

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 candidate has written 50 characters.

What are your hobbies? Write about 50 Chinese characters. 也

我的爱好是足球。我最看足。  
~~我~~坐汽车上家的我好  
 朋友。我喜欢玩儿跟他。  
 饭后，我喜欢用电脑和说跟我朋友。我也喜欢上网。我  
 常常喜欢打网球跟我家人。  
 我爱听音乐，我听音乐在我床。

#### Communication and content

##### Communication

The candidate shows some ability to organise his/ her response. However, some of it has been copied from the supporting passage but with some attempt to adapt it. Unfortunately the adaption was not always successful. For example, “我喜欢用电脑和说跟我朋友。”

The essay is in Band 3-4.

There is indeed “some ambiguity” particularly as the candidate struggles with Chinese word

order. On the whole, however, the answer is “mostly clear”. The essay can be placed in Band 3-4, so its suitability for Band 5 must be examined. There does seem to be rather more than just “mostly independent” and “minimal reliance on the supporting passage. This means that the essay does not reach beyond Band 3-4.

#### Content

The candidate has, quite acceptably, answered the question. The point has been covered very briefly. The task has been dealt with.

#### How to improve the Communication and Content mark

Candidates should remember that not only do they have to cover all tasks, but at least some of those tasks should be fully developed. It is not adequate to cover the task and then give unrelated information. Candidates are being tested on their ability to use language and structures which give evidence that they can deal with and develop the theme stated in the bullet points of the rubric.

#### Knowledge and application of language

A range of vocabulary is attempted. All sentences are very simply constructed. The candidate has done well to use the verb range more or less appropriately. Errors occur but the message is clear and the mistakes do not always prevent communication. Some errors occur in the word order, many caused by the influence of the English Language. The intended meaning is clear and the characters are generally accurate. It is therefore appropriate to place the essay in Band 3-4.