

Expectations on TAs: Views from UG students in HKUST

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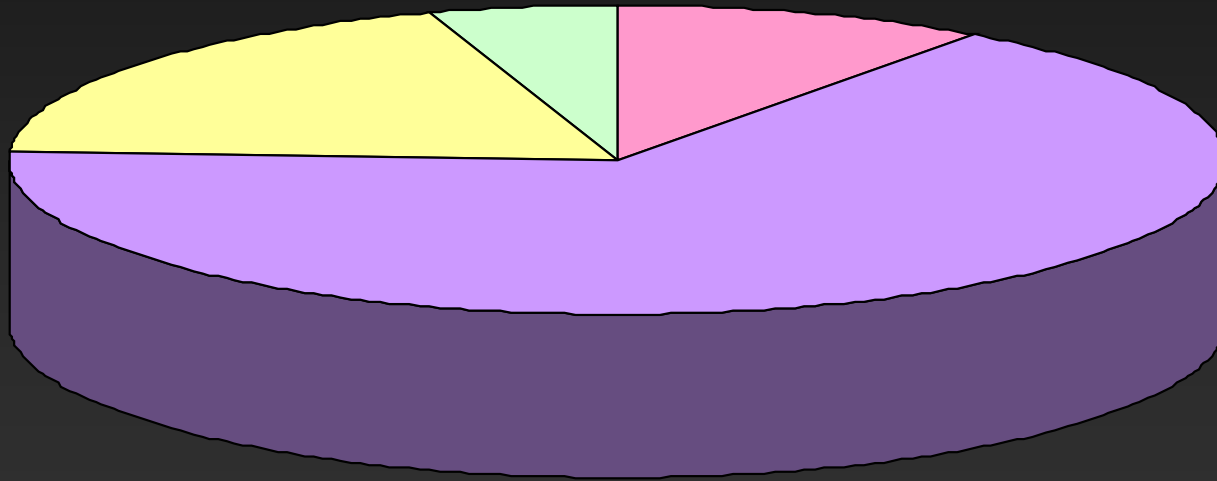


- 10 questions related to Teaching Assistants
- 99 questionnaires collected
- Comments for TAs

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
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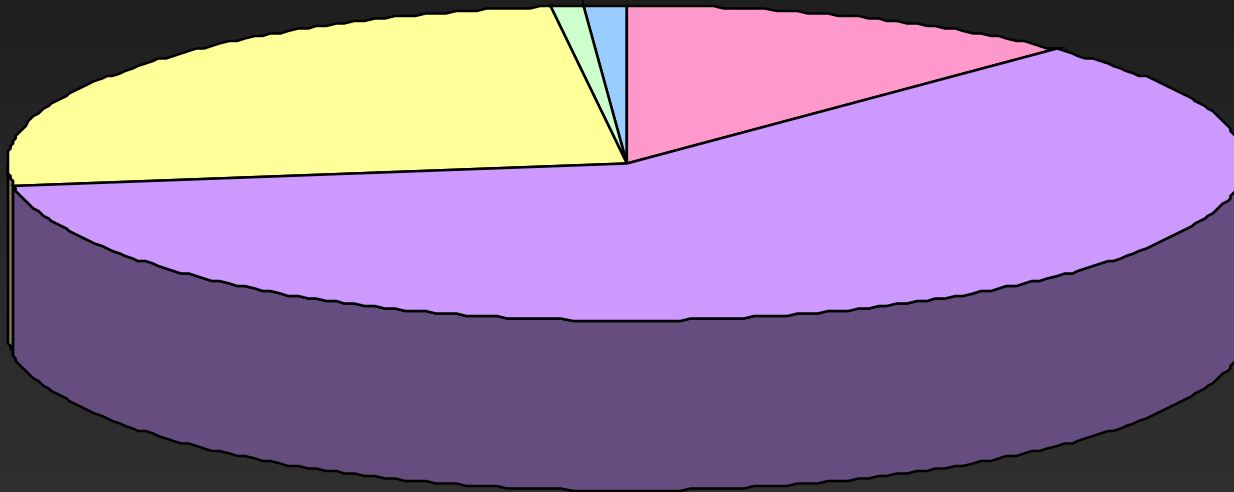
TAs provide clear and complete instructions on the subject ?



