

GCSE CHINESE (MANDARIN)

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Higher Tier Paper 1 Listening

Specimen 2019

Morning

Time allowed: 45 minutes
(including 5 minutes' reading time before the test)

**You will need no other materials.
The pauses are pre-recorded for this test.**

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the bottom of this page.
- **Do not open this book until you are told to do so.**

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets. The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Advice

This is what you should do for each item.

- After the question number is announced, there will be a pause to allow you to read the instructions and questions.
- Listen carefully to the recording and read the questions again.
- Listen to the recording again, and then answer the questions.
- When the next question is about to start you will hear a bleep like this (*).
- You may write at any time during the test.
- Answer all questions in **English**.
- You must answer all the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write on blank pages.
- Write neatly and put down **all** the information you are asked to give.
- **You must not ask questions or interrupt during the test.**
- You now have five minutes to read through the question paper. You may make notes during this time. You may open your answer book now.
- **The test starts now**

Please write clearly, in block capitals, to allow character computer recognition.

Centre number Candidate number Surname Forename(s)

Candidate signature _____

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Questions and answers in **English****School holidays**

Two of your friends are chatting with you about the school holidays.

What did they do before? What do they do now? What will they do in the future?

Complete the following grid in **English**.

0	1
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Before	Now	Future
attended summer camp		

[2 marks]

0	2
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Before	Now	Future
		climb the Great Wall

[2 marks]

Learning Mandarin

At the annual conference of Confucius Classrooms, several British students are telling a Chinese journalist why they want to learn Mandarin.

A	food
B	travel
C	social
D	work
E	history

What do they mention?

Write the correct letter in the boxes.

0 3

[1 mark]

0 4

[1 mark]

0 5

[1 mark]

Volunteering in China

Your friend, Xiaohong, wants to be a volunteer in her local community.

Answer both parts of the question in English.

0 6 . **1** Where would she prefer to be a volunteer?

[1 mark]

0 6 . **2** Why?

[1 mark]

Sports centre

Your friends, Xiaogang and Xiaomei, are talking about their local sports centre.

What is their opinion of these aspects?

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

N for a **negative** opinion

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

0 7

Xiaogang

The facilities

and the café

[2 marks]

0 8

Xiaomei

The activities

and the swimming pool

[2 marks]

School and teachers

These students are talking about their teachers.

For each subject, write in the box a reason why they like their teacher.

Answer in **English**.

Example

Subject	Reason
Music	The teacher is a good singer.

0 9

Subject	Reason
English	

[1 mark]

1 0

Subject	Reason
Maths	

[1 mark]

1 1

Subject	Reason
Geography	

[1 mark]

Sport

On Chinese radio, a reporter is talking about the findings of a survey into why young people do not do enough sport.

A	They have too much school work.
B	They want to spend time with their family.
C	They prefer playing computer games.
D	They do not have enough time.
E	They have a part-time job.
F	They do not have enough money.
G	They have no talent for sport.

What reason goes with each percentage?

Write the correct letter in the box.

1 2

56%

[1 mark]

1 3

43%

[1 mark]

1 4

23%

[1 mark]

Finding a job

During a visit to your Chinese partner school you listen to a clip of a careers interview.

Write the answers to the questions in **English**.

1	5
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 What work experience does this person have?

[1 mark]

1	6
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 Which foreign language does this person speak best?

[1 mark]

1	7
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 What does this person say about his personality?

[1 mark]

1	8
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 Which hobby does this person most enjoy?

[1 mark]

1	9
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 Why does this person want to work for this company?

[1 mark]

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What does this person wish for his own future?

[1 mark]

Supermarket announcements

While on holiday in China, you hear these announcements in a Chinese supermarket.

Choose the correct answer and write the letter in the box.

2 1

The shop is ...

A	open every day.
B	open from 9 am to 9 pm.
C	closed on Mondays.

[1 mark]**2 2**

This announcement is advertising ...

A	the restaurant.
B	the self-service tills.
C	a new mobile phone.

[1 mark]**2 3**

The price reduction is for ...

A	all shop customers.
B	all online customers.
C	all shop and online customers.

[1 mark]

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Musical tastes

You hear a podcast sent by your Chinese partner school. In this extract, you hear an interview with Xiaoqiang who talks about rock music in China.

Answer both parts of the question.

2 4 . **1** In China, rock music ...

A	is not very popular.
B	is more popular in the north.
C	is more popular in the south.

[1 mark]

2 4 . **2** Many rock singers in China ...

A	are university students.
B	are factory workers.
C	live in big cities.

[1 mark]

Answer both parts of the question.

2 5 . **1** Xiaoqiang finds rock music ...

A	charming.
B	different.
C	as good as pop music.

[1 mark]

2 5 . **2** He thinks the rock singers ...

A	are well educated.
B	have strong personalities.
C	wear cool clothes.

[1 mark]

Answer both parts of the question.

2 6 . **1** Xiaoqiang also says that the most important thing for rock music is ...

A	the tune.
B	the lyrics.
C	both the tune and lyrics.

[1 mark]

2 6 . **2** He says that good rock music makes him feel ...

A	excited.
B	comfortable.
C	energetic.

[1 mark]

Electronic reading devices

Listen to this Chinese radio phone-in programme where listeners are discussing the advantages and disadvantages of electronic reading devices.

For each speaker write down **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage.

Answer in **English**.

2	7
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Speaker 1

Advantage	Disadvantage

[2 marks]

2	8
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Speaker 2

Advantage	Disadvantage

[2 marks]

Cycle lanes

As part of a project on the environment you are listening to a report discussing cycle lanes in cities.

Complete the sentences in **English**.

Example The advantage for cycle lanes is that it makes cyclists feel safer.

2 9 Some people don't agree with cycle lanes and suggest ...

_____.

This is because too many cyclists will ...

_____.

[2 marks]

3 0 Some people are in favour of cycle lanes provided that ...

_____.

More cycle lanes will mean ...

_____.

[2 marks]

A Chinese fable

In order to improve your Mandarin, you decide to listen to an audio book.

You hear a Chinese fable “叶公好龙” (yè gōng hào lóng – “Mr. Ye Likes Dragons”).

Choose **two** sentences which are **true** and write the correct letters in the boxes.

A	The dragon was a painter.
B	Ye Gong wore dragon patterned clothes.
C	The dragon had a pale face.
D	Ye Gong was very scared of the dragon.

3	1
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[2 marks]

A telephone conversation

A Chinese student, Xiaofang is taking part in a school exchange in Britain. She is calling her mum and dad who are in China.

What **four** aspects of British life does Xiaofang talk about?

A	weather
B	shopping
C	school
D	charity
E	breakfast
F	football
G	concert
H	transport

Write the correct letters in the boxes.

3	2
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[4 marks]

Celebrities

You left a voice message on your social media group to ask your Chinese friends about their favourite celebrities. Two people replied.

What do they say?

Choose the correct answer and write the letter in the box.

3	3
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She likes Ma Yun (Jack Ma) because ...

A	he is one of the richest men in the world.
B	he has built successful internet-based businesses.
C	he wants others to succeed as well.

[1 mark]

3	4
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He likes Mo Yan (the Chinese novelist) because ...

A	he writes about historical and contemporary issues.
B	he likes to live in both the countryside and city.
C	he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

[1 mark]

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