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Mandarin (Simplified) Reading

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Number of seat

Date of birth

Day

Month

Year

Scottish candidate number

Total marks — 30

Attempt ALL questions.

Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the spaces provided in this booklet.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

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Attempt ALL questions

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Text 1

You are checking your school's fixture programme of extra-curricular activities, and one particular excursion is of interest.

为了增进学生对中国和苏格兰文化的了解，我校将和爱丁堡中学举办为期大约两周的寒假学生互换交流活动。

交流期间，学生们会住在校内的学生宿舍。安排的活动包括：参观苏格兰的国家博物馆；游览风景漂亮的高地；去国家体育场看精彩的橄榄球比赛。苏格兰学生们最期待的是和中国学生一起跳苏格兰舞。

由于寒假期间，苏格兰的天气多变。气温低，风很大，参加的学生应该做好防寒准备。

Questions

1. (a) (i) How long does this exchange programme last? **1**

_____

(ii) and when does it take place? **1**

_____

(iii) Where will the students be staying during the exchange? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1**

Exchange partner's home	
Youth hostel	
Students' dormitory	

(b) What **three** activities would the students be expected to participate in during the exchange? Tick (✓) the correct boxes. **3**

Language immersion course		Souvenir shopping	
Visiting the National Museum		Joint music concerts	
Craft workshops		Highland tour	
Watching rugby game		Joint cookery lessons	

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Text 1 Questions (continued)

(c) According to the text, what do the Scottish students look forward to the most during the exchange? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1**

Castle visit	
Scottish dance	
Shopping trip	

(d) The excursion information mentions the weather conditions. What does it say? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes. **2**

It's foggy and cold	
The weather changes often	
It's cold and windy	
It snows all the time	

(e) What is the purpose of this exchange? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1**

Strengthen cultural understanding	
Improve language learning	
Boost relations between two schools	

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Text 2

You are on an exchange in China. You read this blog written by Xiaoming, a Chinese boy, telling you how his family celebrates Chinese New Year.

中国新年又叫春节，除了中国以外，很多欧洲国家也庆祝春节。

今年是水鸡年。春节前，妈妈会打扫整座房子；爸爸去买新年那一周的食物。我们家通常在春节的前一天晚上去听音乐会。新年夜的晚餐是一年中最热闹的，因为全家人都要在一起用餐。根据中国的传统，在春节的当天为了留住好运气，人们不洗澡。去拜年时，我们一定先给‘社区里的’邻居拜年。春节的最后一天，我们去郊外的山上看花灯。

春节里有多种活动，但是现在有越来越多的年轻人选择和朋友们在春节里去外地旅游。

Questions

2. (a) According to the text, apart from China, countries from which continent also celebrate Chinese New Year? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1**

Asia	
America	
Europe	

(b) According to the article, what year is this in the Chinese calendar? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1**

Golden Ox	
Water Rooster	
Fire Pig	

MARKS | DO NOT WRITE IN THIS MARGIN

(c) According to the article how do Xiaoming's parents prepare for Chinese New Year? Complete the sentences. **2**

Mum _____

Dad _____

(d) What do Xiaoming's family usually do on Chinese New Year's Eve? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1**

Have a special meal	
Go to a concert	
Visit grandparents	

(e) Xiaoming talks about the dinner on Chinese New Year's Eve. What does he say? Complete the sentence. **1**

'It is the most _____ meal of the year.'

(f) According to the text, what should people avoid doing on Chinese New Year's day in order to keep the good luck? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1**

Lending money	
Having a shower or bath	
Using scissors	

(g) Xiaoming mentions the New Year's visits he usually makes. Who does he visit first? Complete the sentence. **1**

Xiaoming usually visits _____ first.

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Text 2 Questions (continued)

(h) Where does he go to see lanterns? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1**

A park in the city centre	
A theme park by the sea	
The top of a hill in the countryside	

(i) Nowadays, what would some young people choose to do during Chinese New Year? **1**

_____

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Text 3

Before going to China on a Language and Culture course, you check the website of the school you will be visiting. You read the following information on the school website, describing the home stay in Beijing.

