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NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2013

MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED)
INTERMEDIATE 2

Reading



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TUESDAY, 4 JUNE
9.00 AM – 10.10 AM

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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.

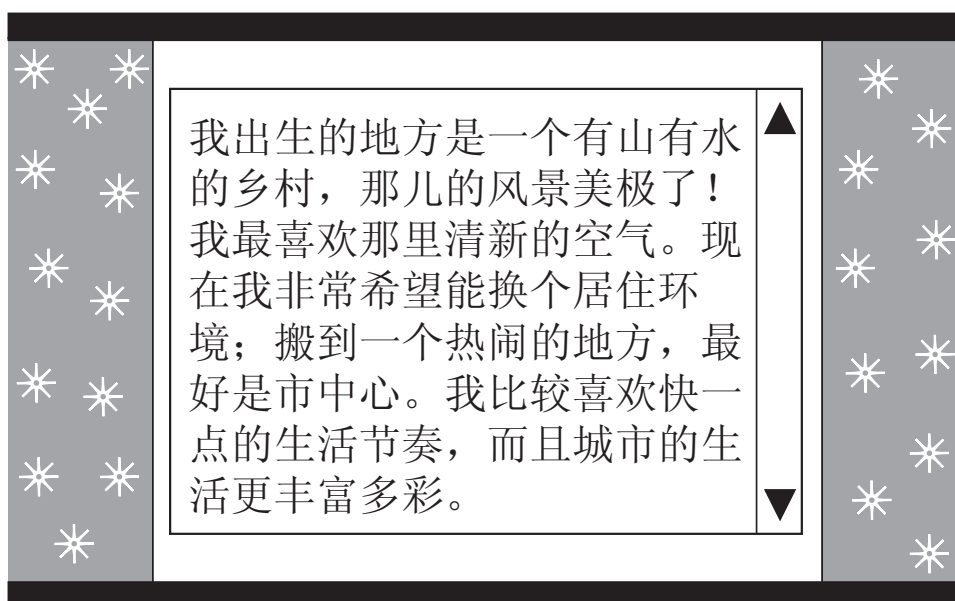
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1. Zhang Qi is planning to leave her hometown.
She updates her blog.



- (a) What does Zhang Qi say about the place where she was born? Mention any **two** things.

2

- (b) What does she like most about her hometown? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- Lots to do
- The fresh air
- Being near her grandparents

1

- (c) Why does she want to move away? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

- To have better job opportunities
- To experience a faster pace of life
- To have a more fulfilling lifestyle
- To be closer to her friends

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2. After arriving in her new town, Zhang Qi applies for a job. She sends off her CV:

姓名:	张奇
性别:	女
出生日期:	1990年4月19日
住址:	上海市长宁区和平路五十八号
联系电话:	02167328956
教育背景:	上海大学的 物理系
技能:	会用电脑; 学习速度快; 会说流利的英文。
工作经验:	2011年在城市公园做工程师 2010年在上海市百货商店做兼职服务员

- (a) Which department did she study in at the University of Shanghai? Tick (✓) the correct box.

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

1

- (b) Which skills does Zhang Qi have? Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

	True	False
She is able to use computers.		
She speaks fluent Japanese.		

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- (c) What work experience does she have? Complete the sentences.

(i) In 2011, she worked as an engineer at _____.

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(ii) In 2010, she worked as a

cleaner in a Shanghai department store

manager

sales assistant.

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3. During her study, Zhang Qi saved some money and decided to undertake some voluntary work in the east of Africa. She writes about her experiences for a Chinese newspaper.

几个月前，我来到非洲东部的一个小镇。我和其他的志愿者建造一所学校。因为这个工程大，天气又热，所以工作很辛苦。当地的居民友好极了，尤其是孩子们，我常常被请到他们家里做客。

我觉得做志愿者是一件非常有意义的事情，我会一直做下去。

- (a) What was the main project she was involved in? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- Building a hospital
- Building a school
- Building new homes

1

- (b) It is hard to work in Africa. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

	True	False
The weather was very hot.		
The project was very small scale.		

2

- (c) What shows that people were friendly? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- They cooked the meals for her.
- They gave her gifts when she left.
- They invited her into their homes.

1

- (d) Zhang Qi feels that the voluntary work was very meaningful. What does she plan to do in the future?

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4. In the same newspaper, there is an article for parents interested in sending their children to study abroad.

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现在，越来越多的中国家长们送孩子去国外留学。调查表明：今年中国的留学生人数达到近年来的最高。专家指出，不是每个学生都适合留学，家长们应该了解送孩子留学的目的。以下是一些家长们的心声：

Mr Zhong

我的女儿正在大学学习经济。现在的就业竞争太激烈了，很多大学生毕业后找不到好工作。她决定到欧洲先旅行一年，然后继续硕士的学习。她的希望是将来能留在国外工作。

Mrs Ma

我的儿子才十二岁就到英国留学了，他走的时候什么都不会做。但是由于生活费太贵，他必须要自己做兼职。他曾经在超级市场做服务员，也为外卖店送过餐。经过九年的国外独立生活，他现在已经是一个成熟的大人了。

Mr Wang

我的孩子中学刚毕业，成绩不理想；上一所名牌大学的希望很小，所以我们把她送到澳大利亚先读一年语言，再做将来的打算。可是在这一年中，孩子每天都哭，说不喜欢国外的饮食，很想家，结果不到半年就回来了！我真的很生气，因为我和她妈妈都是普通工人，这一年的学费是我们全部的积蓄，等于我们两个人五年的工资。

(a) What does research indicate about the number of Chinese overseas students this year?

_____ 1

(b) What do the specialists point out? Mention any **one** thing.

_____ 1

Mr Zhong

(c) What is Mr Zhong's daughter studying?

