

Caritas Tuen Mun Marden Foundation Secondary School

2019-2020 S.2 Liberal Studies

Class Assessment - Newspaper Clippings (2)

Name: _____ () Class: _____ Group: LS

Date: _____ Grade: _____

Please read the following newspaper article carefully and answer the questions on the back page.

More than a million vie for 30,000 quota to buy box of 50 masks

Hundreds of thousands of Hong Kong people joined a single queue for masks today, trying their luck online rather than out in the miserable weather, RTHK reports.

While queues snaking around various streets and through shopping malls are now a familiar sight as people scramble for masks due to the coronavirus outbreak, this time it was the website of pharmacy chain Watsons drawing a massive crowd.

The rush started at noon, as people raced to register their details on the website to buy a box of 50 masks. But anyone joining the queue just two minutes later would have found close to 700,000 people had beaten them to it.

A Ma On Shan resident surnamed Cheung said she logged onto the site at 12:02pm. But a message said there were 674,878 people already in the queue in front of her. Undeterred, she hung on and said she started to get her hopes up at around 12:33pm when a message popped saying she would soon be taken to the registration page, where she would have to fill in her name, ID card number, email address and mobile number. But the hope turned to disappointment at 12:45pm, Cheung told RTHK, when a new message said "Oops! The registration is closed".

At around the same time, Watson's announced on social media that despite the queue hitting 1.49 million at its peak, there was in fact only a registration quota of 30,000.

These lucky people were to be sent confirmation emails and text messages telling them how they could pay and collect their masks from one of the chain's branches.

A university worker surnamed Ip was among the hundreds of thousands who lost out.

"I knew I couldn't buy any when I saw around 200,000 people in front of me in the queue. Still though, online purchases are better than going out to queue on the streets," she said.

A Tai Wai resident surnamed Ng wasn't happy to hear about the 30,000 customer limit, saying he thought everyone would be able to register and then wait for their time to be assigned a box. "It's just a race against time," he said.

Sources: Adapted from The Standard (14 February 2020)

<p>What: <i>(Hint: What are the main controversies and concepts of LS mentioned in the news above?)</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>When: <i>(Hint: In what time did the above news break out?)</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Where: <i>(Hint: In what place did the above news take place?)</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Who: <i>(Hint: What kinds of people were involved in the above news?)</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Why: <i>(Hint: Why did people have concern for the issue?)</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Reflection (30-50 words): <i>(Hint: What are your feelings/ opinions towards the news above? Do you have any suggestions / solutions to solve the problem or situation mentioned above?)</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>