

FOR OFFICIAL USE

--	--	--	--	--	--

Mark

--

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2014

MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED)  
INTERMEDIATE 2

Reading



\* X 2 5 6 1 1 0 1 \*

MONDAY, 2 JUNE  
9.00 AM – 10.10 AM

**X256/11/01**

Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.

Full name of centre

Town

--

--

Forename(s)

Surname

Number of seat

--

--

--

Date of birth

Day

Month

Year

Scottish candidate number

--	--

--	--

--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

When you are told to do so, open your paper and write your answers **in English** in the spaces provided.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

A Word List has been provided on a separate sheet and has been inserted inside the front cover of this paper.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this book to the Invigilator. If you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.

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



\* X 2 5 6 1 1 0 1 0 1 \*

You are on a school exchange to China.

1. You read this article online about how young people spend their holidays.

琳:

我在台湾的外婆家住了三个星期。我觉得台湾人很友好，风景也很美。我最喜欢去夜市，因为那儿有很多好吃的东西。



大业:

上个月是我的生日，所以我和我的好朋友一起去旅行。我们先坐飞机到上海，可是人太多，太吵了，所以在那儿只住了两天。然后坐火车到一座南部城市 - 昆明。

- (a) How long did Lin spend on holiday in Taiwan?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

- (b) What does Lin tell you about her holidays? Complete these sentences.

I think the people in Taiwan are very \_\_\_\_\_.

The scenery is also beautiful. I enjoy going to the night markets because \_\_\_\_\_.

2

- (c) What is the reason for Da Ye and his friends going on holiday?

\_\_\_\_\_

1



Marks

1. (continued)

(d) What does he say about Shanghai? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

Shanghai . . .

	Tick
. . . is a great place for shopping.	
. . . has many tall and modern buildings.	
. . . has too many people and it's too noisy.	

1

(e) How did they travel to Kunming? Tick (✓) the correct box.



1

[Turn over



\* X 2 5 6 1 1 0 1 0 3 \*

2. You then read a blog about behaviour in the cinema.

**可以安静地看电影吗?**

现在看电影就像是“买彩票”。如果运气好，你就可以安安静静地看电影。如果运气不好，就会遇到各种令人讨厌的情况，如大声说话、手机铃声。还有些人在看电影的时候吃东西！昨天在电影院里，坐在后面的五个男生竟然把鞋子脱了！这些都会影响看电影的心情。

(a) What is the title of the blog? Tick (✓) the correct box.

Can we please . . .

	Tick
. . . ban smoking in the cinema?	
. . . watch a film in peace?	
. . . ban eating in the cinema?	

1

(b) The author compares going to the cinema with buying a lottery ticket. Why?

Complete the sentence.

If you are unlucky, you will suffer all kinds of annoying situations, such as \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_.

2



*Marks*

2. (continued)

(c) What did the people sitting behind the blogger do?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

--	--



3. You buy a magazine and read an article, in which university students talk about their mobile phones.



花言，体育系的学生：“手机是每个大学生的必需品，很重要。我几乎一分钟也离不开手机，就连睡觉时也要开着手机。刚才在去图书馆的路上，我一边走一边发短信，结果撞到了垃圾桶！”

巧雨，十九岁：“在教室里，只要不上课的时候，学生们就会使用手机。除了打电话以外，有人玩手机游戏，还有很多人只是看看有没有短信后又收好。



- (a) What is Hua Yan studying at university?

\_\_\_\_\_ 1

- (b) What does he say about his phone? Complete the sentence.

My phone does not leave me for a minute. It's on even when \_\_\_\_\_.

1

- (c) Where was he going while he was sending a text message?

\_\_\_\_\_ 1

- (d) What happened to him? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
He walked into a door.	
He collided with another person.	
He knocked over a rubbish bin.	

1



3. (continued)

- (e) Apart from sending text messages what does Qiao Yu say about how students use their mobile phones? Tick (✓) the correct box.

They use their phones . . .

	Tick
. . . to check e-mails.	
. . . to browse the internet.	
. . . to play games.	

1



4. The magazine also contains an article about a remarkable person called Chen Shuju.



今年六十岁的陈树菊是一个简单、平凡的人…

“我习惯很早就起床，洗脸刷牙，喝一杯热水后，我就骑自行车去工作。从小学毕业后，我就在市场里卖菜。每天早上五点开始，晚上九点才休息，这样已经卖了四十七年了！在市场里，我有很多好朋友，常常有人和我聊天，所以我的工作很有趣，并不无聊。”

陈树菊是一位很特别的人，只因为她的善良和喜欢帮助别人…

“小时候，我们一家八个人一起住在一个很小的屋子。那时候因为我们家很穷，没什么钱。就连妈妈和弟弟生病了，也没有钱看医生。因此，我决定赚了钱一定要帮助付不出医药费的穷人们。

我觉得教育、学习都非常重要，所以我捐了五百五十万元给一所学校做奖学金、建图书馆。我希望每个朋友不管家里有钱或是没有钱，都有机会可以快快乐乐地去上学。”

陈树菊说，因为她自己真的辛苦过，也曾被别人帮过，所以从小就发誓一定要帮助穷人。对她来说“钱，要给需要的人才有用！”。

- (a) What are you told about Chen Shuju's morning routine? Give any **two** details.

