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Paper 2 Question 6

The three options for the longer writing task will be numbered Q6a, Q6b and Q6c as from 2014

The aim of this question is to test the candidates' ability to write in Chinese. Four bullet points will be provided. Each of them must be addressed by the candidates. Overall the candidates must write 100 - 150 words on the given topic.

Marks will be awarded for Communication and Content (10 marks), Knowledge and Application of Language (5 marks) and Accuracy (5 marks). The mark grids are printed on page 13 of the Specification.

Rubric : 上个月你去看了体育比赛。写信给你的朋友，告诉他、她：

- 你们去看了什么比赛 (Task 1)
- 你和谁一起去的 (Task 2)
- 比赛在哪里 (Task 3)
- 你喜欢这场比赛吗；为什么 (Task 4)

你选择了哪一个题目？

~~我和我的朋友去看了~~
我和朋友去看运动比赛，我们去
伦敦看足球比赛，^{运动员们}我的爱好一样，
我们爱足球比赛，~~它~~很有意思。

The candidate has written 41 words.

Communication and content

Communication

The candidate makes an effort to communicate some relevant information about a match the candidate watched. There is only a limited response to Task 1, Task 2 and Task 3, with

some relevant information conveyed. There is no clear evidence of giving and developing opinions. The candidate fails to convey why s/he enjoyed watching the match other than mentioning that they love football and football is fun. Examiners can only see a small amount of communication about the match and opinions.

This level of achievement is considered to just reach Band 3-4 but at the bottom of the band.

Content

The candidate copied some characters directly from the rubric and gleaned some credit from it. There are fleeting comments on football being “fun” but thereafter the candidate didn’t attempt to develop any points of view. On the whole, it would be considered that “the response is partially relevant to the task and there are major omissions”. Overall, for Communication and Content, the candidate would be placed in Band 3-4.

How to improve the Communication and content mark

Candidates do better when they remember to use a paragraph for each bullet point. This discipline will help them to keep their essays relevant to the rubric.

Knowledge and application of language

The candidate has a very “narrow range of vocabulary.” The vocabulary and structures tend to be basic and generally repetitive. There is no attempt at structures but overall the candidate has used simple sentences and has shown basic awareness of Chinese structures. Overall, this essay must be placed in Band 1-2.

Accuracy

In the work of this candidate, the verbs used are extremely limited. The candidate has attempted to use only 4 verbs (去, 看, 爱, 有). Of those, the only correctly, or nearly correctly, formed one is 有. The candidate has written some other characters wrong such as 足球, 意 whereas there are no adjectives used. It is quite clear that the candidate has very little concept of agreement either for verbs or adjectives.

Overall the accuracy of this candidate must be placed in Band 1-2. As there is nothing to indicate Band 3-4 in the work.