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Paper 3H Reading and understanding in
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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

GCSE Chinese Higher tier

Paper 3 Mark Scheme

All candidates are expected to answer in English. Answers in Chinese will not be credited.

SECTION A

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(a)	music Accept: concert		(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(b)	Germany OR France		(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(c)	musician performed in a (big) park/city centre OR the festival was/took place in a (big) park/city centre OR more people could watch/watched performance		(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(a)	C – by the sea	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(b)	D – underground	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(c)	B – pen	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(d)	B – half an hour	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
2(e)	A – sitting on a bench	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	she learned lots of/many things/lots of stuff/knowledge (from that book/it) OR (it/that book) gave her lots of happiness/made her happy Accept: (liked) learning new things / learn more things	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(b)	to teach/to work there/to be a teacher/ to become a teacher there	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(c)	a cinema ticket / movie ticket / film ticket	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(cii)	(she might have) gone to the cinema OR (she might have) met the boy/Wang Dahai OR (she might have) gone on a date OR Watched the movie		(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(a)	Europe	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(b)	Africa	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(c)	America	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(d)	Europe	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
4(e)	Asia	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(a)	last (week) Wednesday	Wednesday	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(b)	run OR go to the sports ground/field Accept: sports centre / sports hall/ stadium/ gymnasium/ gym		(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(c)	danced/dancing/dance		(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(d)	they did their homework in the classroom OR they stayed in the classroom OR they were not allowed to go home/they didn't go home OR they were not allowed any after-school activities/they didn't do any after-school activities	they did their homework	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
5(e)	why did the new headteacher ask us to/make us do this? Accept: why did the new school leader ask us to/make us do this?		(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(a)	A – became interested in business	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(b)	C – be a vegetarian	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(c)	B – lived with a friend for some time	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(d)	B – better his career	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
6(e)	D – perseverance is needed to be successful	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
7(a)	Dawei		(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
7(b)	Tangmu		(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
7(c)	Lili		(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
7(d)	Dawei		(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
7(e)	to establish/set up/create a better relationship with the (Chinese) company/office Accept: to maintain/ to improve a good relationship with the (Chinese) company/office	Responses without company	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
7(f)	more interesting compared to Hong Kong / more interesting than Hong Kong	Responses with no comparison Better life/better than life in Hong Kong	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
8(a)	more and more people make effort/want to have a green/environmentally friendly life OR newspapers tell us to strive for/have a green/environmentally friendly life OR television tells us to strive for/have a green/environmentally friendly life	newspaper(s) television news OR It's in/on the newspaper(s).	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
8(b)	environmental science Accept: environment science	environment; science	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
8(c)	(new) way(s) of saving natural resources Accept: (new) idea(s) of saving natural resources / reduce (the use of) natural resources / to use less natural resources		(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
8(d)	wear white shirts OR eat more salad OR drink fewer sugary/sweet drinks	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
8(e)	uniform exchange/swapping Accept: don't buy new clothes every year	Change (school) uniform	(1)

Question number	Answer	Mark
9(a)	B C F	(3)

Question number	Answer	Mark
9(b)	after/when she started to learn Chinese/Mandarin/Cantonese Accept: begin to / began to / beginning to	(1)

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
9(c)	which places (in the UK/Britain/England) are the most beautiful? /(the whereabouts of) the most beautiful places OR Which traditional food (in the UK/Britain/England) is the most delicious/the tastiest / the best? / the most delicious/the tastiest/best traditional food	Responses without "traditional" "most / best / -est"	(1)

SECTION B

Question Number	Indicative content	Mark
10	The restaurant near my house is (very) new. / There is a (very) new restaurant near my house. On the menu there is not only traditional seafood but also vegetarian food . Apart from chopsticks, there are also knives and forks on the table , therefore , some foreigners often go there to eat .	(7)
	Chinese Term	Accept
	家	Home
	饭馆	diner; food court;
	菜单	food list
	素食	vegetarian; vegan food
	除了	in addition to; aside from; including; other than; as well as
	桌子	desk
	因此	as a result; consequently; because of this; for this reason
	经常	frequently
	吃饭	to dine; to eat dinner / to eat lunch/ to eat dinner and lunch

Mark	Descriptor
0	No rewardable communication.
1-3	The meaning of the passage is partially communicated. Some errors in the translation prevent meaning being conveyed, e.g. frequent use of incorrect words, omitted phrases , incorrect timeframes.
4-6	The meaning of the passage is mostly communicated. Occasional errors affect the flow or clarity of the translation, e.g. incorrect words, omitted words, inexact syntax.
7	The meaning of the passage is fully communicated. Any errors do not detract from the overall effectiveness of the translation.