

Super:

Myths about the HKDSE

Mum asking why?

Mrs Kam:

You've always had excellent results.

Why did you do so poorly in your public exam? Why?

Shing Ngai:

You don't have to be so frightened.

Principal Tam:

Why don't you answer your mum's call?

Ace:

I've only got level 4 in Biology.

My mum would be so disappointed.

Shing Ngai:

If I'd achieved level 4 in Biology

my mum would be overjoyed.

Elsa:

How can you compare yourself to him?

He isn't called Ace for no reason.

Ace:

In my mum's world, there is no place for being second.

What I don't understand is, I got the highest scores in the School-based Assessment (SBA) in school.

Cheung Ting:

I understand that the SBA scores in Biology are counted towards the overall subject mark.

I've also heard that the SBA scores will be moderated according to the results in public exams.

Maybe that's why your SBA results are affected by your results in the public exams.

Ace:

I know that too.

If there is a public exam already, why bother with SBA?

See, even if my SBA results are good, it will still be affected by my results in the public exams.

What's more, I don't know how to explain my poor results to my mum.

Principal Tam:

Don't worry. Let me call your mum and explain.

Hi, Mrs Kam.

Mrs Kam:

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Principal Tam:

Mrs Kam?

Mrs Kam:

Ace, why didn't you answer my calls?

I've been looking for you everywhere.

Ace:

Why are you here?

Mrs Kam:

I bought some cakes for everyone.

Come on, everyone, dig in.

Principal Tam, Shing Ngai, Elsa, Anna, Cheung Ting:

Thanks, Mrs Kam.

Super:

Why do SBA marks have to be moderated?

Mrs Kam:

Principal, you bought cakes from Heung Shing Bakery

And I bought mine from Heng Tan Bakery.

Super:

Heung Shing Heng Tan

Principal Tam:

OK, let me use the cakes from these two bakeries as the SBA tasks from two different schools, and their SBA task is making chocolate cakes.

The teachers will mark the task based on the consistency of the chocolate flavour for each type of chocolate cake.

Elsa and Anna, you are now acting as teachers.

Please try these three different chocolate cakes here and grade them from one to ten according to their chocolate flavour.

Super:

Heng Tan	9	8	7
Heung Shing	5	4	3

Anna:

The chocolate mousse made by Heng Tan Bakery has a strong chocolate flavour.

I give it a nine.

Elsa:

I give a five for the black forest cake made by Heung Shing Bakery.

Super:

Heng Tan	9	8	7
Heung Shing	5	4	3

Principal Tam:

The marks given by Anna for the chocolate mousse are almost doubled the marks given by Elsa for the black forest cake.

Does it mean that the performance of Heng Tan in this SBA task is better than that of Heung Shing?

Anna:

How would I know?

I haven't tried the Heung Shing cakes that Elsa tasted.

I can't compare.

Ace:

Maybe the standards set by Elsa are too high.

Principal Tam:

Exactly, it's the same in SBA.

Teachers might know the performance standards of their students well, but they might not know how students from other schools perform.

They might even grade the performance of their students with different standards.

That's why the SBA moderation mechanism is in place to ensure the comparability of SBA scores across schools.

Cheung Ting:

In short, it's used to iron out inconsistencies in marking standards among schools.

Principal Tam:

How about asking Ming from the tuck shop to taste the cakes from these two schools?

Ming:

Oh, My pleasure. My pleasure.

Super:

Heng Tan	7	6	5
Heung Shing	6	5	4

Principal Tam:

Let's see the verdict from the cake expert - Ming.

He tried the chocolate mousse which Elsa tried before.

He gave seven instead of nine for this cake.

For the black forest cake, Elsa gave a five while Ming gave a six.

When the same standard is used to rank the cakes the marks awarded to the cakes are obviously closer now.

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Heng Tan			Heung Shing		
9	8	7	5	4	3
7	6	5	6	5	4

Have you noticed that although the marks awarded to each cake have changed, the rank order given by Elsa and Anna remained the same.

The cake that scores the highest mark remains at the top even after moderation.

The moderation of SBA marks is conducted on a school basis.

The rank order of the students remains unchanged even after moderation.

Ace:

That means the top student in a school will remain at the top even after SBA moderation.

Principal Tam:

Ace is so smart.

The HKEAA makes reference to statistical data of public exams as well as expert judgment during the SBA moderation process to ensure fairness.

Ace:

Now I understand.

Mum, I am sorry,

I didn't get level 5** in Biology. I've let you down.

Mrs Kam:

Silly boy, I've never expected you to be number one in every exam.

I named you Ace because it's short and easy to write, and in case the teachers make you copy out your name over and over again as punishment, it would be quicker, that's all.

Stop fooling around and let's enjoy the cakes.

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For details about the Moderation of SBA Scores, please visit the HKEAA website:

www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/sba/moderation_sba_scores/

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Cast

Helen Tam Yuk-ying

Principal Tam

Ng Kwok-ming

Ming

Koon Yuk

Ace

Wong So-foon

Mrs Kam

Cheng Ka-kit	Shing Ngai
Tsui Ka-yan	Cheung Ting
Jorling Cho Cheuk-ying	Elsa
Wan Ka-yu	Anna

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