

Chinese Paper 3 (Speaking)

Commentary – sample 2

Section A: Presentation and discussion based on a single picture

Topic area: Home and abroad
Picture: A picture of central London
Time: 4 min

Presentation, communication and fluency

The candidate conveys a significant range of information related to his chosen picture about London, including the tourist attractions such as the Big Ben, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace etc. as well as the icons of London such as the telephone box and the bus. He demonstrates high confidence and spontaneity in the presentation and the follow-up discussion without any hesitation or prompting. He is able to express his opinions and ideas with frequent justification and expansion, e.g. the discussion on Buckingham Palace – “为什么餐厅里有这么多桌子?” “我想...因为英女皇有很多朋友 ... 要邀请他们吃饭...”. He even takes initiative to ask the teacher’s opinion: “老师, 您想不想住在那地方?”. He shows no difficulty in answering the extended questions on his trip to Hong Kong, giving relevant information on weather, activities and accommodation. This is a well-presented piece of work, maintaining a smooth flow in the discussion with high competence. The mark awarded is 10.

Knowledge and application of language

The candidate has deployed a wide range of vocabulary and structures throughout the presentation and discussion. The quality of the language is consistently high and the candidate is able to call upon sophisticated structures in his illustrations with ease. He demonstrates good knowledge of the chosen topic and excellent language skills. The mark awarded is 5.

Accuracy

Very accurate language and pronunciation. The mark awarded is 5.

Score for Section A: 10 + 5 + 5 = 20

Section B: Conversations

Topic 1: House, home and daily routine

Topic 2: Social activities, fitness and health

Total time: 6 min

Communication, interaction and fluency

The candidate maintains good interactions with the teacher throughout the 2 conversations, giving lots of relevant information in response to the teacher's questions on home and family, daily routine, friends, social activities etc. A wide range of questions is asked, and the candidate shows good competence and spontaneity in his answers, taking initiative to expand his ideas or express his opinions with justifications. Examples are found in his reply to "favourite food" where he gives a list of food and drinks about his likes and dislikes, and adds his comments about his favourite dishes: "我喜欢英国菜和法国菜, 但我最喜欢中国菜, 尤其是鸡炒饭..." The candidate demonstrates good communication skill as well as fluency in speech and expressions while sustaining the conversations. He deserves the mark of 10.

Knowledge and application of language

The candidate deploys a wide range of vocabulary and structures in the 2 conversations to narrate (e.g. his house and family members), to describe (e.g. his friends), to express ideas & opinions (e.g. health and smoking) demonstrating good knowledge and language skills. Various tenses – present, past and futures are used appropriately and sophisticated sentence structures effectively (e.g. 假如我有錢, 我会去...因为...) in the conversations. The mark awarded is 5.

Accuracy

Very accurate language and pronunciation. The mark awarded is 5.

Score for Section B: $10 + 5 + 5 = 20$

Total score: $20 + 20 = 40$