_____ 1

(d) What does Mr Zhong say about the job market? Mention any **one** thing.

_____ 1



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(e) What has Mr Zhong's daughter decided to do? Mention **three** things.

3

(f) What is her wish for the future?

1

Mrs Ma

(g) What does Mrs Ma say about her son, when he left home at 12 years old?

1

(h) What **two** part-time jobs has her son been doing? Give details.

2

Mr Wang

(i) Why did Mr Wang send his daughter to Australia?

1

(j) Why did she return home after less than half a year? Mention any **two** reasons.

2

(k) Mr Wang talks about how expensive the tuition fees were. What does he compare them to? Mention any **one** thing.

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Total (30)

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2013 Mandarin (Simplified) Intermediate 2 Reading

Word List

Question 1

节奏 pace

Question 2

长宁区 Chang Ning district (in Shanghai)

系 faculty, department

速度 speed

Question 3

志愿者 volunteer

尤其 especially

有意义 meaningful

Question 4

调查 research

目的 purpose

心声 thoughts; opinions

竞争 competition

激烈 fierce

硕士 Masters degree

兼职 part-time job

外卖店 take-away restaurant

独立 independent

成熟 mature

成绩 results

打算 plan

普通 ordinary

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MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED)
INTERMEDIATE 2

Listening



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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.

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You are on a visit to China where you meet some young Chinese people.

1. Su Yi-hua is talking about his studies and part-time job.

(a) What course is Su Yi-hua studying at University? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
Medicine	
Law	
Languages	

1

(b) Why does he say he is just like other university students? Tick (✓) the correct box.

He is just like other university students, because he has to . . .

	Tick
. . . go to the library every evening.	
. . . pay fees.	
. . . earn his own living expenses.	

1

(c) Su Yi-hua has a part-time job. Where does he work?

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(d) How has his job affected his life? Complete the sentence.

Su Yi-hua's life has become _____,

the biggest problem is that he does not even have time to

_____.

2

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2. Su Yi-hua goes on to tell you about his girlfriend, Wen Wei.

(a) What does Su Yi-hua tell you about Wen Wei? Complete the sentences.

She is 22 years old and she is _____.

She studies _____.

2

(b) He gives you some information about Wen Wei's physical appearance. Tick (✓) the correct statement.

	Tick
Wen Wei is not too tall; she is pretty with short black hair.	
Wen Wei is not too tall; she is pretty with long black hair.	
Wen Wei is tall and pretty with long black hair.	

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(c) He tells you what his girlfriend likes to wear. Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

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|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | White blouse | <input type="checkbox"/> | Long skirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Old jeans | <input type="checkbox"/> | Red trainers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brown shoes | | |

2

(d) Why does Su Yi-hua like Wen Wei?

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(e) Apart from reading, what does Wen Wei like doing?

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(f) What does she like doing on Sunday mornings?

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3. You then meet Wen Wei. She tells you about her family.

(a) What does Wen Wei's family like to do?

_____ 1

(b) When do they like to do this?

_____ 1

(c) According to Wen Wei, what is unbelievable about Singapore?
Mention any **one** thing.

_____ 1

(d) She tells you more about this city. What does she say?
Mention any **two** things.

_____ 2

(e) What does Wen Wei tell you about the food in Singapore?
Mention **two** things.

_____ 1

(f) What does she not like about Singapore?

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MANDARIN
(SIMPLIFIED)
INTERMEDIATE 2
Listening Transcript

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Transcript—Intermediate 2

Instructions to reader(s):

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.

You are on a visit to China where you meet some young Chinese people.

Question number one.

Su Yi-hua is talking about his studies and part-time job.

You now have one minute to study the question.

嗨！我叫苏怡华，今年十九岁。我是阳光大学，医学系的学生。我和其他大学生一样，为了赚生活费，一边上课，一边兼职工作。我在大学附近的一家快餐店当服务员。自从有了这份工作，我的生活变得非常忙。目前最大的问题是：我没有时间做运动。但是，在餐厅打工也有很多好处：比如，快餐店的食物比大学餐厅的好多了。

(2 minutes)

Question number two.

Su Yi-hua goes on to tell you about his girlfriend, Wen Wei.

You now have one minute to study the question.

我的女朋友叫文蔚，今年二十二岁，比我大。她学习地理。我觉得她很漂亮。文蔚长得很高，她有又黑又长的头发。她平时最喜欢穿一条很旧很旧的牛仔裤和一双红色运动鞋。因为她和其他女生不一样，所以我喜欢她。文蔚的爱好是看书，骑自行车。每个星期天早上，她都去海边游泳。

(2 minutes)

Question number three.

You then meet Wen Wei. She tells you about her family.

You now have one minute to study the question.

你好，我是文蔚，很高兴认识你。我和家人都喜欢旅行。每年夏天我们一定会出国旅行。去年暑假，我们一家人去了新加坡。很难想像的是，这样一个小小的岛国，竟然有三个国际机场！这是一个非常繁忙的城市，人多车多，不过空气很新鲜；街道也非常干净。有意思的是：每个新加坡人都会说两种语言！新加坡的食物不但好吃，而且便宜。但是我不太喜欢那儿的天气，太热了！

(2 minutes)

End of test.

Now look over your answers.

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]

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TUESDAY, 4 JUNE
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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.

中国时报 送报员

- 十四岁以上
- 身体健康
- 小学毕业
- 不需要工作经验

时间：每天早上六点到八点
工资：每小时十七元
联络电话：0810-033088
Email: info@chinatime.cn
来信请寄：台北市万华区大理街132号
人事部李经理

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

李经理您好，
本人想申请贵公司招聘的。。。

Formal finish to letter of application

。。。期盼早日收到您的回音。谢谢！
。。。敬祝
生意兴隆

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]