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Both traditional and simplified characters are accepted and should be marked in the same way.

## SECTION 1

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1	<p>Candidates are required to list 5 items in Chinese. Read all the items the candidate has listed and award marks as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Select the most correct items up to a maximum of 5</b></li> <li>• <b>Award 1 mark for each correct item up to a maximum of 5</b></li> <li>• <b>Stop ticking once 5 items have been rewarded</b></li> <li>• <b>On Question 1 award marks for items wherever the candidate has written them</b></li> <li>• <b>If the candidate offers more than one word per line, award a mark for each acceptable item</b></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Generic mark scheme for Question 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Mark for communication. Tolerate inaccuracies, provided the message is clear</u></li> <li>• Do not award marks to words written in pinyin and English</li> <li>• If you suspect a word is used in another region e.g. 手巾、手信, please check with the team leader or award BOD</li> <li>• Miswritten characters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Look-alike test: award the mark when the character the candidate has written looks like the correct answer e.g. strokes missing or added, but character still recognisable. However, when the miswritten character creates a new character with a different meaning, the mark cannot be awarded.</li> <li>(b) If a prefix or suffix is missing, or a modifier word is miswritten, award a mark if meaning is still communicated, e.g. 面条: if a candidate has only written 条, it does not mean anything and a mark shouldn't be awarded. If a candidate has written 面 which contains the main meaning of the word <i>noodle</i>, the mark should be awarded.</li> <li>(c) If the mis-formed characters create a different meaning, e.g. 书本, no mark will be awarded</li> <li>(d) Candidates must communicate the meaning very clearly. If there are more than two characters in the answer, and the meaning is clearly communicated, we can tolerate the wrong characters, e.g. 照想机, 可口可了</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p data-bbox="316 1357 1315 1464"><b>Session specific instructions for Question 1: Make a list in Chinese of 5 things you might put in a suitcase. (请用中文写出你可能放进旅行箱里的五件东西。)</b></p> <ul data-bbox="316 1503 1315 1854" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there are five clearly acceptable items, e.g. food &amp; drink, clothes, daily use items, toys, books, award marks wherever these are in the list.</li> <li>• If candidates list a single item with <i>different descriptive word/adjectives</i>, a maximum of 2 marks can be awarded, e.g. 蓝衣服、大衣服、小衣服 award 2 marks</li> <li>• Ignore measure words and verbs.</li> <li>• If more than 5 words have been written, award the 5 correct ones even outside of the space provided</li> <li>• If words are directly copied from the question e.g. 衣服, 旅行箱, 东西, no mark will be awarded</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="316 1861 1262 1924"><u>Examples are listed above. Accept anything the candidate might put in a suitcase.</u></p>		<b>5</b>																																				

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2	<p>Candidates are required to answer the question. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Communication: award a mark out of 10 according to the instructions in 2.1</b></li> <li>• <b>Language: award a mark out of 5 according to the instructions in 2.2</b></li> </ul>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>2.1: award a mark out of 10 for Communication</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Generic mark scheme for Communication (Question 2)</i></b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>(i) Place the appropriate ‘numbered’ tick as close as possible to each relevant communication point</p> <p>(ii) Award ticks flexibly across the tasks for each piece of relevant information conveyed up to a maximum of 10 ticks. HOWEVER, each of the 5 tasks must be covered to get the 10 communication marks:</p> <p>(iii) <u>If 1 of the tasks</u> is missing, the maximum communication mark is 9</p> <p>(iv) <u>If 2 of the tasks</u> are missing, the maximum communication mark is 8 (and so on)</p> <p>(v) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication</p> <p>(vi) For COMMUNICATION be tolerant of time-frames and minor character errors, provided the characters written are clear enough to be understood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>for language, use ‘rules’ in Question 1:</b> miswritten characters, etc.</li> <li>• <b>incorrect word order will not usually compromise communication</b></li> </ul> <p>(vii) <u>LISTS</u> = a maximum of 3 marks for communication. LISTS最多给三分。</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 我家一般妈妈、爸爸、哥哥和我做饭(3 marks)。</li> <li>• 我喜欢吃饺子，我也喜欢吃包子，我还喜欢吃米饭，但是我最喜欢吃北京烤鸭。 We award 4 marks.</li> </ul> <p>(viii) Up to 5 further marks available for additional details</p> <p>(ix) Do not penalise factual errors</p> <p>(x) What the candidate writes may not follow the order of the tasks on the question paper – this is fine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>[Total marks for Communication: 10]</b></p> </div>	<b>10</b>