老外住进中国家庭

近年，北京出现了为外国人提供寄宿的家庭。住宿的外国人不需要付房租，但必须教中国房东英语。

李小姐 (Miss Li)

一家公司的部门经理李小姐去年认识了来自英国的希瑟 (Heather)。她让希瑟免费住在自己家，但希瑟要每天教李小姐一个半个小时的英语会话。由于希瑟不会汉语，她们刚开始交流时感觉很困难。不过半年后，李小姐的英语口语比以前流利多了。

保罗 (Paul)

保罗从法国来北京学习汉语。他说："选择住在中国家庭里面，不但可以方便我的生活、更好地学习汉语，还能交到许多中国朋友。"

北京现在已有近千个"寄宿家庭"。这些家庭必须具备以下的条件：有自己的住房，而且愿意帮助外国人学习中国的语言和文化。

Questions

3. (a) For whom is this type of home stay provided?. **1**

_____

(b) According to the first paragraph, what kind of unique home stay arrangement is mentioned? **1**

_____

(c) What does Miss Li work as? **1**

_____

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Text 3 Questions (continued)

(d) What was the reason for the communication difficulties between Heather and Miss Li at first? **1**

(e) What has changed after six months? **1**

(f) According to Paul, what are the benefits of this type of home stay? Mention **three** things. **3**

(g) In order to offer this type of home stay you have to meet two conditions. What are these? Mention **two** things. **2**

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Reading Word List

Reading Text 2

庆祝 to celebrate
传统 tradition
留住 to keep
拜年 to make New Year's visits

Reading Text 3

提供 provide
寄宿 boarding
交流 communicate
选择 choose
必须 must
具备 have

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Marking Instructions

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General Marking Principles for National 5 Mandarin (Simplified) Reading

This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this Paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the specific Marking Instructions for each question. The marking schemes are written to assist in determining the 'minimal acceptable answer' rather than listing every possible correct and incorrect answer.

(a) Marks for each candidate response must always be assigned in line with these General Marking Principles and the specific Marking Instructions for the relevant question.

(b) Marking should always be positive, ie marks should be awarded for what is correct and not deducted for errors or omissions.

(c) Award a mark to each answer. Marks are not transferable between questions.

(d) For live Reading Marking Instructions, there will be a process of illustrating other acceptable answers.

Marking Instructions for each Question

Text 1

Question			Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
1	a	i	• About two weeks	1	Markers should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding to award marks to candidate responses. Markers should ignore extraneous material that does not contradict the answer.
1	a	ii	• Winter holidays	1	
1	a	iii	• Students' dormitory	1	
1	b		• Visiting the National Museum • Joint music concerts • Highland tour	3	
1	c		• Scottish dance	1	
1	d		• It's cold and windy • The weather changes often	2	
1	e		• Strengthen cultural understanding	1	

Text 2

Question			Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
2	a		• Europe	1	Markers should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding to award marks to candidate responses. Markers should ignore extraneous material that does not contradict the answer.
2	b		• Water Rooster	1	
2	c		• Cleaning the whole house • Food shopping for the week in New Year	2	
2	d		• Go to a concert	1	
2	e		• Highly anticipated	1	
2	f		• Having a shower/bath	1	
2	g		• Neighbours in the residential district	1	
2	h		• Top of the hill in the countryside	1	
2	i		• Travel with friends	1	

Text 3

Question			Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
3	a		• Foreigners	1	Markers should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding to award marks to candidate responses. Markers should ignore extraneous material that does not contradict the answer.
3	b		• Tenants do not have to pay rent if they provide English tuition	1	
3	c		• Departmental manager	1	
3	d		• Heather doesn't speak Chinese at all	1	
3	e		• Miss Li's spoken English has become much more fluent	1	
3	f		• Make his life easier • Better way to learn Chinese • To make more Chinese friends	3	
3	g		• Own your home • Be willing to help foreigners to learn Chinese language and culture	2	

[END OF SPECIMEN MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]

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