

Sample Discussions

Pre-reading Part B (p.99)

1. Are some animals valued more than others?

A: Yes, sadly, but it shouldn't be. I believe that all animals should be considered **equal** regardless of their species. Whether they are **wild or domesticated**, and whether they are **raised for food** or not, they **have the right to exist** and be appreciated for their **contribution** to our planet.

B: Exactly. Animals are **crucial** to **keeping the natural world in balance**. While it's understandable that people may have a **stronger emotional connection** with their **house pets**, such as cats or dogs, we should also recognise and value the importance of **wild animals** and **farm animals**.

2. Do you prefer living in a city or in the countryside? Why?

A: Clearly living in the city is better as shops and amenities are **more accessible**. Moreover, the urban life offers a **diverse** range of cultural **experiences**. For instance, from my Sheung Wan apartment, I can **conveniently** stroll to museums, galleries, and restaurants.

B: I prefer living in the city too. The downtown areas often provide better cultural and social opportunities. The **fast-paced** lifestyle of the city **suits my personality** and keeps me inspired.

C: I see what you mean, but the countryside is more **befitting** for my lifestyle. Living in a village in the New Territories countryside allows me to **lead a natural and healthy lifestyle**. It is calm and peaceful. I like to be **away from the noise and crowds** of the city, and there I have plenty of **fresh air** that you would not get in areas like Mong Kok ...