10% Strongly Agree	66% Agree	19% Neutral	5% Disagree	0% Strongly Disagree	/ N/A
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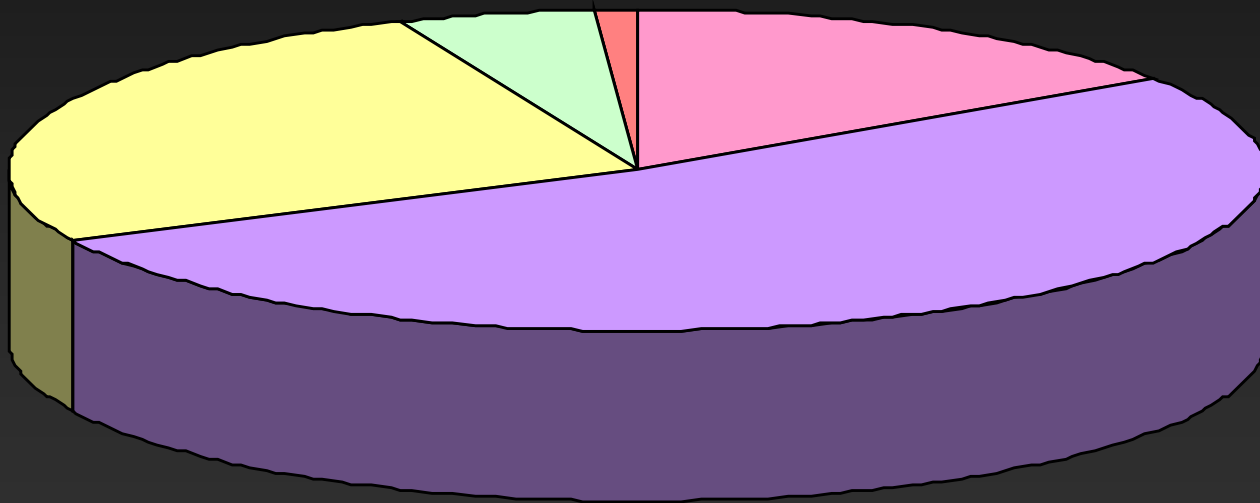
TAs are knowledgeable in answering the questions?



12% Strongly Agree	61% Agree	25% Neutral	1% Disagree	1% Strongly Disagree	/ N/A
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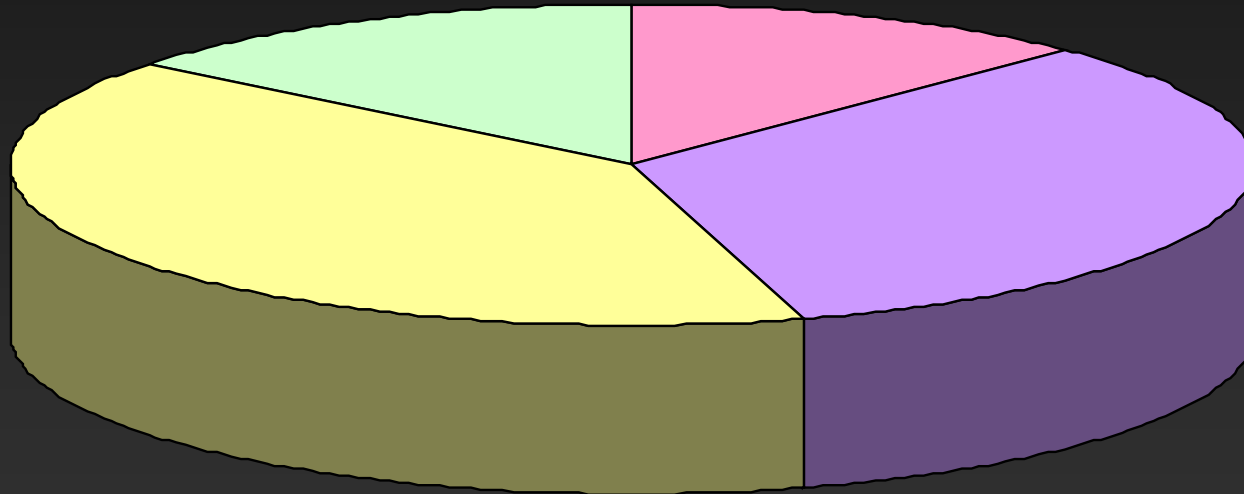
TAs prepare sufficient teaching materials and supplementary notes during classes ?



