



**2012 Mandarin (Simplified)**

**Intermediate 2 – Reading**

**Finalised Marking Instructions**

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**Questions/Acceptable answers**

1. When you are in China, you come across some articles in a daily newspaper.

The first article is about “Tao Hua Xiao Mei”, a TV soap.

- (a) The main character in this soap is Chen Taohua. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

**3 marks**

	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>
Chen Taohua is a university student.		✓
She likes sport, and she likes playing the piano too.	✓	
She has five younger brothers.		✓

- (b) Why is she spoiled at home? Tick (✓) the correct box.

**1 mark**

	<b>Tick</b>
She is the only daughter in the family.	✓
She is the favourite child in the family.	
She is the smartest child in the family.	

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

**Questions/Acceptable answers**

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

2. You read an interesting advertisement about a very special summer camp.

(a) The advertisement begins with two questions.

(i) How are pandas described in the first question? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1 mark**

rare

beautiful

adorable

(ii) Complete the second question: **1 mark**

Would you like to help/care for animals, and be a guardian of the environment?

(b) Children can benefit from attending this summer camp. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes. **2 marks**

	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>
They can make more friends.	✓	
They can learn to be more independent.		✓

**Questions/Acceptable answers**

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

**2. (continued)**

**(c)** What does the advertisement say about the type of accommodation on offer? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1 mark**

Tents

Hotels

Log cabins

**Questions/Acceptable answers**

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

3. There is another article about a day in the life of the Olympian, Chris Hoy.

(a) What does Chris Hoy have for breakfast?  
Complete the sentence.

**2 marks**

For my breakfast I have coffee, (fruit) juice and banana

(b) What time does he train? Tick (✓) the correct box.

**1 mark**

From 7.00 am to 10.30 am

From 10.00 am to 5.30 pm

From 9.00 am to 3.30 pm

From 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

(c) After his training, there are some things he often does on his own. One activity is listed below.  
Tick (✓) the correct box.

**1 mark**

He plays computer games.

He goes shopping.

He goes for a walk.

He watches TV.

Questions/Acceptable answers	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
<b>3. (continued)</b>		
<p><b>(d)</b> What does he generally do just before he goes to sleep?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to music (for a while) (in bed)</li> </ul>	<p><b>1 mark</b></p>	
<p><b>(e)</b> What helped him to victory?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His training</li> </ul>	<p><b>1 mark</b></p> <p>Vocational training</p>	

**Questions/Acceptable answers**

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

4. You find this article when you are surfing the Internet. The article contains the views of families in western countries and those in China. Opinions relate to the experience of young people and the issues of growing up.

**Western family**

(a) In the West, the article refers to “traditional” type school subjects and “modern” subjects. Give **one** “traditional” and **one** “modern” type subject mentioned.

**2 marks**

Traditional	English/history/maths
Modern	(Car) repair/maintenance computing/IT product design

(b) The article contains opinions of parents.

(i) What do the children need to do to become independent?

**1 mark**

- To work/to get a job

(ii) What advantages do children gain from this? Mention **two** things.

**2 marks**

- To earn (pocket) money
- To gain (work) experience

(c) According to the article, when do many young people start to leave home?

**1 mark**

- After 18 years old

**Questions/Acceptable answers**

**Unacceptable answers**

**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

**4. (continued)**

**(d)** After their children leave home, parents sometimes are lonely. Give **two** specific examples of when this happens.

**2 marks**

- Get/become old
- (When they are) ill

**Chinese family**

**(e)** What comparison does the writer make between young Chinese people and young people in the West? Mention **two** things.

**2 marks**

- Young Chinese people live with their parents longer (than young western people)/young western people develop independence much earlier
- Young Chinese people won't leave their parents until they get married

**(f)** Nowadays, in which part of the country are you most likely to see three generations living together in China?

**1 mark**

- The country/rural areas/village



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4. (continued)		
<p>(g) What do grandparents do during the day in a large Chinese family? Mention <b>two</b> things. <b>2 marks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <u>housework/chores</u></li> <li>• Look after/take care of/watch grandchildren/ (young) children</li> </ul>		
<p>(h) What do young Chinese people do with their parents at weekends and holidays, when the children have left home? Mention <b>two</b> things. <b>2 marks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a meal at parents' <u>home</u>/eat <u>together</u></li> <li>• Take parents out for trips/away on holiday</li> </ul>	Day trip	Eat out

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