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Paper 2 Question 3

The aim of this question is to test the candidates' ability to write in Chinese. The candidates must write 50 words on the given topic.

Marks will be awarded for Communication and Content (5 marks), Knowledge and Application of Language (5 marks). The mark grids are printed on page 12 of the Specification.

Rubric : 用五十个中文字，介绍你的爱好。

The image shows a sample of handwritten Chinese text written on a grid background. The text is written in a clear, legible style. The content of the text is: "我的爱好是跟朋友一起玩羽毛球。每个星期五，我们去学校的体育馆玩一个小时的羽毛球。羽毛球是很好因为对我们的身体好。"

The candidate has written 52 words.

Communication and content

Communication

It is unnecessary to look at the three lowest bands of the marking grid (0-4) as the reader does not have to struggle unduly to understand the text. It is therefore reasonable to start by looking first at Band 5. There is "some ambiguity".

羽毛球是很好因为对我们的身体好。

The next step is to check whether the lower bands are more appropriate. The information is provided, conveyed clearly and generally developed with ideas and opinions have been given and explained. In this essay, the candidate has used 52 characters and has managed to communicate the following ideas very clearly:

What is her/his hobby

When they do the activity

Why s/he likes it

The essay is mostly independent. There is minimal reliance on the supporting message even though there is some ambiguity, which would put the essay in Band 5.

Knowledge and application of Language

Starting with Band 3-4, the examiners first look at the vocabulary and structures to see if there is merely an “adequate range” at this level. A variety of vocabulary is used in this essay, such as 跟一起, 每个, 去玩. Good evidence of complex sentence structures with connectives such as 因为. As far as structures are concerned, the candidate has put some effort into displaying the knowledge of structures which justify placing the essay in Band 3-4.

The formation of the characters and grammar are generally accurate. But the candidate’s use of verbs is not secure. The errors occur when complexity is achieved by using a variety of expressions. There are “some lapse”, for example 羽毛球是很好因为对我们的身体好。羽毛球 is used repetitively in all sentences instead of using a pronoun. There were several gaps in the candidate’s knowledge. It is therefore appropriate to look first at Band 3-4.