

**Chinese**  
(spoken Mandarin/spoken Cantonese)  
**PAPER 1: Listening and understanding in**  
**Chinese**  
**Higher tier**

Total Marks
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**Thursday 18 May 2023 – Afternoon**

**Time: 40 minutes and 5 minutes’ reading**

**In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.**

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**YOU MUST HAVE**

**Nil**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**Text Booklet**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**All questions are set in English.**

**Answer ALL questions in English.**

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.**

**You must NOT use a dictionary.**

**INFORMATION**

**You have 5 minutes to read through the paper before the first extract starts.**

**You may make notes during these 5 minutes.**

**You will hear the extract twice. You may write at any time during the tests. There will be a pause between each question.**

**The total mark for this paper is 50.**

**The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.**

**Turn over**

**ADVICE**

**Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.**

**Try to answer every question.**

**Check your answers if you have time at the end.**

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**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ~~☒~~ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.**

## **A new trend**

- 1 You hear this item on the radio about changing leisure habits in China.**

**Complete the sentences by choosing a word or phrase from the list in the Text Booklet. There are words that you will not use.**

**EXAMPLE:** Chinese people have stopped going to places that are

**far away**

\_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) In their leisure time, Chinese people nowadays like going to**

\_\_\_\_\_ places.

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**(b)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**activities are not so popular anymore.**  
**(1 mark)**

**(c) Most people do outdoor activities**

\_\_\_\_\_.  
**(1 mark)**

**(d) The journalist's comments appeared**

\_\_\_\_\_.  
**(1 mark)**

**(e) This recent trend is also good for the**

\_\_\_\_\_.  
**(1 mark)**

**(Total for Question 1 = 5 marks)**

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## Out shopping

- 2 While out shopping in a department store, you hear this conversation between a customer and a shop assistant.

What do they say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

(4 marks)

EXAMPLE: The man wants to buy...

☒ A clothes.

☐ B a guidebook.

☐ C shoes.

☐ D tea.

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**(i) It seems that what the man usually wears makes his wife feel...**

☐ **A amused.**

☐ **B embarrassed.**

☐ **C proud.**

☐ **D badly dressed.**

**(ii) From what his wife says, the man must...**

☐ **A be quite tall.**

☐ **B be older than her.**

☐ **C have put on weight.**

☐ **D have gone bald.**

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**(iii) Compared to where they are now, the weather where the man lives must be...**

☐ **A drier.**

☐ **B wetter.**

☐ **C warmer.**

☐ **D colder.**

**(iv) What present does the shop assistant suggest?**

☐ **A a handbag**

☐ **B a necklace**

☐ **C a hat**

☐ **D a watch**

**(Total for Question 2 = 4 marks)**

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## A year away

- 3 A former student has come to his old school to tell the present students of Chinese about his experience of working in China.

What does he say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in each one of the **THREE** correct boxes.

(3 marks)

☒ **EXAMPLE:** He was in China last year.

☐ **A** He was paid well.

☐ **B** He was living in quite a remote area.

☐ **C** He only had to teach.

☐ **D** There was a river behind the school.

☐ **E** He taught the children about nature too.

☐ **F** Sometimes the children taught him.

☐ **G** He thought the other teachers were quite lazy.

(Total for Question 3 = 3 marks)

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## My friends

- 4 Ma Tian describes some of his friends to his classmates.

Choose from the following POLITE, HEALTHY, INTELLIGENT and KIND to complete the sentences. Each word can be used more than once.

EXAMPLE: Lili is very healthy .

- (a) Ma Tian's mother thinks Dawei is very

\_\_\_\_\_ .

(1 mark)

- (b) Ma Tian thinks Luxi is very \_\_\_\_\_ .

(1 mark)

- (c) Maiké is very \_\_\_\_\_ .

(1 mark)

- (d) Ma Tian thinks that Mali is \_\_\_\_\_ .

(1 mark)

- (e) Recently, Weilian showed himself to be very

\_\_\_\_\_ .

(1 mark)

(Total for Question 4 = 5 marks)

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## Reading habits

- 5 You hear a podcast, in which two young adults, Meili and Baolun, talk about reading.

What do they say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.  
(3 marks)

**EXAMPLE:** Meili...

- ☐ A dislikes reading.
- ☐ B reads mainly non-fiction.
- ☒ C likes reading.
- ☐ D reads when she has time.