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	<p><b><u>Use of pinyin</u></b> If a candidate uses pinyin in their answer, you should read the work as if the pinyin words were not there – they do not count towards the Communication mark. If the Communication requirements are still fulfilled, discounting the pinyin, the mark can be awarded.</p> <p>e.g. Question: 你喜欢吃什么</p> <p>Answer 1: 我喜欢吃 jiao子. (pinyin is used for the word ‘jiao’. This is a key word in the sentence, and relates directly to the question. Therefore, no Communication mark can be awarded.)</p> <p>Answer 2: 我喜欢吃面bao. (pinyin is used for the word ‘bao’. Ignoring this word in the sentence would not affect comprehension – it is not a key word in the sentence. The Communication mark can be awarded here.)</p> <p><b><u>How to award marks for extra details:</u></b></p> <p>An extra detail is defined as any extra detail which is related in some way to any one of the five tasks.</p> <p>Example: 晚饭很好吃, 我吃很多晚饭。我喜欢妈妈做的晚饭。 (3 Communication marks are awarded for this response)</p> <p>In the above example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award 1 tick for晚饭很好吃 as this is a generic statement which addresses the requirements of task 4</li> <li>• Award 1 tick for我吃很多晚饭 as this is an extra detail which is relevant to task 4</li> <li>• Award 1 tick for我喜欢妈妈做的晚饭 as this is an extra detail which is relevant to task 4</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>Session specific instructions for Communication marks (Question 2):</b>            请写一写你最喜欢的食物:            Write about your favourite food.</p>		
	<p><b>Tick</b></p>	<p><b>Accept</b></p>	<p><b>Refuse</b></p>
1		<p>Task: 你喜欢吃什么 ; What do you like to eat?   <b>REWARD:</b> any food</p>	
2		<p>Task: 你喜欢喝什么; what do you like to drink?   <b>REWARD:</b> any drink</p>	
3		<p>Task: 你家一般谁做晚饭 ; Who usually cooks dinner at your home?   <b>REWARD:</b> any family members</p>	
4		<p>晚饭怎么样 ; What is the dinner like?   <b>REWARD :</b> any opinions or description, e.g. 晚饭很好吃</p>	
5		<p>明天你想几点吃晚饭。 What time do you want to have dinner tomorrow?             • <b>candidates must reference a future time frame.</b> e.g. 明天我想/要八点吃晚饭。   <b>REWARD</b> any time given</p>	<p>明天我想早上八点吃晚饭。  <b>Time should be from 12 noon onward</b></p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>2.2: award a mark out of 5 for Accuracy of Language</u></b></p> <p><b>Generic mark scheme for Language (Question 2):</b> If some characters are written incorrectly without hindering communication, candidates should not be penalised in the Language mark.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award a mark out of 5 for Language according to the Grade descriptors in the table below (see <i>Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors</i> (last page of mark scheme)):</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grade descriptors for Language (Question 2)</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; width: 5%;">5</td> <td>Highly accurate in the use of simpler structures, with occasional minor slips.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td>Accurate in the use of simpler structures, except for occasional more serious errors/more frequent slips.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>Generally accurate, but with increased incidence of more serious errors.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Substantially inaccurate, despite several examples of accurate usage.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Substantially inaccurate, with only isolated examples of accurate usage.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td>No examples of accurate usage</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>[Total marks for Language: 5]</b></p> </div> <p>*Consider the whole answer when awarding mark for language</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>[Total for Question 2: 15 marks]</b></p>	5	Highly accurate in the use of simpler structures, with occasional minor slips.	4	Accurate in the use of simpler structures, except for occasional more serious errors/more frequent slips.	3	Generally accurate, but with increased incidence of more serious errors.	2	Substantially inaccurate, despite several examples of accurate usage.	1	Substantially inaccurate, with only isolated examples of accurate usage.	0	No examples of accurate usage	5
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	<p><u>Very short answers</u> If a response is under 40 characters long, a maximum of 4 marks for Language can be awarded.</p> <p><u>Pinyin</u></p> <p>The volume of pinyin in the answer should be considered when awarding the Language mark. If pinyin is used extensively, it is no longer genuinely a piece of Chinese writing.</p> <p>Occasional use of pinyin will not affect marking for Language, but for essays written predominantly in pinyin (i.e. more pinyin than characters) this must be taken into account in the Language mark.</p>													

