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Myths about the HKDSE

Twins having the same fate and the same grade?

Anna:

Can't believe we have the same results.

Elsa:

You are jealous of me coz I have better results than you.

Cheung Ting:

You two are late again.

Ace:

You two have always liked the same food and the same clothes since you were kids.

Shing Ngai:

You even have the same habit of being late.

Anna & Elsa:

Who says we are similar?

Principal Tam:

Hey, why are you two arguing again?

Elsa:

Hi Principal, you be the judge. I'm obviously...

Anna:

Look, my component results for English Language are obviously better than hers.

How is it possible that we have the same overall subject level?

Elsa:

Why not? I got level 4 in my oral exam.

Anna:

I got level 4 too. In fact, the oral exam was not that difficult.

You are only good at bragging. What about your listening component?

Elsa:

I got level 3. That paper was easy.
Maybe someone was just not good at listening.

Anna:

How did you manage to get a level 3?
If I didn't have a cold that day, I would have got at least level 4.

Elsa:

Yeah, boast about it only when you get a level 4, till then...

Shing Ngai:

When it comes to quarrelling, you two would have got level 5**.

Principal Tam:

What levels did you get in each component of English Language?

Anna:

I got levels 3, 3, 2, 4. The overall result is level 3.

Elsa:

I got levels 2, 2, 3, 4. The overall result is level 3 too.

Ming:

In fact, I think the subject level is normally the average of the levels of individual papers.
There is no point in arguing.

Anna:

Anyway, I did better than you.

Elsa:

No way, I have better results. Just look at my results notice.

Anna & Elsa:

My results are better.
No, mine is better...

Principal Tam:

Alright, alright, you two come along with me.

Here are some test tubes. Some are thicker and some are thinner.

Similar to the subject of English Language, it consists of different components.

They include Reading (1. Reading), Writing (2. Writing), Listening (3. Listening & Integrated Skills), Oral and School-based Assessment (4. Speaking).

Each component carries a different weighting in the overall subject mark.

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20%/25%/30%/25%

Principal Tam:

Elsa, these test tubes with green liquid represent your results in English Language.

They are levels 2, 2, 3 and 4.

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Level 2/ Level 2/ Level 3/ Level 4

Principal Tam:

Anna, these test tubes with orange liquid represent your results, namely levels 3,3,2,and 4.

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Level 3/ Level 3/ Level 2/ Level 4

Principal Tam:

Now pour the liquid of these four test tubes into these two identical beakers.

Now, what do you see?

Anna & Elsa:

They look almost the same.

Principal Tam:

See, although you got different marks in different components, your total subject marks are both within the range of level 3.

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Level 3/ Level 3

Principal Tam:

In fact, the calculation of the overall subject mark of English Language is not like what Ming said.

It isn't calculated by simply averaging the component grades but is the sum of the component marks.

In other words, the final subject level is determined by the overall subject marks and the cut score of each level.

Since your overall subject marks met the requirement of the same level, both of you have naturally got the same grade.

So, why argue about it?

Anna:

Um, it smells good, let me treat you.

Elsa:

Let's eat.

Anna:

Wait, don't eat it yet, it's too hot.

Ming:

Not quarrelling anymore! Great!

Anna & Elsa:

Were we quarrelling? You must be dreaming.

Shing Ngai:

If there is a memory loss contest, they will win.

Anna & Elsa:

Principal, I've bought you some fish balls.

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For details about processing of marks and the determination of component and subject levels, please visit the HKEAA website:

www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/HKDSE/assessment/marketing/processing_of_marks/

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