

**Chinese**  
(spoken Mandarin/spoken Cantonese)  
**PAPER 3: Reading and understanding in Chinese**  
**Higher Tier**

Total Marks
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**Tuesday 14 May 2024 – 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.**

**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.**

**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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## 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 29.**

**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.**

☐ **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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Give ONE detail.  
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**Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.**

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**(Total for Question 10 = 7 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**

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简体字

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**

## **SOURCE INFORMATION**

### **QUESTION 1**

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### **QUESTION 2**

**Source:** <https://zhuanlan.zhihu.com/p/158506272>

### **QUESTION 3**

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### **QUESTION 6**

**Source:** <https://writingchinese.leeds.ac.uk/book-club/may-2019-lu-yao-路遥/>

### **QUESTION 8**

**Source:** <https://www.zhihu.com/question/365534610>

### **QUESTION 9**

**Source:** <https://www.piaoniu.com/activity/48654>