**Personal letter**



# 其他 7 大熱門題型

Column (advice)

Discussion essay

News report



# Application Exercise 1

雖然內容主要集中應用嘅建議文體，但亦可以試應用於其他熱門題型

**1** Argumentative article /essay

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Debate speech

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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**3** Expository & Suggestion essay

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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**4** Personal letter

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**5** Column (advice)

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**6** Discussion essay

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**7** News report

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# Application Exercise 2

雖然內容主要集中應用嘅建議文體，但亦可以試應用於其他熱門題型

**1** Argumentative article /essay

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Debate speech

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**3** Expository & Suggestion essay

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**4** Personal letter

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**5** Column (advice)

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**6** Discussion essay

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**7** News report

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# 學生奪星例子



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## 你係咪非傳統名校?

本身唔係咩傳統名校出身，對自己英文一向冇乜信心，都係諗住攞到Level 4就夠。嗰Instagram見到有Ken就諗住試吓，真係冇諗過上完Ken嘅堂最後DSE Writing會有5\*\*!!



Clive Ng  
HKU Medic

## 你係咪中游、無信心?

英文嘅學校入面只係中游，無咩信心可以考得好，但自從補咗Ken..發現咗就算英文唔好都可以用唔同 skills 幫我係考試攞星，例如Reading 作答技巧同Writing 百搭萬用作文框架，最終都上到5\*\*!



Rachel Chung  
Eng 5\*\* LSE Offer

## 你係咪 Level 4 樽頸位?

Ken 嘅 Lectures 真係幫到我好多，自己做卷死操爛操都係得Level 4-5 嘅水平，係 Ken 幫我突破呢個樽頸位，終於可以拎到5\*\*! 好多謝佢會喺臨考之前都花好多心機錄音鼓勵我!



Grania Lai  
Straight 5\*\*

## Level 5 → Straight 5\*\*

一向都有咩補習，但我學校越來越多同學補Ken之後，我接觸咗Ken，補足左全期精讀課程。除咗幫我更加有技巧穩陣攞到5以上，心理上亦都有好大幫助。



Helen Xiao  
Straight 5\*\* 醫科狀元

## 想十拿九穩攞 5\*\*?

我不嬲都肯讀書，但係reading讀咗好多都冇用，好彩又讀到Ken嘅課程。好精準地教咗我一啲技巧，好彩有佢嘅考試技巧同埋臨考前嘅tips。



Winnie Chow  
6 科 5\*\* 狀元

## 底好、冇Skills → 5\*\*

自問英文唔差，所以reading不嬲都冇問題，但係老師一直Predict 我得Level 4，嚟咗呢度補之後，Ken 真係幫到我Paper 2同 Paper 3 學到好多超勁狀元 skills!