

# **X256/12/01**

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NATIONAL  
QUALIFICATIONS 2015

MONDAY, 1 JUNE  
9.00 AM – 11.10 AM

MANDARIN  
(SIMPLIFIED)  
HIGHER  
Reading and Directed Writing

45 marks are allocated to this paper. The value attached to each question is shown after each question.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.



## SECTION I—READING

Read the whole article carefully, and then answer **in English** the questions which follow it. In the article, two people give their points of view on whether everyone should go to university.

### 你真的需要上大学吗？

**王明：你不需要上大学！**

如果你想做网络的工作或者是一个商人，我认为你并不需要上大学。

我经常告诉我的朋友，如果五年前我就知道我现在想做什么，我就不会去上大学了。但是那个时候我并不知道自己想要什么，所以去上大学是一个不错的选择，因为大家都上大学！

我在大学的时候，学的是国际经济学。毕业以后，我得到的是商业学位，有了这个学位，我很容易找到工作。可是，前年我开始做网络工作，结果我大概只用了在大学里学到的百分之五的东西。

有很多人认为应该上大学，因为大学里学的东西，是中学里学不到的，所以大家应该上大学。可是我认为，在大学学不到工作时候的“经验”。因为我做的是网络工作，所以我觉得工作经验比大学里学的东西更有用。如果我把读大学四年的时间都花在网络工作上，我将学到更多的东西。

另外，每个人的学习方法都不一样，上大学不一定适合每个人。不过，我认为，如果你想在医学界工作，或者想在海外工作，你就应该上大学，在那里学习你需要的东西。其次，不上大学，不是说你不必学习了。我认为如果不上大学，自己学习会比较难。因为你必须独立学习，没有人告诉你应该做什么，也很容易分心。

**李云：每个人都应该上大学！**

有很多上大学的人，并不喜欢上学。他们觉得上学很无聊，也不知道毕业以后要做什么。如果你怕大学毕业找不到工作，那么没上大学，找工作更难。

有些人认为不但每个人都应该上大学，而且大学应该是免费的。大学是一个从少年到成年人的重要时期。这四年里，可能是你第一次离家独立生活，跟新朋友一起逃课，跟室友吵架。我认为大学就是一个小社会，为你将来进入社会做准备。

## QUESTIONS

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1. Wang Ming expresses the view that you don't have to go to university if you just want to go into business or to work on-line. (lines 1–8)
  - (a) What does he often tell his friends? 2
  - (b) What were his reasons for going to university? 2
2. (a) What subject did he specialise in at university? 1  
(b) Why did he think that this was a good degree to have? 1  
(c) What did he realise when he started working on-line two years ago? 1
3. Many people think everyone should go to university. (lines 9–12)
  - (a) Why do they think going to university is a good idea? 1
  - (b) According to Wang Ming, what does a university education **not** provide? 1
  - (c) How does Wang Ming think that he could have spent his time better? 1
4. University is not a suitable option for everyone. (lines 13–17)
  - (a) Why does Wang Ming think that university is not a suitable option for everyone? 1
  - (b) However, for what two groups does Wang Ming think university study is the best preparation? 2
  - (c) Why does he suggest that it is harder for people to study if they do not go to university? Mention **three** things. 3
5. Li Yun expresses her thoughts on university education. (lines 18–24)
  - (a) What does she believe about the provision of university education? 1
  - (b) What social aspects of university life does she highlight? 3

**(20)**
6. Translate into English:  
有很多上大学的人，……找工作更难。(lines 19–20) 10  

**(30)**

[Turn over for SECTION II on *Page four*

## SECTION II—DIRECTED WRITING

*Marks*

Last month your school played host for a week to a group of Chinese teachers and pupils visiting Scotland. You had the opportunity to accompany them during the week.

You have been asked to write a report about their visit **in Chinese (Simplified)** for the school magazine.

