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GCSE CHINESE (MANDARIN)

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Higher Tier Paper 3 Reading

Monday 12 May 2025

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour

Materials

You will need no other materials.

Instructions

- You must **not** use a dictionary.
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- In **Section A**, answer the questions in **English**.
In **Section B**, translate the passage into **English**.
- Do **all** rough work in this answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.

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Section A**Questions and answers in English**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

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School life in China

Read a blog by a Chinese student, Lili, about her school life.

Which **four** statements are correct?

Write the correct letters in the boxes.

我是一个上海中学生。虽然我们上课很累，作业不少，但是很快乐。每天第二节课后，我很喜欢去食堂，因为能和朋友们见面。上午十一点半，我最喜欢在教室做眼保健操*。我不知道眼保健操有没有用，可是我可以一边做，一边听音乐。

Glossary:

*眼保健操: eye massage exercise

A	Lili goes to secondary school.
B	She thinks school lessons are relaxing.
C	She is very happy at school because there is not much homework.
D	She really enjoys going to the canteen after the second lesson.
E	She is able to see her friends in the assembly hall.
F	She likes to do eye massage exercises at 11.30 am.
G	She thinks that eye massage exercises are useful.
H	She can listen to music while doing eye massage exercises.

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Chinese story

Read the story 《回乡偶书》 *On Returning to My Native Village*, adapted from a poem.

Write **T** if the statement is **true**.

F if the statement is **false**.

NT if the statement is **not in the text**.

回乡偶书

贺知章*在农村出生。十八岁的时候，他去了城市。
八十六岁的时候，他回到了农村。虽然他的口音*
和小时候一样，但是他的头发不但都白了，而且又短又
少。农村的孩子们友好地问他：“你从哪儿来？”

Glossary:

*贺知章： He Zhizhang – a Chinese poet

*口音： accent

0 2 . 1

He Zhizhang was born in the countryside.

[1 mark]

0 2 . 2

He Zhizhang moved to the city when he was 16 years old.

[1 mark]

0 2 . 3

He Zhizhang returned to the countryside when he was old.

[1 mark]

0 2 . 4

He Zhizhang's accent had changed over the years.

[1 mark]

0 2 . 5

He Zhizhang's hair had turned white.

[1 mark]



0 2 . 6 He Zhizhang met up with some relatives.

[1 mark]

0 2 . 7 The children asked where He Zhizhang came from.

[1 mark]

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0 3

Lifestyle

Some friends are comparing their views about cat cafés, venues where you can play with cats while you enjoy a drink and a snack.

Write the **first letter** of the correct name in each box.

Each letter can be used more than once.

Write **D** for **Dong Mei**.

L for **Li Xin**.

S for **Song Qing**.

W for **Wang Lin**.

冬梅 (Dong Mei): 我经常去猫咖啡店, 因为环境很舒服, 而且服务员都很亲切, 可是咖啡不便宜。

李新 (Li Xin): 去年, 我去过猫咖啡店, 但是那儿的咖啡非常贵, 很浪费钱, 现在我不去了。

宋青 (Song Qing): 我没有宠物。我一有时间, 就去猫咖啡店看猫。和猫在一起玩儿, 我觉得很高兴。

王琳 (Wang Lin): 我在猫咖啡店做服务员, 我每天可以赚钱, 还可以和猫玩儿。



0 3 . 1

Who goes to the cat café because they have no pets at home?

[1 mark]

0 3 . 2

Who works in a cat café?

[1 mark]

0 3 . 3

Who goes to the cat café because the waiters are friendly?

[1 mark]

0 3 . 4

Who no longer goes to cat cafés because of the cost?

[1 mark]

0 3 . 5

Who goes to the cat café because the environment is good?

[1 mark]

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Global issues

Read the conversation between a geography teacher and a pupil about global warming.

Answer the questions in **English**.

老师：去年的天气怎么样？

学生：去年的天气很差。

老师：是的，英国有的城市夏天有洪水。

学生：我的亲戚在暑假结婚，那天是一个大雨天。婚礼的礼堂里有很多脏雨水！

老师：全球变暖越来越快，我们可以做什么？

学生：我觉得应该少坐飞机，也应该多穿旧衣服。

0 4 . 1

What is the pupil's opinion about last year's weather?

[1 mark]

0 4 . 2

What happened in some UK cities during the summer?

[1 mark]

0 4 . 3

Who got married during the summer holidays?

[1 mark]

0 4 . 4

How did the pupil describe the wedding venue?

[1 mark]

0 4 . 5

Give **one** suggestion that the pupil mentioned to slow down global warming.

[1 mark]

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0 5

Technology

Read these comments from students about their use of technology.

What are their opinions of technology?

Write **P** for a **positive** opinion.

N for a **negative** opinion.

P + N for a **positive and negative** opinion.

可心 (Kexin): 我常常用手机上不一样的网站, 有购物的、有新闻的, 又便宜又省时间, 还有很多免费的东西。

桃桃 (Taotao): 我觉得在网站上卖东西不难, 也能赚很多钱, 但是我太忙了, 从早到晚, 我没有时间休息。

雪庭 (Xueting): 我觉得在网上很多人太没有礼貌了, 因为网民不知道他们是谁, 所以他们想说什么, 就说什么。

一然 (Yiran): 我每天都上网看英文电影, 还下载了很多英文书, 这对我的学习很重要, 我的英文会考得更好。

0 5 . 1 Kexin

[1 mark]

0 5 . 2 Taotao

[1 mark]

0 5 . 3 Xueting

[1 mark]

0 5 . 4 Yiran

[1 mark]

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0 6

A part-time job

Read Jack's email to Xiaodong (小东) about his new part-time job. According to Jack, what are the **advantages** and **disadvantages** of part-time jobs?

