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Introduction

Candidates' performance is at a similar level to last year in the examination. The performance in Question 2 is slightly better than last year.

Performance of individual questions:

Question 1, candidates responded well to this question, most candidates were able to describe the photo and give their opinions about helping elderly people; however, it was evident that some candidates were less familiar with this topic.

Question 2, both options proved to be accessible to candidates. In general, candidates performed better for this question than last year. 2a's topic was about a new restaurant, candidates were able to answer all four bullet points, noting down the key information, but for bullet point 1, a small number of candidates gave answers about the cuisine of the new restaurant rather than answering "where the restaurant is" (location). Question 2b's topic was about giving the information to your school exchange partner. Most candidates could note down the key information about themselves, their family, their house and activities they planning to do with their exchange partner.

Question 3, as the two options for this question are overlapping questions with the higher tier, like last year, foundation tier candidates found them challenging. However, there were some good responses from the cohort of candidates this year, for 3a, candidates were able to write about Chinese food they have eaten and their experiences of learning Chinese culture. Some candidates found it challenging to answer bullet point 3, discussing their opinions of learning about different cultures. For 3b, candidates performed slightly better than 3a, they were able to give some information about their next holiday, accommodations that they like, things they bought before. Some candidates found it challenging to give opinions on going on holidays with their family.

Question 4, sentence translation. Candidates in general did well in this translation task, but some candidates had difficulty in writing the Chinese characters "城市/城市", "天气/天氣" and "羽毛球/羽毛球".