

**Do you think private tutorial lessons useful? Why or why not? Do you attend any private tutorial lessons? Apart from private tutorial lessons, what are other ways to prepare for the exam?**

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Nowadays, private tutoring is a multimillion dollar business in Hong Kong. Almost 70% of DSE candidates spent on average 3.5 hours and HK\$1,000 per month on tutoring. But does it justify all the time and money spent?

I have attended many private tutorial lessons and I think it is useful. Besides teaching us facts from the textbooks, private tutors will teach us some exam skills and techniques for memorizing key points, predicting the trend of exam questions and demonstrating the fastest way to get the answers. They will also give useful advice on the DSE and university entrance that schools do not always offer.

Apart from private tutorial lessons, there are other ways to prepare and pass the exams with flying colours.

First, make a timetable to improve your time management. Preparing for exams is not just about putting your nose to the grindstone. You should space out revision sessions and allow enough time for relaxation. Breaks enable us to study more efficiently and relieve stress.

Second, revise every day and ask questions as often as possible. This is also a way to prepare for exams.

In conclusion, I think that private tutorial lessons are useful. However, we cannot rely only on these lessons. It is also important to pay attention in class and regularly revise our work.