

## In Dialogue with Humanity

### Final Term Paper Topics

#### Writing Your Term Paper

1. Choose one of the questions below. Write an essay of 2,600–3,00 words in Chinese **ONLY**. **Any excess will NOT be marked.**
2. **Submission** to VeriGuide only under assignment No.: 2.
3. The submission deadline is **13:00, 29 April 2024**. **Late submission will be downgraded with a deduction of 5 marks (out of total of 30) PER DAY of delay.**
4. **First** put your paper through VeriGuide as requested by the University.  
**Hard copy:** Deliver to the Office of University General Education, 8/F Hui Yeung Shing Building by the submission deadline. Staple the signed VeriGuide statement to the hard copy. Put it in my mail box, which you will find at your right-hand side of the lift No. 1, 8th floor.

#### 5. Format

Margins: at least one inch (left, right, top and bottom)

Font: Times New Roman, size 12 / 新細明體 12 點

Line spacing: 1.5 lines spacing

**Type your name, class at the beginning and include a word count in parentheses at the end of the paper.**

#### 6. Academic honesty

- The University adopts a **zero tolerance** policy for plagiarism. Please refer to <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/> for the University policy.

- The Use of AI

According to the general principle adopted by the University, students are prohibited from using any AI tools to complete their assignments, assessments and any other works that count towards their final grade of the course or attainment of the desired learning outcomes, unless explicitly permitted.\* In completing assignments such as reflective essays and term papers, the use of generative AI tools such as Chat-GPT is prohibited.

\* [A-guide-for-students\\_use-of-AI-tools.pdf \(cuhk.edu.hk\)](#)

#### 7. Refer to the essay rubrics on BlackBoard for qualities we look for in your paper.

1. 1761 年的某一天夜晚，盧梭在一家昏暗的小旅館中奮筆疾書他的《社會契約論》，嘴裏碎碎念著平等、自由、主權者……時而情緒激昂，時而垂頭喪氣。這時，孔子推門進來，後面跟著的是一行禪師。請構思一篇三人之間可能產生的對話，圍繞自由和平等這兩個主題展開討論。

自擬題目。

\*大概 70%的文章篇幅需運用文本本身進行討論與分析。

2. 《般若波羅蜜多心經》介紹了空這一佛教基本義理，《般若之心》中，一行禪師以互即互入闡釋了如何觀察、理解和面對事物、人生乃至自然界。

《奧德賽》記述了英雄奧德修斯戰後歸家的故事，《會飲》展示了柏拉圖對愛的理解，透過《論語》，我們得知孔子對何為美好人生/美好社會的追求。

請運用《般若波羅蜜多心經》/《般若之心》的觀點，從《奧德賽》、《會飲》和《論語》三篇文本中選取兩篇，評析你所選取的兩篇文章關於美好人生、追求、美好社會等方面的觀點。自擬題目，文體不限。

\*文章主旨可包含但並不限於題目提及美好人生、追求、美好社會，為你的文章確定一個明確的討論問題即可。

\*大概 70%的文章篇幅需運用文本本身進行討論與分析。

### 3. Self-drafted question

You can choose your own topic and then seek approval from the teacher. In this case, you should send the proposed topic and a brief **outline** to the teacher via email by **12 April, 2024**. Your topic must address TWO thinkers/texts of the syllabus. Please make sure that the proposed topic should be a product of your original thoughts, i.e. issues/questions inspired from other (either previous or current) UGFN courses are not allowed. Once you have obtained the teacher's approval on the self-selected topic, you can start working on your term paper. A term paper which has not fulfilled the aforementioned criteria will not be marked. Give your essay a title.

\*Around 70% of the passage of your term paper is supposed to involve the texts from the textbook.