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LIBERAL STUDIES PAPER 1
Question-Answer Book
(Practice Question)

40 minutes

1. Consider the following information:

Source 1 A newspaper extract dated 24 August, 2009 about a protest action made by Green Sense, an environmental concern group, against a fast food chain.



Green Sense members hold an event at a fast food shop to highlight the amount of waste the chain creates.

Based on estimates from a survey, Green Sense claims that the 210 outlets of a fast food chain in Hong Kong has dumped more than 400 million disposable items such as cups, paper boxes and styrofoam bowls in the past three years. Yesterday, the group threw a “party” to illustrate how much waste the chain generates. More than 150 packaging items and pieces of disposable cutlery were used during the event, which was attended by 10 guests.

The spokeswoman for the chain said they had continuously come up with viable green campaigns such as No Straw Day, but its priority was to provide convenience to customers.

Source 2

General suggestions from the public

- Citizen A: Fast food chains should come up with a 5-year plan to voluntarily cut their use of disposable items by 50%.
- Citizen B: The government should impose a levy of HK 50 cents on disposable cups and cutlery through legislation.
- Citizen C: We should boycott chains which have poor environmental practices.

(a) Identify and elaborate on an environmental problem illustrated by Source 1. (3 marks)

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(b)

According to Source 1, explain the roles of Green Sense in this case.

(6 marks)

(c) With reference to the Sources, assess the effectiveness and feasibility of the suggestions in Source 2 in tackling the problems identified in (a). (9 marks)

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Source:

South China Morning Post, 24 August, 2009.