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Introduction

This year is the second year for examinations to be reinstated after the Covid disruption. Candidates in general responded well to the questions in this year's writing paper.

Paper Overview

Question 1, "describe the photo and give your opinion of going on holiday", most candidates were familiar with the question format and were able to describe the photo and then gave opinions. Some candidates forgot to describe the photo.

Question 2, candidates were given the choice to choose one option to answer like in last year's paper. Most candidates were able to give some essential information. For Question 2a, candidates were able to note down the date of the celebration and the food offered at the celebration. Some candidates found writing the characters of "celebration" (庆祝) difficult, which is in the foundation vocabulary listed in the specification. For Question 2b, most candidates who chose this option performed well, as school trip is a familiar topic to them. They were able to give the essential information about the place they went to, and the dates of the next trip.

Question 3 is the crossover question with the Higher paper. Candidates chose equally for options a and b and did well in giving information about what they bought last month in Question 3a and what food they had before when eating out in Question 3b respectively. However, candidates did less well on the bullet points asking for their opinions about online shopping and eating out in general.

Question 4 sentence translation. Candidates did well in translating sentences a, b and c, but less well for sentences d and e. Common mistakes included miswriting 每天, 昨天, 听音乐, and 公园.