---

---

2

- (b) How does she travel to work?

---

1



\* X 2 5 6 1 1 0 1 0 8 \*



## 4. (continued)

Marks

(c) Chen Shuju works in a market. What do we learn about her job? Mention any **two** details.

---



---

2

(d) According to Chen Shuju, her work in the market is interesting. Why? Mention **two** things.

---



---

2

(e) People described Chen Shuju as a very special person. Give any **one** reason for this.

---

1

(f) She tells us about her family when she was young. What does she say? Give any **two** details.

---



---

2

(g) What happened when her mother and brother became ill?

---

1

(h) Why does Chen Shuju donate money to a local school?

---



---

1

(i) What else does she donate money to? Mention any **one** thing.

---

1

(j) What does Chen Shuju hope to achieve with her donations?

---

1

(k) According to Chen Shuju, what should one do with one's money?

---

1

Total (30)

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]



\* X 2 5 6 1 1 0 1 0 9 \*

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR ANSWERS

DO NOT  
WRITE IN  
THIS  
MARGIN

--	--



ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR ANSWERS

DO NOT  
WRITE IN  
THIS  
MARGIN

--	--



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Reading Question 1 – 99637379 Shutterstock.com

Reading Question 3 – 74682340 Shutterstock.com; 9451429 Shutterstock.com



## 2014 Mandarin (Simplified) Intermediate 2 Reading

### Word List

#### Question 1

琳	Lin, a Chinese name for a girl
夜市	night market
大业	Da Ye, a Chinese name for a boy
昆明	Kunming, a place in China

#### Question 2

彩票	lottery ticket
运气	luck; fortune
遇到	encounter/(suffer)
情况	situation

#### Question 3

花言	Hua Yan, name of a Chinese person, male
结果	as a result; in the end
巧雨	Qiao Yu, name of a Chinese person, female

#### Question 4

陈树菊	Chen Shuju, a Chinese name
市场	market
别人	others
医药费	medical fees/bills
奖学金	scholarship
不管	regardless

[END OF WORD LIST]

**[BLANK PAGE]**

FOR OFFICIAL USE

--	--	--	--	--	--

Mark

--

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2014

MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED)  
INTERMEDIATE 2

Listening



\* X 2 5 6 1 1 0 2 \*

MONDAY, 2 JUNE  
10.30 AM – 11.05 AM (APPROX)

**X256/11/02**

Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.

Full name of centre

Town

--

--

Forename(s)

Surname

Number of seat

--

--

--

Date of birth

Day

Month

Year

Scottish candidate number

--	--

--	--

--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

When you are told to do so, open your paper.

You will hear three items in Mandarin. **Before you hear each item, you will have one minute to study the question.** You will hear each item three times, with an interval of one minute between playings, then you will have time to answer the questions about it before hearing the next item.

Write your answers, **in English**, in this book, in the appropriate spaces.

You may take notes as you are listening to the Mandarin, but only in this book.

You may **not** use a Chinese dictionary.

You are not allowed to leave the examination room until the end of the test.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this book to the Invigilator. If you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.

Use blue or black ink.



\* X 2 5 6 1 1 0 2 0 1 \*

Marks

Zhang Fei from Singapore meets up with his friends Rong-rong and Zhen-zhen in Hong Kong.

1. Zhang Fei tells Rong-rong and Zhen-zhen about his first experience of being a guest in a Chinese home.

- (a) According to Zhang Fei, what is well known about Chinese people?

\_\_\_\_\_ 1

- (b) What did the family ask Zhang Fei when he first arrived? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
“How was the journey?”	
“Are you hungry?”	
“Are you tired?”	

1

- (c) What did the family offer Zhang Fei apart from some tea and snacks?

\_\_\_\_\_ 1

- (d) What was Zhang Fei offered at dinner? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
Homemade cakes	
Favourite dishes	
Dumplings	

1





1. (continued)

(e) Zhang Fei's friend explained that some Chinese people prefer to have meals with friends in restaurants rather than cooking for friends at home. Why? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

	Tick
Cooking at home is very time consuming.	
It's very cheap to eat in restaurants nowadays.	
The food in restaurants tastes better.	
People cannot chat with their guests properly if they cook at home.	

2

\* \* \* \* \*

[Turn over



Marks

2. Rong-rong tells you about her good friend and their holiday plans.

(a) Why is Rong-rong not able to meet up with her friend regularly?

Give **two** details.

---



---

2

(b) How do they keep in touch? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
By phone	
By email	
By text	

1

(c) Where is Rong-rong going to meet up with her friend this afternoon? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
Shopping mall	
Cinema	
Book shop	

1

(d) Why are Rong-rong and her friend going on holiday to Sichuan? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
People are friendly.	
Scenery is beautiful.	
The shopping is great.	