Answer the questions in **English**.

小东：

你好！

我想做兼职工作，明天，我有一个面试。虽然我知道做兼职有时候会影响上课，和朋友见面的机会也少了，但是我能有工作经验，而且会学到新东西。你同意吗？

祝好！

Jack

Write down **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of having part-time jobs.

Advantages	Disadvantages
1	1
2	2

[4 marks]

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0 7

Lijiang, a town in China

Lijiang (丽江) is a town in south-west China.

Read a report in a travel magazine about Lijiang.

Complete the table in **English**.

丽江是中国的一个小镇。四十多年前，那儿没有购物中心，去的人也很少。现在，丽江已经是一个热闹的旅游小镇了，你不但可以买纪念品，而且可以看唱歌比赛。将来丽江会有一个很大的博物馆。

Write **two** facts about Lijiang in the **past** and **one** fact about the **future**.

Past	Present	Future
1		1
2	a lively tourist town	

[3 marks]

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0 8

The man from Qi worries about the sky

Read the story 《杞人忧天》 *The Man from Qi Worries about the Sky*
adapted from a Chinese fable.

杞人忧天

很多很多年前，杞国*有一个男人，他常常坐在花园里想：“蓝天*会不会不见了*?” 他每天问他的朋友：“如果天没有了，我们去哪儿住?” 所以他吃不好饭，也睡不好觉。他聪明的朋友说：“请不要想太多。”

Glossary:

*杞国: the kingdom of Qi

*蓝天: blue sky

*不见了: disappear

Write the correct letter in each box.

0 8 . 1

Where did the man do his thinking?

A	at the seaside
B	in his garden
C	in his house

[1 mark]

0 8 . 2

What did he worry about?

A	how to earn money
B	what to eat
C	where to live

[1 mark]



0 8 . 3 Because he was worried, he could not...

A	sleep.
B	study.
C	talk.

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[1 mark]

0 8 . 4 His friend was...

A	clever.
B	good-looking.
C	thoughtful.

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[1 mark]

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Next Christmas

Three teenagers are talking on WeChat about their plans for Christmas.

Answer the questions in **English**.

王 (Wang): 圣诞节的时候常常下大雪，我们想去滑雪。

陈 (Chen): 我会去奶奶家吃午饭，因为她做的烤鸡比饭馆的
好吃。

童 (Tong): 我的朋友们都穿圣诞毛衣，所以我也想有一件圣诞
毛衣。

0 9

. 1

What would Wang like to do during Christmas?

[1 mark]

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. 2

Why will Chen be going to Grandma's for Christmas lunch?

[1 mark]

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. 3

What does Tong want for Christmas?

[1 mark]

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Sightseeing in Beijing

Read these extracts from tourist leaflets in Beijing.

Which place suits each person best?

Write **one** correct letter in each box.

Each letter may be used:

- once
- more than once
- not at all.

A	这是老舍茶馆*, 这儿有好茶、京剧和北京的老照片。
B	前门*人很多, 附近的美术馆很漂亮。
C	想吃有名的中国菜, 请来北京饭店*, 这儿离故宫也很近。
D	后海*公园有很多船, 可以坐船游后海。
E	坐地铁去奥林匹克*公园很方便, 这儿有鸟巢和游泳馆。
F	天坛公园有很多老人, 他们一边跳舞, 一边听音乐。

Glossary:

*老舍茶馆: Laoshe Teahouse, a famous tea house in Beijing

*前门: a famous location in Beijing

*北京饭店: Beijing Hotel

*后海: a famous area in Beijing with many bars

*奥林匹克: Olympic



1 0 . 1 My friends and I love to go to art galleries.

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[1 mark]

1 0 . 2 I am interested in looking at photographs of Beijing.

☐

[1 mark]

1 0 . 3 My family and I want to travel by underground.

☐

[1 mark]

1 0 . 4 After visiting the Forbidden City, I would like to enjoy some famous dishes.

☐

[1 mark]

1 0 . 5 My boyfriend and I love to watch traditional performances.

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[1 mark]

1 0 . 6 I like to see people dancing in the park.

☐

[1 mark]

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Future jobs

Read two Chinese pupils' thoughts on their future careers.

Identify the correct person.

Write the first **letter** of the correct name in each box.

Write **G** for **Gongli**.

M for **Moyan**.

G + M for **Gongli and Moyan**.

巩莉 (Gongli): 我打算做演员, 老师说我的能力很强, 我说英文也说得很流利。我最近在学校的演出很成功, 朋友们都来了。但是我的家人不同意我做演员, 他们希望我做医生, 但是做医生很难。

墨言 (Moyan): 我的理想是做一个小说作家。虽然我的老师觉得我的能力一点儿也不弱, 朋友们也都爱看我写的小说, 但是, 写小说除了要学好英文, 还要懂人们的生活。我的父亲和母亲觉得我应该做我喜欢做的。



1 1 . 1

Who received positive feedback from their teacher?

[1 mark]

1 1 . 2

Who speaks English fluently?

[1 mark]

1 1 . 3

Who took part in a successful performance?

[1 mark]

1 1 . 4

Whose friends appreciate their talent?

[1 mark]

1 1 . 5

Who needs to understand people's lives?

[1 mark]

1 1 . 6

Whose family does **not** object to their choice of career?

[1 mark]

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Translation into **English**

Your Chinese friend has written a letter to you. Your parents ask you to translate the letter into **English** for them.

我经常旅行。上个月，我去了德国。虽然风很大，但是我爬了山。明年六月，我想在法国住两个星期。除了学法文，还要看很多展览馆。

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