

Chinese

(spoken Mandarin/spoken Cantonese)

PAPER 3: Reading and understanding in Chinese
Higher Tier

Total Marks

Thursday 18 May 2023 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 5 minutes

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

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Text Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

On page 4 indicate which set of texts you intend to work from, either TRADITIONAL or SIMPLIFIED characters.

Questions are set in English.

Answer ALL questions from Sections A and B in English.

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

You must NOT use a dictionary, but in some questions translations are provided for a few words that were not included in the Specification vocabulary lists.

INFORMATION

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
– you should spend approximately 15 minutes on the translation question.**

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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.

Use of Chinese characters

All questions and texts are printed twice, once in English and traditional/full characters, and once in English and simplified characters.

Questions and texts in English and traditional/full characters begin on page 5.

Questions and texts in English and simplified characters begin on page 28.

You may work from whichever version you wish.

Please indicate which set of questions and texts you intend to work from by putting a cross in one box below. You must only answer questions in the section which you indicate here.

☐ **TRADITIONAL/FULL** 繁體字

☐ **SIMPLIFIED** 简体字

繁體字

TRADITIONAL/FULL CHARACTER VERSION

(Simplified Character Version begins on page 28)

SECTION A

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(1 mark)**

- (b) Why does John want to apply for this post?
Give ONE detail.
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School subjects

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Read the blog in which Shanshan talks about her dilemma in choosing school subjects.

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(a) Shanshan...

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(b) Shanshan wants to be a...

☐ **A** **journalist.**

☐ **B** **teacher.**

☐ **C** **doctor.**

☐ **D** **scientist.**

(c) Shanshan's passion is...

☐ **A** **history.**

☐ **B** **travel.**

☐ **C** **languages.**

☐ **D** **science.**

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(d) Shanshan's ... made a suggestion.

- ☐ **A mother**
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(e) There is a possibility that Shanshan will...

- ☐ **A take a gap year.**
- ☐ **B enter her first-choice university.**
- ☐ **C go abroad to study.**
- ☐ **D teach English.**

(Total for Question 2 = 5 marks)

《我學漢語的經歷》

- 3 Look at the text for Question 3 in the Text Booklet.
Read the extract from Wang Wenlong's blog in which
he describes his Mandarin learning experience.**

**Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.
You do not need to write in full sentences.**

- (a) Where was Wang Wenlong born?
(1 mark)**

- (b) What did he wish he could do when he
was younger?
(1 mark)**

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**(c) Why did he choose to study in Beijing?
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**(d) What did he do every day when he was in China?
Give ONE detail.
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(Total for Question 3 = 4 marks)

School trips

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(1 mark)

(e) On Thursday, you meet at the school gate to go to

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(1 mark)

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Natural resources

- 5** Look at the text for Question 5 in the Text Booklet.
Read the extract from a newspaper article on natural resources.

Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.
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- (a) Why are all countries reconsidering the use of natural resources?**
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**(c) What made its first appearance five years ago?
(1 mark)**

**(d) What facilities in China have started using
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(Total for Question 5 = 5 marks)

《我的一個購物經歷》

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Read the extract from a literary text in which the
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EXAMPLE: This story happened...

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☐ **A on his bike.**

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(b) As soon as he entered the supermarket, he saw...

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Future plans

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