15% Strongly Agree	53% Agree	26% Neutral	5% Disagree	1% Strongly Disagree	1% N/A
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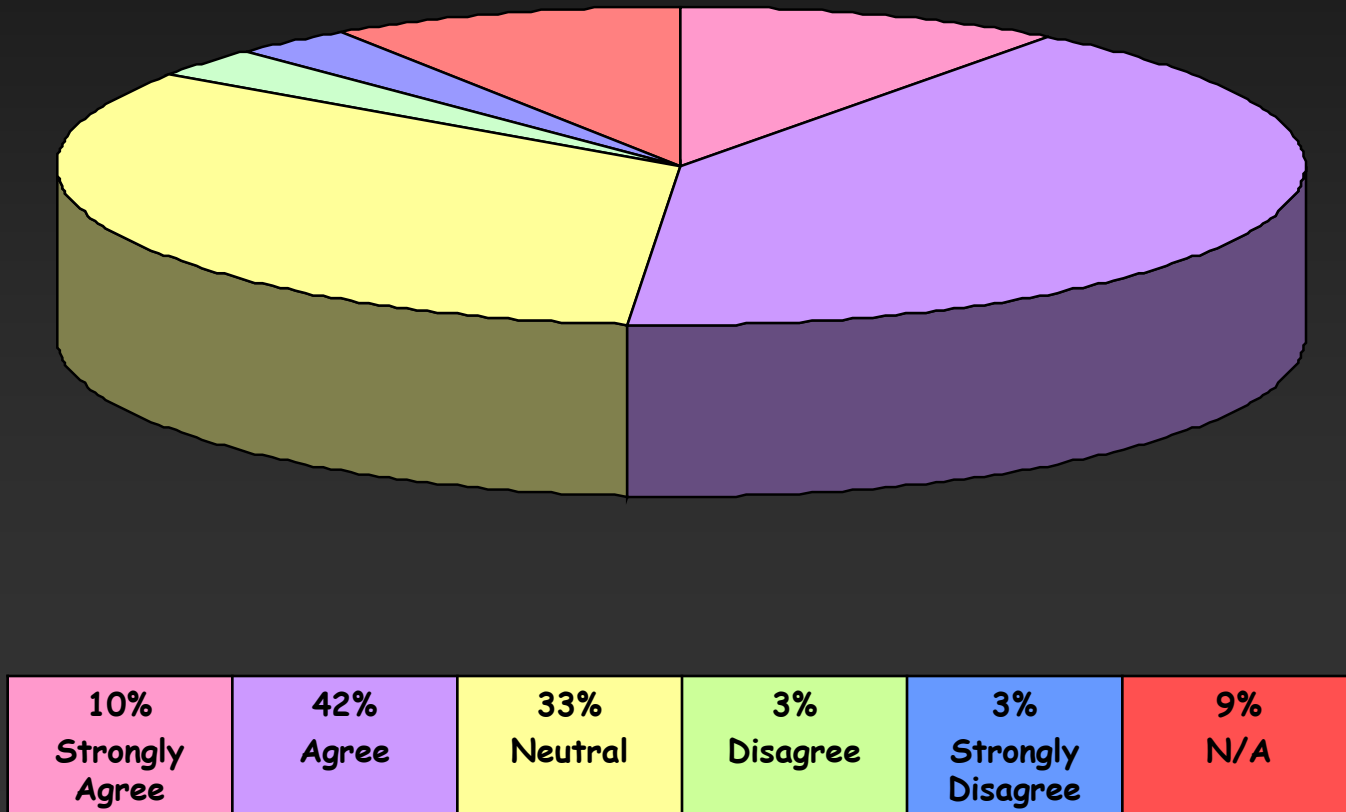
TAs give sufficient chance to engage in discussion ?



