

Territory-wide System Assessment 2009
Secondary 3 English Language

Tapescript Part 2 – (9EL2 / 9EL3)

Narrator: *Judy Chan, a newspaper reporter, is interviewing Mr. Danny Wong, the Wan Chai District Officer, about the changes in Wan Chai over the years.*

You have 30 seconds to read the questions below. *(30 seconds music)*

The conversation will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and complete all the answers the second time.

The conversation will begin now.

[Judy: How long have you been working in Wan Chai, Mr. Wong?

Mr. Wong: I started as a junior officer about 20 years ago. For the past two years, I've been the Wan Chai District Officer.

Judy: Wan Chai must be a very interesting place to work in. Wouldn't you agree? 5

Mr. Wong: Definitely. What makes Wan Chai so interesting is its great variety. Really, it has almost everything. I've seen some big changes here.

Judy: Like what?

Mr. Wong: Well, when I started working in Wan Chai, Gloucester Road was close to the harbour. Then came the reclamation. As a result, we got more land to build offices, hotels, flats and of course, the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. It's been a fantastic development. 10

Judy: Have there been any other changes? 15

Mr. Wong: Oh yes, quite a few. Wan Chai used to have a poor reputation because of its many bars. But today it's a lively centre of entertainment and business. I can say the changes have been for the better.

Judy: Do you have any regrets about the changes, Mr. Wong? 20

Mr. Wong: Yes, I do. I feel sorry we did not build more parks.

Judy: Do we really need more parks in Wan Chai?

- Mr. Wong: Yes indeed, our growing elderly population and office workers on lunch breaks need pleasant outdoor places with flowers and trees.
- Judy: Yes, but some people would think that land is too valuable to be wasted on parks. 25
- Mr. Wong: Of course they would think that! But I don't like the word 'wasted'. It is definitely not a waste to have green spaces in a crowded district like Wan Chai. There are so many benefits!
- Judy: Very good, Mr. Wong. I'm sure most Hong Kong people would support your ideas. Thank you for talking to me today.] 30

Now, listen to the conversation for the second time.

Repeat []

You now have 30 seconds to check your answers. *(30 seconds music)*

This is the end of Part 2.