



2015 Mandarin (Simplified)

Advanced Higher – Reading and Translation

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Marking should be carried out according to the scheme which follows, taking into account any modifications which may be decided on at the Markers' Meeting.

The mark for this Paper is out of 50.

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General criteria for marking

Translation:

The translation into English is allocated 20 marks. The text for translation will be divided into a number of sense units. Each sense unit is worth 2 marks, which will be awarded according to the quality and accuracy of the translation into English. In assessing the candidate's performance, the descriptions detailed below will be used. Each sense unit will be awarded one of the marks shown.

Category	Mark	Description
Good	2	Essential information and relevant details are understood and conveyed clearly and accurately, with appropriate use of English.
Satisfactory	1	Essential information is understood and conveyed clearly and comprehensibly, although some of the details may be translated in an imprecise or inaccurate manner. The key message is conveyed in spite of inaccuracies and weaknesses in the use of English.
Unsatisfactory	0	The candidate fails to demonstrate sufficient understanding of the essential information and relevant details. Errors may include mistranslation and/or the failure to translate relevant details.

B Detailed Marking Key

See attached sheets for detailed notes on each question

Part Two: Marking Instructions for each Question

Question		Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Unacceptable	Irrelevant/Insufficient
1.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He only stayed in China for a short time • It was a bad/terrible/horrendous experience • His friends and family were pressurising/putting pressure on him to get married <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 2 from 3)</p>	2		
2.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who are (around) 30 (years old) • Have a good income/salary • Have been dating/in a relationship for a long time • They are not afraid of love <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 2 from 4)</p>	2		
3.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22.3% said they were afraid of getting married • 45.7% said they knew people/had acquaintances who were afraid of getting married • 44.4% thought people who were afraid of getting married were born after 1980 <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 2 from 3)</p>	2		

Question			Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Unacceptable	Irrelevant/Insufficient
4.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High rate of divorce/failed marriages • This has a negative impact on society 	2		
5.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People don't think they are ready/prepared for marriage • They worry about the life pressures that come with marriage • They have no confidence in marriage/ feel it is hard to maintain the marriage • They are not mature enough (psychologically) • They find it hard to trust the other person/partner (in the relationship) • The costs involved in getting married are very high <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 4 from 6)</p>	4		

Question		Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Unacceptable	Irrelevant/Insufficient
6.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's more responsibility for a man • Big pressure of taking on a mortgage/housing • Big pressure of raising/bringing up children • The more he thinks about it, the less he wants to get married <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 3 from 4)</p>	3		
6.	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are more and more selfish/ often inconsiderate • There are more and more material temptations • Sometimes she can't even trust her own feelings 	3		
7.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are more highly educated/better qualified • Are an only child (and have been spoiled) • Their contact with the outside world/society is very limited • Very little experience of interacting with other people • Often inconsiderate • Lack of life experience <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 5 from 6)</p>	5		

Question			Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Unacceptable	Irrelevant/Insufficient
8.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions for inferential question • General statement • Effective • Ineffective • Stylistic features 	7		

Pegged Mark Criteria for Question 9 (inferential question)

- A pegged mark must be awarded only after reference to the specific guidance given above.
- A range of performance is available within each of the criteria.
- A mark of zero will be awarded to a performance which offers no appropriate inferencing skills, as outlined in the criteria for the other pegged marks.

Pegged Marks	Criteria
7 OR 5	The candidate provides a clear, concise and reflective answer, drawing inferences which are entirely appropriate, analytical and which demonstrate a sophisticated and accurate reading of the text. The answer clearly relates to the advice given in the Marking instructions.
3 OR 1	The candidate provides an answer which may contain some degree of misreading, but which offers evidence of appropriate inferencing skills. The candidate may, however, tend to supply information from the text with little attempt to draw inferences.
0	The candidate's answer simply provides information to be found in the text with no attempt to draw inferences.

Translation (20 marks)

10 sense units = 20 marks

Each unit marked 2, 1 or 0

2 = Acceptable translation

1 = Key information communicated despite awkward English and/or minor inaccuracy

0 = Serious inaccuracy in translation

9. Translate into English: 石林教授还补充说明：.....我认为其它国家也有同样的问题。(lines 31–34)

UNIT 1

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
石林教授还补充说明	Professor Shi Lin added:	Explained	

UNIT 2

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
“生活在大城市里的年轻人	“The young people who live in big cities		

UNIT 3

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
来自不同的文化背景,	come from different cultural backgrounds		

UNIT 4

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
成长在不同的环境下，	and grew up in different environments.		

UNIT 5

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
虽然生活在同一个地方，	Although they live in the same place,		

UNIT 6

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
但很少有任何机会	they rarely have any opportunities		

UNIT 7

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
能真正地互相了解,	to fully understand each other.		

UNIT 8

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
缺乏信任不但是婚姻的问题，	A lack of trust is not only a problem for married couples,		

UNIT 9

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
而且也是社会人与人之间的问題。	it is also a problem for people in society.		

UNIT 10

TEXT	Accept (2)	(1)	Reject (0)
我认为其它国家也有同样的问题.	I think other countries have the same problem.		

