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NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2014

MANDARIN (TRADITIONAL)
 INTERMEDIATE 2
 Reading



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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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You are on a school exchange to China.

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

琳：

我在台灣的外婆家住了三個星期。我覺得台灣人很友好，風景也很美。我最喜歡去夜市，因為那兒有很多好吃的東西。



大業：

上個月是我的生日，所以我和我的好朋友一起去旅行。我們先坐飛機到上海，可是人太多，太吵了，所以在那兒只住了兩天。然後坐火車到一座南部城市 - 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



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

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

可以安靜地看電影嗎?

現在看電影就像是“買彩票”。如果運氣好，你就可以安安靜靜地看電影。如果運氣不好，就會遇到各種令人討厭的情況，如大聲說話、手機鈴聲。還有些人在看電影的時候吃東西！昨天在電影院裡，坐在後面的五個男生竟然把鞋子脫了！這些都會影響看電影的心情。

(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



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2. (continued)

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

1

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



花言，體育系的學生：“手機是每個大學生的必需品，很重要。我幾乎一分鐘也離不開手機，就連睡覺時也要開著手機。剛才在去圖書館的路上，我一邊走一邊發短信，結果撞到了垃圾桶！”

巧雨，十九歲：“在教室裡，只要不上課的時候，學生們就會使用手機。除了打電話以外，有人玩手機遊戲，還有很多人只是看看有沒有短信後又收好。



- (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.



今年六十歲的陳樹菊是一個簡單、平凡的人…

“我習慣很早就起床，洗臉刷牙，喝一杯熱水後，我就騎自行車去工作。從小學畢業後，我就在市場裡賣菜。每天早上五點開始，晚上九點才休息，這樣已經賣了四十七年了！在市場裡，我有很多好朋友，常常有人和我聊天，所以我的工作很有趣，並不無聊。”

陳樹菊是一位很特別的人，只因為她的善良和喜歡幫助別人…

“小時候，我們一家八個人一起住在一個很小的屋子。那時候因為我們家很窮，沒什麼錢。就連媽媽和弟弟生病了，也沒有錢看醫生。因此，我決定賺了錢一定要幫助付不出醫藥費的窮人們。

我覺得教育、學習都非常重要，所以我捐了五百五十萬元給一所學校做獎學金、建圖書館。我希望每個朋友不管家裡有錢或是沒有錢，都有機會可以快快樂樂地去上學。”

陳樹菊說，因為她自己真的辛苦過，也曾被別人幫過，所以從小就發誓一定要幫助窮人。對她來說“錢，要給需要的人才有用！”。

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

2

- (b) How does she travel to work?

1



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4. (continued)

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(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

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Word List

Question 1

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

Question 2

彩票	lottery ticket
運氣	luck; fortune
遇到	encounter/(suffer)
情況	situation

Question 3

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

Question 4

陳樹菊	Chen Shuju, a Chinese name
市場	market
別人	others
醫藥費	medical fees/bills
獎學金	scholarship
不管	regardless

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MANDARIN (TRADITIONAL)
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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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

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>
By email	<input type="checkbox"/>
By text	<input type="checkbox"/>

1

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

	Tick
Shopping mall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cinema	<input type="checkbox"/>
Book shop	<input type="checkbox"/>

1

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

	Tick
People are friendly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scenery is beautiful.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The shopping is great.	<input type="checkbox"/>

1



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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

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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

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MANDARIN
(TRADITIONAL)
INTERMEDIATE 2
Listening Transcript

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Transcript—Intermediate 2

Instructions to reader:

For each item, read the English **once**, then read the Mandarin (Traditional) **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.

中國人的好客是非常有名的。上個星期一，我的中國朋友請我去他家吃飯。一進了門，他的一家人就問我：“你累嗎？”他們馬上為我拿茶、水果、小吃。吃飯時，他和他太太不停地請我吃他們最喜歡的菜，真是熱情！我的朋友說，現在有些人覺得在家做飯浪費時間，又不能陪客人聊天，都願意找一家飯店請朋友好好地吃一頓。

(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，但是我們不在同一個學校上學。她家離我家很遠，所以平時我們很少見面，不過我們每天都打電話聊天。今天我們約好了下午在市中心的商場裏見，因為我們打算在假期裏去四川旅行。我聽說那裏的小吃又多又便宜，風景也漂亮極了。從北京到四川，坐飛機兩個半小時就到了。雖然我們可以打電話訂票，也可以在網上訂票，但是為了方便，我會去旅行社買票。

(2 minutes)

Question number three.

Zhen-zhen talks about her life at school.

You now have one minute to study the question.

我們班的同學中，一個女同學是法國人，她對音樂和旅遊感興趣。還有一個女同學是蘇格蘭人，她非常喜歡藝術，也常常看足球比賽。周末的時候，我們兩個人不是去買衣服，就是去看畫展。我們班的另一個同學，大明是個網球迷。他在圖書館打工賺錢，因為今年冬天，他要去滑雪。

(2 minutes)

End of test.

Now look over your answers.

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]

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MONDAY, 2 JUNE
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MANDARIN
(TRADITIONAL)
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.

小靜書店 招聘售貨員

職位要求：

- 熟悉電腦使用
- 会说流利的中文和英文
- 熱心、友好、喜歡幫助人
- 做事努力、認真、有信用

聯繫人：

鄭秀文經理

香港九龍尖沙大西洋7號

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

李經理您好，
本人想申請貴公司招聘的。。

Formal finish to letter of application

。。。 期盼早日收到您的回音。謝謝！
。。。 敬祝
生意興隆

Use all of the above to help you write **in Chinese (Traditional)** 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]