**You must include** the following information and **you should try to add** other relevant details:

- how many teachers and pupils there were in the group
- what your school did to welcome them
- what activities the school organised for the group
- what you did to help the group
- what the Chinese pupils thought of your school
- why you think the experience was useful for you

**Your report should be 180–250 characters in length.**

**Marks will be deducted for any area of information that is omitted.**

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[END OF QUESTION PAPER]

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**Word List**

逃课                      to play truant/miss class

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MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED)  
HIGHER  
Listening/Writing

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MONDAY, 1 JUNE  
1.00 PM – 2.20 PM



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**Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.**

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**Do not open this paper until told to do so.**

Answer Section A in English and Section B in Chinese (Simplified).

**Section A**

Listen carefully to the recording with a view to answering, **in English**, the questions printed in this answer book. Write your answers **clearly and legibly** in the spaces provided after each question.

**You will have 2 minutes to study the questions before hearing the dialogue for the first time.**

The dialogue will be played **twice**, with an interval of 2 minutes between the two playings.

You may make notes at any time but only in this answer book. **Score out any notes before you hand in the book.**

Move on to Section B when you have completed Section A: you will **not** be told when to do this.

**Section B**

**Do not** write your response in this book: **use the booklet provided.**

You will be told to insert the booklet inside this book before handing in your work.

You may consult a Chinese dictionary at any time during **both** sections.

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.



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**Section A**

Xiao Gang, a reporter from a school radio station interviews Wang Ping about television.

1. (a) What is the first comment Wang Ping makes when asked if he likes television?

1

(b) Why does he feel this way?

2

2. (a) When does he watch television?

1

(b) How much television does he watch?

1



Marks

3. (a) What does Wang Ping say about the role of television in people's lives today?

1

(b) Why does he think this?

2

4. (a) Why does Wang Ping think people watch television so much?

2

(b) Why do many people choose to watch television on-line?

2

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Marks

5. What does Wang Ping like to watch?

2

6. (a) According to Wang Ping, why do people like watching talent competitions?

2

(b) Why does he not like this kind of programme?

1

7. How does he think television could be improved?

3

(20)



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**Section B**

王平谈到了关于电视的话题。你是怎么看待这个问题的？电视是你生活中很重要的一部分吗？写150-180个汉字，说说你的观点。

*Wang Ping talks about television. What do you think about television? Does it play an important part in your life? State your opinions in 150-180 Chinese characters.*

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**USE THE BOOKLET PROVIDED FOR YOUR ANSWER TO  
SECTION B**

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]



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**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.



## Mandarin (Simplified) Transcript—Higher

### Instructions to reader(s):

The dialogue below should be read in approximately 5 minutes. On completion of the first reading, pause for two minutes, then read the dialogue a second time.

**Candidates have two minutes to study the questions before the transcript is read.**

*Xiao Gang, a reporter from a school radio station interviews Wang Ping about television.*

王平，你好，我想问问你关于电视的话题。你喜欢看电视吗？

我喜欢啊，但是现在没有以前那么喜欢看电视了。现在的电视节目没有以前那么有意思，太多广告，很多娱乐节目比较无聊。

你都什么时候看电视？

我通常晚饭后看电视，有时候吃饭的时候看些新闻节目，平均每天看2个小时。我周末也看电视，比平常看得多。

现在电视在人们的生活中是不是无法缺少的东西？

的确，电视对人们的日常生活有很大的影响力，这十几年来，电视机的数量越来越多，有的人一家有好几台电视机。

你认为人们现在是不是看太多的电视？

很多人下班回家很累，就只是在电视机前看电视，而且现在网络很方便，很多人选择看网络电视，因为这样不用买电视机，也可以看到最新的电视节目。

你平常都看什么样的电视节目？

我比较喜欢看新闻，因为我可以知道发生在世界各地的重大事件。我也看自然文化片，科技片，等等。

你认为现在大多数人最喜欢看什么样的电视节目？

我觉得很多人现在喜欢看娱乐选秀节目，观众投票选出他们喜欢的选手。比如，超级女生，快乐男生。

你喜欢看这类选秀的节目吗？

不是很喜欢，现在这种类型的节目太多了，没意思。

那你觉得电视节目应该如何提高质量？

我认为不应该有太多一样类型的节目，而且质量越来越差，还有很多电视剧不适合孩子们看，有的又很无聊。当然，太多的电视广告也是影响节目质量的一个方面，有时候电视广告比节目时间还长。应该鼓励多一些文化教育类的节目。

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]