12%	33%	41%	14%	/	/
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A

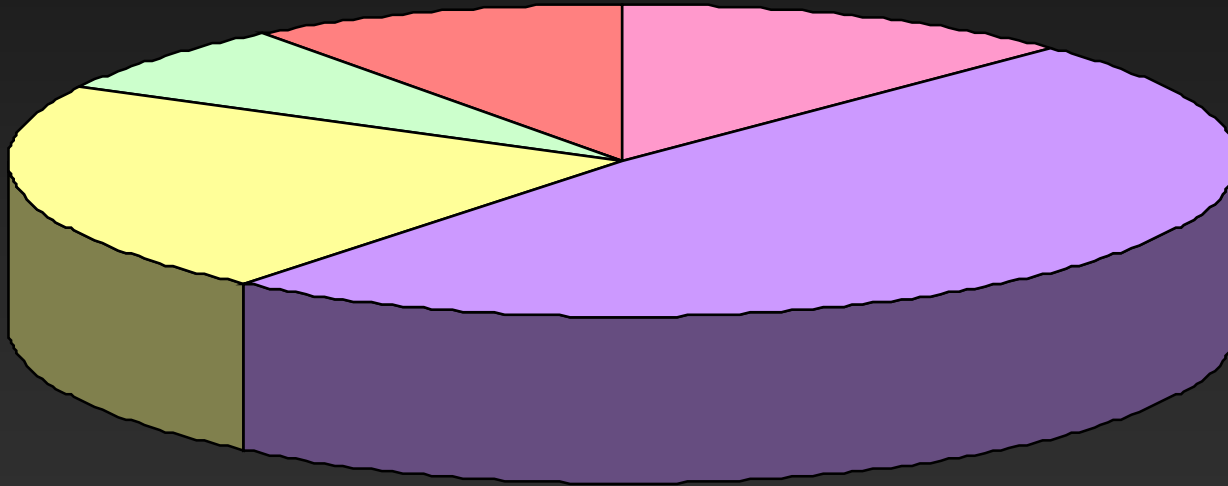
Do you agree...

TAs grade student's assessment carefully and fairly ?



Do you agree...

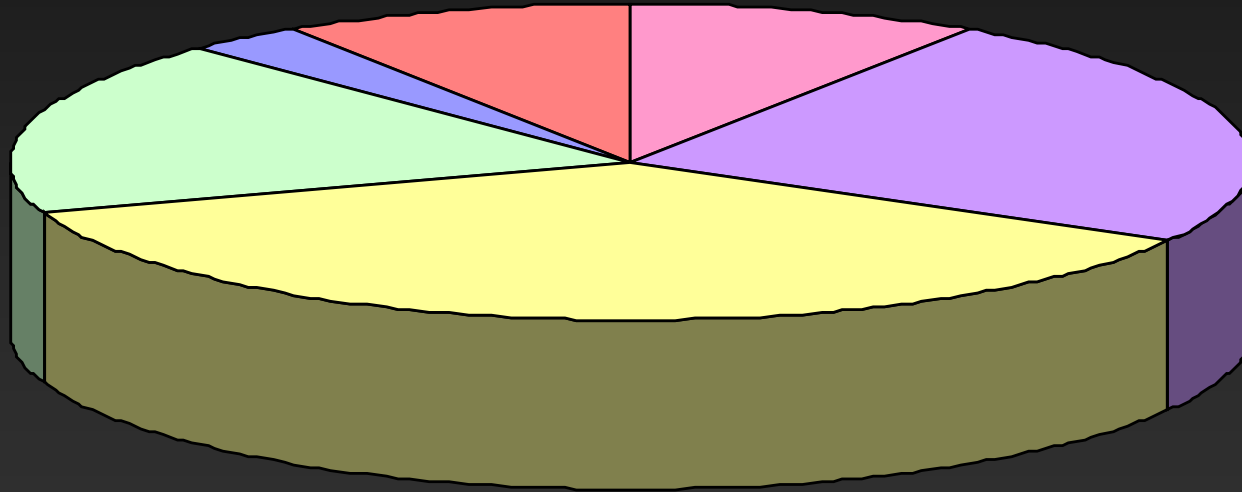
TAs are efficient in returning the assignments to students ?