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**(i) Meili...**

- ☐ **A has more time to read as she is not working.**
- ☐ **B has lost her daily reading time.**
- ☐ **C has stopped reading novels.**
- ☐ **D finds reading a newspaper on public transport difficult.**

**(ii) Baolun...**

- ☐ **A thinks there are few good books around now.**
- ☐ **B likes to read novels in their original language.**
- ☐ **C thinks that claims about some books are exaggerated.**
- ☐ **D prefers to read e-books.**

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**(iii) As for the book shop,...**

- ☐ **A Baolun thinks the choice of books is rather limited.**
- ☐ **B there are too many part-time staff.**
- ☐ **C it occupies several floors of the building.**
- ☐ **D Meili likes the personal service from the staff.**

**(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)**

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## **A trip to China**

- 6 Your Chinese teacher has asked Weilian, a former student at your school, to come and talk to your class about a trip he made to China.**

**Listen to Weilian's talk and answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.**

- (a) What event did Weilian go to see?  
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- (b) (i) Why was the timing of the event lucky for Weilian and his friend?  
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- (ii) What was not so good about the timing?  
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- (c) What information did they ask the local people for? Give ONE detail.  
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- (d) What positive outcome did they get from talking to other spectators?  
(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 6 = 5 marks)**

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## The Double Eleven festival

- 7** Four of your classmates are telling the class about changes to a modern festival.

Listen to what they say and answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.

- (a)** Why is this festival called 'Double Eleven'?  
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- (b)** How does it differ from the other traditional Chinese festivals mentioned? Give ONE detail.  
(1 mark)

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**(c) What has changed about this festival?**

**Give ONE detail.**

**(1 mark)**

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**(d) How did companies try to attract the customers they wanted? Give ONE detail.**

**(1 mark)**

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**(e) What does this group of Chinese consumers seem to think about foreign goods?**

**(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 7 = 5 marks)**

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## In training

- 8 Anna and her Chinese friend, Yueming, are both training to be nurses.

Listen to their conversation and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

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**EXAMPLE:** Yueming asks Anna if she is finding being a nurse very...

☐ A boring.

☒ B tiring.

☐ C challenging.

☐ D easy.

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**Part (a)**

(i) Anna...

- ☐ A has already graduated from her course.
- ☐ B prefers practice to theory.
- ☐ C wishes they had more classroom hours.
- ☐ D is about to graduate.

(ii) Anna is pleased with her training hospital because...

- ☐ A it has a good reputation.
- ☐ B her mother has worked there.
- ☐ C she knows people who work there.
- ☐ D she was once a patient there.

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**(iii) Anna feels that...**

- ☐ **A she has to make the most of every day there.**
- ☐ **B the job is more important than the people.**
- ☐ **C she can learn little from her colleagues.**
- ☐ **D she has to be the first to arrive in the mornings.**

**Part (b)**

**(i) Yueming...**

- ☐ **A has seen a lot of people make mistakes.**
- ☐ **B has grown in confidence.**
- ☐ **C is glad she chose this career.**
- ☐ **D is finding it hard to put her knowledge into practice.**

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**(ii) She goes on to say that...**

- ☐ **A she finds it hard to remember people's names.**
- ☐ **B the doctors are unwilling to talk to her.**
- ☐ **C she does not like the attitude of the other nurses.**
- ☐ **D the work is even harder than she expected.**

**(iii) Anna thinks that Yueming...**

- ☐ **A should consider giving up.**
- ☐ **B needs to talk to her university teacher.**
- ☐ **C is ideally suited to being a nurse.**
- ☐ **D should make a complaint about her colleagues.**

**(Total for Question 8 = 6 marks)**

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## Thinking ahead

- 9** A university teacher in China is asking two students, Dawei and Luxi, what they hope to do after graduation.

Listen to the conversation and answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.

### Part (a)

- (i) At what stage of their year abroad are these two students?  
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- (ii) For Luxi, what is important about future employment?  
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**(iii) What restrictions does the university put on working part-time?  
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**(iv) How far has Luxi got in the process of securing the job she has seen? Give ONE detail.  
(1 mark)**

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**(v) What does Luxi hope will help her find a job in the future?  
(1 mark)**

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**Part (b)**

- (i) Where does Dawei want to do volunteer work?  
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- (ii) What kind of volunteering does he want to do?  
(1 mark)**

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- (iii) What does Dawei's father want him to do after  
graduating? Give ONE detail.  
(1 mark)**

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**(iv) What is Dawei's father hoping to do soon?  
(1 mark)**

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**(v) How is Dawei hoping to be able to carry out his  
original plan?  
(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 9 = 10 marks)**

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## A good friendship

- 10 A teacher is interviewing one of his students, Lili, about her friend, Meisi, for the school MFL podcast.**

**Listen to the podcast and put a cross ☒ in each of the two correct boxes for each question.**

**(4 marks)**

**(i) Lili...**

☒ **EXAMPLE: went to China last year.**

☐ **A went to China on a private exchange visit.**

☐ **B met Meisi two years in a row.**

☐ **C visited lots of places with Meisi.**

☐ **D has the same career ambition as Meisi.**

☐ **E is concerned about environmental issues.**

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**(ii) Lili goes on to say that...**

- ☐ **A her family is vegetarian.**
- ☐ **B her dad is the cook in the family.**
- ☐ **C the food in the local restaurants was better than she had expected.**
- ☐ **D Meisi's mother was an excellent cook.**
- ☐ **E Meisi had a limited choice of dishes in the local restaurants.**

**(Total for Question 10 = 4 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**  
**END OF PAPER**