**Assessment Task for Speaking**

**Topic: Use of Mobile Phones**

This assessment task focuses on developing senior secondary students’ speaking skills.

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**Part A Group Discussion**

Your group is working on a project about the use of mobile phones among young people in Hong Kong. You saw the data below in a newspaper and would like to share and discuss with your groupmates the following:

* why students spend a lot of time on their mobile phones
* the impact of students spending too much time on mobile phones
* what teachers and parents can do to address this issue
* anything else you think is important

**Table 1: Time teenagers spend on mobile phones (hours/week)**



**Table 2: Activities regularly performed by teenage mobile phone users**

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| **Activity** | **Percentage of users** |
| Chatting with friends | 98 % |
| Text messaging | 93 % |
| Sending and viewing email | 37 % |
| Searching for information | 42 % |
| Listening to music | 78 % |
| Playing games | 64 % |
| Taking pictures | 83 % |
| Surfing social networking sites | 68 % |

**Part B Individual Response**

1. Do you think you spend too much time on your mobile phone?
2. Do you think mobile phones are a necessity?
3. Do you think students should be allowed to use mobile phones at school?
4. Do you think parents should buy mobile phones for their children and pay for the monthly phone plans?
5. If you were without a mobile phone for a week, what problems do you think you would face?
6. What advice would you give to a friend who is addicted to mobile phone games?
7. Some people think that the models of mobile phones change too rapidly these days. What do you think?
8. If you could add a new function to the existing mobile phones, what function would it be?
9. Have mobile phones increased or shortened the distance between people?

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

You may refer to the Speaking Descriptors for HKDSE Paper 4 (Speaking) on pp. 16-17 of the Standards-referenced Reporting Information Package for English Language (HKEAA, 2009) already disseminated to schools and available for purchase at HKEAA’s online bookstore at:

<http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/resources/publications/list_of_publications/hkdse_srr_pub/>