12% Strongly Agree	49% Agree	22% Neutral	7% Disagree	/ Strongly Disagree	10% N/A
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Do you agree...

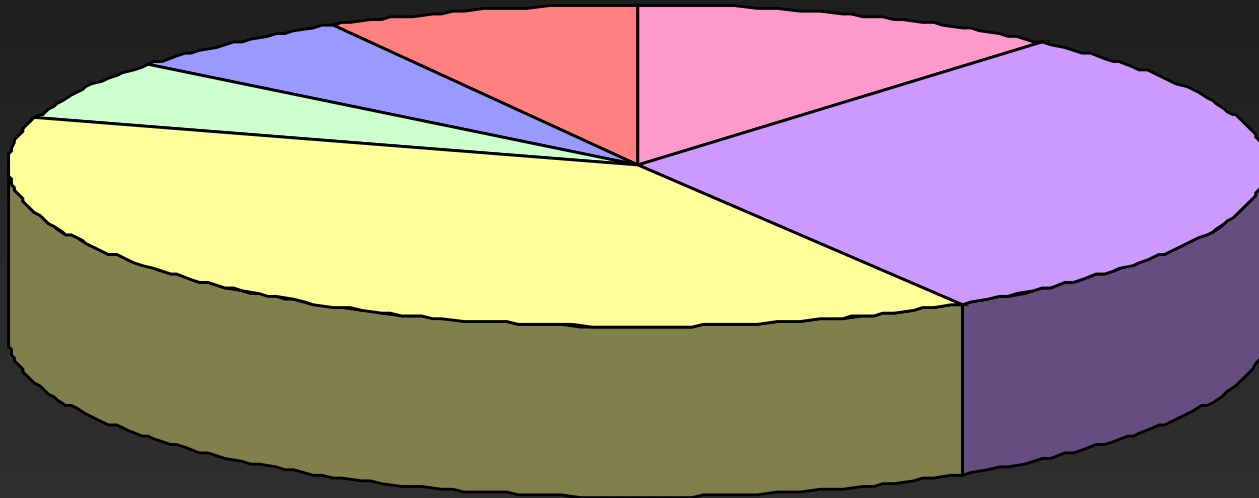
TAs provide feedbacks and comments after grading ?



9% Strongly Agree	24% Agree	37% Neutral	18% Disagree	3% Strongly Disagree	9% N/A
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Do you agree...