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**Advanced Higher – Listening and Discursive
Writing**

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Section I – Listening Section II – Discursive Writing

General Procedure

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- (b) The mark for the Listening section of this paper is out of 30; the mark for the Discursive Writing section is out of 40.
- (c) For Section II, you are requested to keep a record of the number of candidates attempting each question. This information should be included in your Marker's Report.
- (d) In the case of **serious** doubt about an assessment, you must award a mark and then refer the piece of work to the Principal Assessor. To do this, write "PA Referral" underneath the "For Official Use" section on the front of the script and complete a Principal Assessor Referral form (copies of which are enclosed in your marker's pack). (Also see 'Entries on the Mark Sheets' sub-para 3). **Do not write the reasons on the script itself. Do not make any entry on the outside of the envelope.**

Part Two: Marking Instructions for each Question

Part A

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1.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People should not have pets • It should be small(er) • People can eat their pets <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 2 from 3)</p>	2		
2.	(a)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The growth/increase in CO₂ (gas) 	1		
2.	(b)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every two rabbits produce 36 rabbits each year • More food choice • Reduction in CO₂ gas <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 2 from 3)</p>	2		

Question		Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Unacceptable	Irrelevant/Insufficient
3.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO₂ gas is not the main problem that affects the environment • Eating pets does not solve the problem • Pets are like members of the family (so people shouldn't eat them) • Pets bring people happiness <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 2 from 4)</p>	2		
3.	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use less water/electricity/gas • Reduce the price of food • Reduce using flights 	3		

Part B

Question			Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Unacceptable	Irrelevant/Insufficient
1.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have 'No meat/meat free Monday'/not eating meat on a Monday 	1		
2.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For health For religion 	2		
3.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It creates the demand for more meat Fast growth in farming Leads to the disappearance/destruction of forests Producing frozen meat/freezing meat produces more CO₂ gas <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 3 from 4)</p>	3		
4.	(a)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Importing</u> beef/meat from the USA 	1		
4.	(b)	(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They imported <u>a great deal of/ much/lots of</u> beef/leather 	1		
4.	(b)	(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which led to even more/greater destruction of (Amazon/tropical) forests 	1		

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5.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the nation to become vegetarians/eat vegetables • To reduce the speed of <u>global warming</u> 	2		
6.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planting of crops (rather than cattle farming) 	1		
6.	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's an economic issue • Many farmers won't give up their method of farming • They don't have income if no cows/sheep • People won't change eating habits • Many people can't stand/accept the idea of not eating meat <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 3 from 5)</p>	3		

Question		Expected Answer(s)	Max Mark	Unacceptable	Irrelevant/Insufficient
7.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be patient • Take things easy/step by step/gradually/slowly 	2		
8.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's good for health • To make the environment greener <p style="text-align: right;">(Any 1 from 2)</p>	1		
8.	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric cars • Fewer plastic bags 	2		

Section II – Discursive Writing

Notes on procedure

- 1 There are **40 marks** awarded to the Discursive Writing section.
- 2 The mark should be awarded on the basis of your general evaluation of the essay **based on the Pegged Mark Descriptors on the following page.**
- 3 **Credit**, indicated by a tick where appropriate, should be given for anything good, and may be gained, for example, by a good use of idiom, a well-handled syntactical construction, variety of constructions; a well-organised plan, well-constructed paragraphs, appropriate use of varied register, the sophistication of ideas expressed.

Ticks should not be formally totalled. Instead, they will support a general impression, again based on the Pegged Mark Descriptors.

You may wish to **underline** errors, again, in order to enhance the overall impression of the candidate's performance.
- 4 Poor handwriting, spelling and punctuation may be self-penalising
- 5 The mark awarded should be entered in the **outer right-hand margin** at the end of the question, and then added to the mark for Section I. The resulting total must be entered in the space provided on the outside front cover of the script and transferred to the Mark Sheet.

AH Discursive Writing

Categories	Criteria	Pegged marks
Very Good	The language is characterised by a high degree of accuracy and/or may show some flair. Uses a good range of structures and vocabulary appropriate to Advanced Higher with few, if any, errors of spelling and/or punctuation. The essay is well structured and all aspects are relevant to the title.	40
Good	The language is clearly comprehensible throughout and fairly free of serious errors in areas appropriate to Advanced Higher. Contains a reasonable range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the level. There are few errors in spelling and/or punctuation. The essay has an adequate sense of structure and most aspects are relevant to the title.	32
Satisfactory	Sufficient control of structures appropriate to Advanced Higher to convey meaning clearly. Contains a reasonable range of vocabulary and some complex sentences. Spelling and punctuation are generally correct. The essay has some sense of structure and most aspects have some relevance to the title. Performance may be uneven, but the good outweighs the bad.	24
Unsatisfactory	The language is insufficiently accurate to convey meaning clearly and consistently. Very limited range of vocabulary and/or structures appropriate to Advanced Higher. Inappropriate use of learned material, and possibly some unidiomatic translation from English. The essay may be lacking in structure and less than half of the aspects have any relevance to the title.	16
Poor	The language contains frequent basic errors and/or other tongue interference which seriously impede communication. The essay may be unstructured and few aspects are relevant to the title.	8
Very Poor	No redeeming features.	0

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