1



\* X 2 5 6 1 1 0 2 0 4 \*

Marks

2. (continued)

(e) How long is the flight from Beijing to Sichuan? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
1.5 hours	
2.5 hours	
3.5 hours	

1

(f) Where are they going to buy the tickets? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
Internet	
Travel agency	
Airline	

1

\* \* \* \* \*

[Turn over for Question 3 on Page six



Marks

3. Zhen-zhen talks about her life at school.

(a) What is her French classmate interested in? Mention **two** things.

---

---

2

(b) What does Zhen-zhen like to do with her Scottish classmate at the weekend? Mention any **two** things.

---

---

2

(c) What sport does Da Ming, a boy in her class, like to do? Tick (✓) the correct box.

football

basketball

tennis

1

(d) What does Da Ming do in the school library?

---

1

(e) What are his plans for the winter?

---

1

\* \* \* \* \*

**Total (20)**

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]



ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR ANSWERS

DO NOT  
WRITE IN  
THIS  
MARGIN

--	--



ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR ANSWERS

DO NOT  
WRITE IN  
THIS  
MARGIN

--	--



# X256/11/12

---

NATIONAL  
QUALIFICATIONS  
2014

MONDAY, 2 JUNE  
10.30 AM – 11.05 AM  
(APPROX)

MANDARIN  
(SIMPLIFIED)  
INTERMEDIATE 2  
Listening Transcript

**This paper must not be seen by any candidate.**

The material overleaf is provided for use in an emergency only (eg the recording or equipment proving faulty) or where permission has been given in advance by SQA for the material to be read to candidates with additional support needs. The material must be read exactly as printed.



## Transcript—Intermediate 2

### Instructions to reader:

For each item, read the English **once**, then read the Mandarin (Simplified) **three times**, with an interval of 1 minute between the three readings. On completion of the third reading, pause for the length of time indicated in brackets after each item, to allow the candidates to write their answers.

Zhang Fei, from Singapore meets up with his friends Rong-rong and Zhen-zhen in Hong Kong.

### Question number one.

Zhang Fei tells Rong-rong and Zhen-zhen about his first experience of being a guest in a Chinese home.

**You now have one minute to study the question.**

中国人的好客是非常有名的。上个星期一，我的中国朋友请我去他家吃饭。一进了门，他的一家人就问我：“你累吗？”他们马上为我拿茶、水果、小吃。吃饭时，他和他太太不停地请我吃他们最喜欢的菜，真是热情！我的朋友说，现在有些人觉得在家做饭浪费时间，又不能陪客人聊天，都愿意找一家饭店请朋友好好地吃一顿。

(2 minutes)

### Question number two.

Rong-rong tells you about her good friend and their holiday plans.

**You now have one minute to study the question.**

我和王小雅是好朋友，可是我们不在同一个学校上学。她家离我家很远，所以平时我们很少见面，不过我们每天都打电话聊天。今天我们约好了下午在市中心的商场里见，因为我们打算在假期里去四川旅行。我听说那儿的小吃又多又便宜，风景也漂亮极了。从北京到四川，坐飞机两个半小时就到了。虽然我们可以打电话订票，也可以在网上订票，但是为了方便，我会去旅行社买票。

(2 minutes)

### Question number three.

Zhen-zhen talks about her life at school.

**You now have one minute to study the question.**

我们班的同学中，一个女同学是法国人，她对音乐和旅游感兴趣。还有一个女同学是苏格兰人，她非常喜欢艺术，也常常看足球比赛。周末的时候，我们两个人不是去买衣服，就是去看画展。我们班的另一个同学，大明是个网球迷。他在图书馆打工赚钱，因为今年冬天，他要去滑雪。

(2 minutes)

**End of test.**

**Now look over your answers.**

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]



**X256/11/03**

---

NATIONAL  
QUALIFICATIONS  
2014

MONDAY, 2 JUNE  
11.25 AM – 12.20 PM

MANDARIN  
(SIMPLIFIED)  
INTERMEDIATE 2  
Writing

20 marks are allocated to this paper.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.



You are preparing an application for the job advertised below.

## 小静书店 招聘售货员

职位要求：

- 熟悉电脑使用
- 会说流利的中文和英文
- 热心、友好、喜欢帮助人
- 做事努力、认真、有信用

联系人：

郑秀文经理

香港九龙尖沙大西洋7号

To help you to write your application, you have been given the following checklist of information to give about yourself and to ask about the job. Make sure you deal with **all** of these points:

- name, age, where you live
- leisure interests
- school/college career—subjects studied previously/being studied now
- reasons for application
- request for information about the job.

You could also include the following information:

- any previous links with China or a Chinese-speaking country
- work experience, if any.

You have also been given a way to start and finish this formal type of letter:

### Formal opening to letter of application

尊敬的郑经理：

您好！本人欲申请贵书店招聘的…

### Formal finish to letter of application

我热切期盼你们的回音。谢谢！

此致

敬礼！

Use all of the above to help you write **in Chinese (Simplified)** the application which should be 150–200 characters, excluding the formal phrases you have been given. You may use a Chinese dictionary.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]