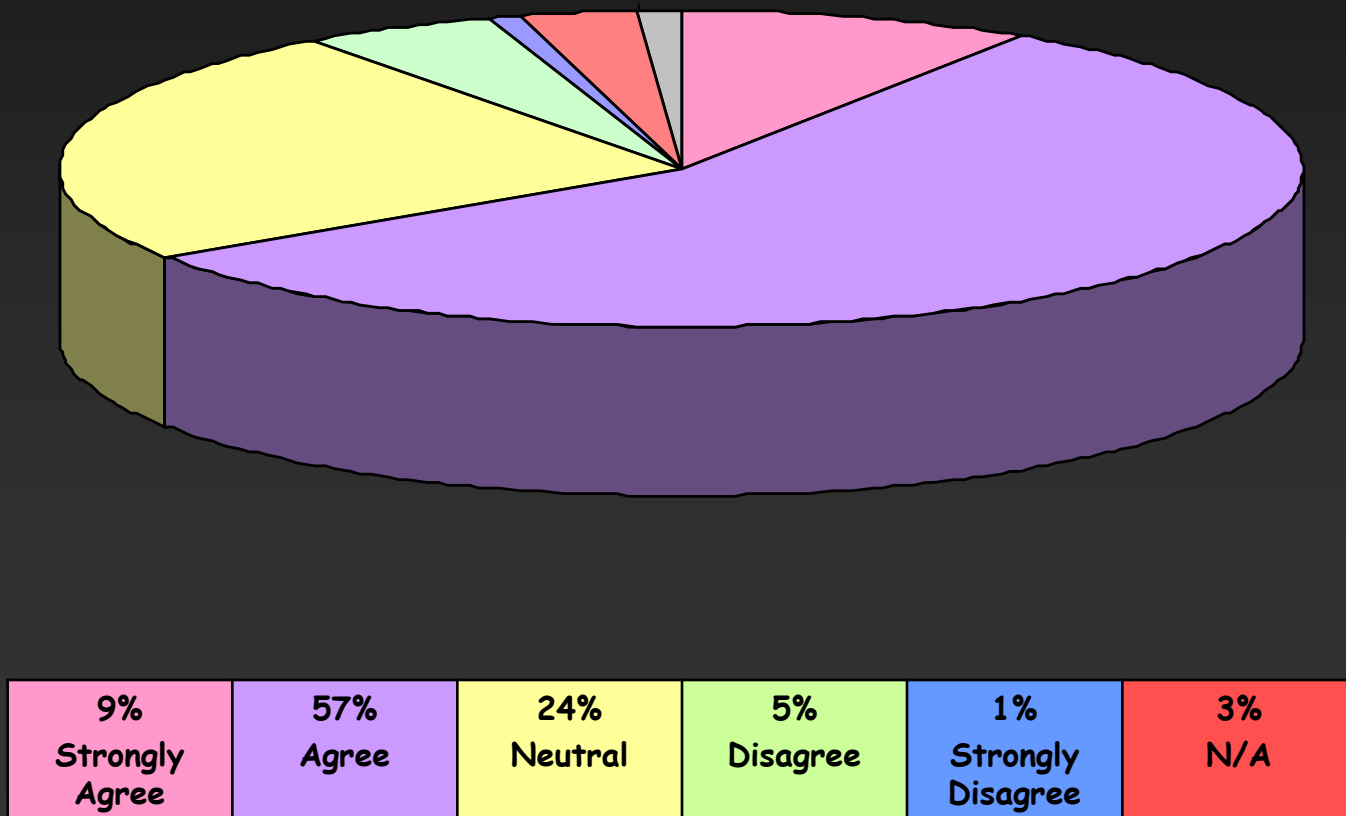
TAs should be more strict about cheating and copying ?



11% Strongly Agree	30% Agree	39% Neutral	6% Disagree	6% Strongly Disagree	8% N/A
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Do you agree...

Overall performance of TAs is in your expectation ?



Any other comments for your TAs ?

“Should be more **active asking students questions** and help students doing the experiments, maybe asking some challenging questions would be fine”

“It may be due to **communication problems** on both side, but sometimes it seems that the questions asked by the students were not fully explained or that the explanations are not systematic enough so are sometimes hard to understand”

Any other comments for your TAs ?

"Some lab courses have too **low TA student ratio**"

"**Beware of people copying sources** and don't give them high mark."

"Lab TAs should be more **familiar with the procedures and cautions** of each experiment. Also, the expected "failure" in order to correct the students"

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