## SECTION 2

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3	<p>Candidates answer 1 question from a choice of 3. Read the whole answer and award marks, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Communication: award a mark out of 5 according to the instructions in 3.1</b></li> <li>• <b>Language:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>award a mark out of 5 for Accuracy of Characters according to the instructions in 3.2</b></li> <li>• <b>award a mark out of 10 for Accuracy of Grammar and Structures according to the instructions in 3.3</b></li> <li>• <b>award an Impression mark out of 5 according to the instructions in 3.4</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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3(a)	<p><b>Session specific instructions for Communication marks (Question 3):</b></p> <p><b>Question 3(a):</b> 你的笔友想了解你最喜欢的一位演员。请给笔友写一封信，信里说说： Your pen-pal would like to know about your favourite actor/actress.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 461 1310 1637"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="320 461 437 510">Tick</th> <th data-bbox="437 461 1198 510">Accept</th> <th data-bbox="1198 461 1310 510">Mark</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 510 437 645">1</td> <td data-bbox="437 510 1198 645">           他/她是哪国人； what is his/her nationality?             Allow any nationality         </td> <td data-bbox="1198 510 1310 645">[1]</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 645 437 779">2</td> <td data-bbox="437 645 1198 779">           长得怎么样； What does he/she look like?             Allow any description         </td> <td data-bbox="1198 645 1310 779">[1]</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 779 437 1122">3</td> <td data-bbox="437 779 1198 1122">           他/她来过你的国家吗；            Have he/she been to your country?   <b>ACCEPT:</b> Yes / No / Not sure   <i>Note: take into account the presence (or omission) of the verbal marker 过 when awarding the mark for Accuracy of Grammar. This is not needed for the communication mark.</i> </td> <td data-bbox="1198 779 1310 1122">[1]</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1122 437 1464">4</td> <td data-bbox="437 1122 1198 1464">           除了演电影以外，他/她还做过什么；            Apart from acting, what else has he/she done?   <b>ACCEPT:</b> Yes / No / Not sure  <b>REWARD:</b> anything or any job  <i>Note: take into account the presence (or omission) of the verbal marker 过 when awarding the mark for Accuracy of Grammar. This is not needed for the communication mark.</i> </td> <td data-bbox="1198 1122 1310 1464">[1]</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1464 437 1637">5</td> <td data-bbox="437 1464 1198 1637">           你为什么喜欢他/她。            Why do you like him/her?            Any opinion, justification         </td> <td data-bbox="1198 1464 1310 1637">[1]</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Tick	Accept	Mark	1	他/她是哪国人； what is his/her nationality?  Allow any nationality	[1]	2	长得怎么样； What does he/she look like?  Allow any description	[1]	3	他/她来过你的国家吗； Have he/she been to your country?  <b>ACCEPT:</b> Yes / No / Not sure  <i>Note: take into account the presence (or omission) of the verbal marker 过 when awarding the mark for Accuracy of Grammar. This is not needed for the communication mark.</i>	[1]	4	除了演电影以外，他/她还做过什么； Apart from acting, what else has he/she done?  <b>ACCEPT:</b> Yes / No / Not sure <b>REWARD:</b> anything or any job <i>Note: take into account the presence (or omission) of the verbal marker 过 when awarding the mark for Accuracy of Grammar. This is not needed for the communication mark.</i>	[1]	5	你为什么喜欢他/她。 Why do you like him/her? Any opinion, justification	[1]	5
