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Tactic 1

Get to know the exam format

- 1** Public examination is the mode of assessment for Citizenship and Social Development (CS), and the results will be reported either as “Attained” or “Unattained”.
- 2** Duration: 2 hours
- 3** Exam paper: One paper consists of three **data-response questions**. **All questions must be answered.**
- 4** Scoring and types of the questions: Referring to the sample paper, it is a 41-mark paper, with similar scores (i.e. 13 to 14 marks) for each main question. Each question consists of 3 to 5 sub-questions, and the scores range from 1 to 8 marks. The question types include **multiple choice questions (MCQ)**, **short questions** and **short essay questions**.
- 5** Types of data: various types of data will be provided, such as
Textual: articles, news items, reports, memos, advertisements;
Graphical: charts, maps, illustrations, comics, etc.

Tactic 2

Setting answering strategies

Allocation of answer time

- * **Time per main question** As the weights of marks of the three major questions are similar, the answer time for each major question should be controlled **within 40 minutes**.
- * **Time per sub-question:** According to the marks allocated for the question, it is recommended that the answer time should be the **marks of the question multiplied by 2.5**. For example, the answer time of a 6-mark question is about 15 minutes.

Suitable answering strategies

- * **Set a default length:** Adjust according to the **marks allocated for the question** and the **number of arguments required**. If a 4-mark question requires only one argument, it can be expected that this question requires a long and in-depth answer.
- * **Make good use of cross-theme examples:** Short essay questions usually require examples other than information from the sources to support your argument. The eight examples of the **Must-read Hot Topics** are compatible with many learning focuses, that helps you to be familiar with the operation so as to shorten the time on planning.