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3(b)	<p><b>Question 3(b):</b> 《中学生杂志》想了解一下学生对公园的看法。请给杂志写一篇文章，谈一谈： “Middle School Magazine” wants to know students’ views on parks.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 389 1310 1431"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="320 389 437 439">Tick</th> <th data-bbox="437 389 1198 439">Accept</th> <th data-bbox="1198 389 1310 439">Mark</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 439 437 577">1</td> <td data-bbox="437 439 1198 577">           你家附近有没有公园； Is there a park near your home? present time frame         </td> <td data-bbox="1198 439 1310 577">[1]</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 577 437 748">2</td> <td data-bbox="437 577 1198 748">           最近你跟谁一起去了公园； Whom did you go to the park with recently? Allow any person or pet Past time frame         </td> <td data-bbox="1198 577 1310 748">[1]</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 748 437 1023">3</td> <td data-bbox="437 748 1198 1023">           你们在公园做了什么； What did you do in the park?  Any activity, past time frame Present tense allowed if it implies past tense Future tense or conditional clauses (如果。。就), the mark can't be awarded         </td> <td data-bbox="1198 748 1310 1023">[1]</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1023 437 1193">4</td> <td data-bbox="437 1023 1198 1193">           你觉得那个公园怎么样； What do you think of the park?  any opinion and description         </td> <td data-bbox="1198 1023 1310 1193">[1]</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1193 437 1431">5</td> <td data-bbox="437 1193 1198 1431">           你觉得有公园对中学生有什么好处。 What are the benefits of having a park for middle school students?  Any justification         </td> <td data-bbox="1198 1193 1310 1431">[1]</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Tick	Accept	Mark	1	你家附近有没有公园； Is there a park near your home? present time frame	[1]	2	最近你跟谁一起去了公园； Whom did you go to the park with recently? Allow any person or pet Past time frame	[1]	3	你们在公园做了什么； What did you do in the park?  Any activity, past time frame Present tense allowed if it implies past tense Future tense or conditional clauses (如果。。就), the mark can't be awarded	[1]	4	你觉得那个公园怎么样； What do you think of the park?  any opinion and description	[1]	5	你觉得有公园对中学生有什么好处。 What are the benefits of having a park for middle school students?  Any justification	[1]	5
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**Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors**

It is important that you award marks positively. In order to ensure that you reward achievement rather than penalise failure or omissions, you should start at the bottom of the mark scheme and work upwards through the descriptors when awarding marks.

You should adopt a 'best fit' approach. You must select the set of descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked. As you work upwards through the mark scheme, you will eventually arrive at a set of descriptors that fits the candidate's performance. When you reach this point, you should always then check the descriptors in the band above to confirm whether or not there is just enough evidence to award a mark in the higher band.

For example when marking Question 3, you may, find that a candidate uses a variety of relevant vocabulary but has varied success with more complex structures. In such cases, you will need to award a mark that takes into account both the strengths and weaknesses of the piece of work.

To select the most appropriate mark within each set of descriptors, you should use the following guidance:

- If most of the descriptors fit the piece (and after you have considered the band above), then you will award the top mark in the band.
- If there is just enough evidence (and you had perhaps been considering the band below), then you would award the lowest mark in the band.

**Note on irrelevant material**

In the case of a deliberately evasive answer which consists entirely of irrelevant material exploited in defiance of the rubric, a score of 0 is given. These are extremely rare.

A genuine attempt to answer the question which fails due to a misunderstanding of the rubric will normally lose Communication marks but will score for Language. You should consult your Team Leader.