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NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2015

MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED)
INTERMEDIATE 2
Reading

X256/11/01

MONDAY, 1 JUNE
9.00 AM – 10.10 AM



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Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.

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Town

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Forename(s)

Surname

Number of seat

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Date of birth

Day

Month

Year

Scottish candidate number

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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.

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.

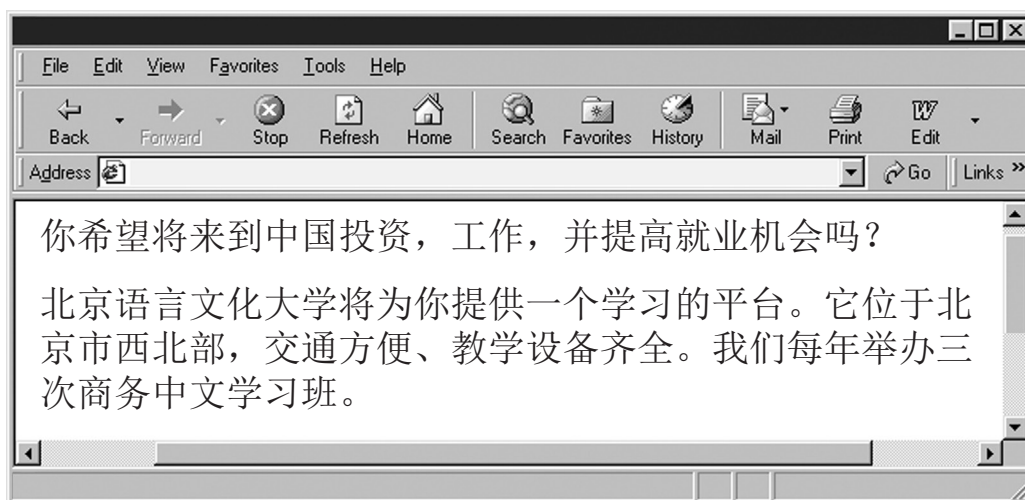
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1. You are browsing the Internet for a Chinese course based in Beijing and download this advertisement.



- (a) What kind of learner is this course aimed at? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

	Tick
Someone who would like to invest in China.	
Someone who would like to learn Chinese quickly and understand Chinese culture better.	
Someone who would like to work in China.	
Someone who would like to travel in China.	

2

- (b) Where is Beijing Language and Culture University located? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- central Beijing
- northwest Beijing
- southeast Beijing

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- (c) What else does the advert say about the university? State any **one** thing.

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1. (continued)

(d) How frequently does the university run the course? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- twice a year
- three times a year
- four times a year

1

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2. You have decided to sign up for the course. You receive some information by e-mail about your stay.



- (a) What does the e-mail say about the students who will attend the course?

1

- (b) What does it say about your room? Tick (✓) the correct box.

It is on the first floor.

It has Internet access.

You have to share with another student.

1



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2. (continued)

(c) What does it tell you about the food? Tick (✓) the correct box.

There is a large choice on offer.

It is mainly European.

There are vegetarian options.

1

(d) What is the weather like in Beijing just now? Complete the sentence.

The weather is _____ and it rains sometimes.

The temperature is usually? Tick (✓) the correct box.

26°

27°

28°

2

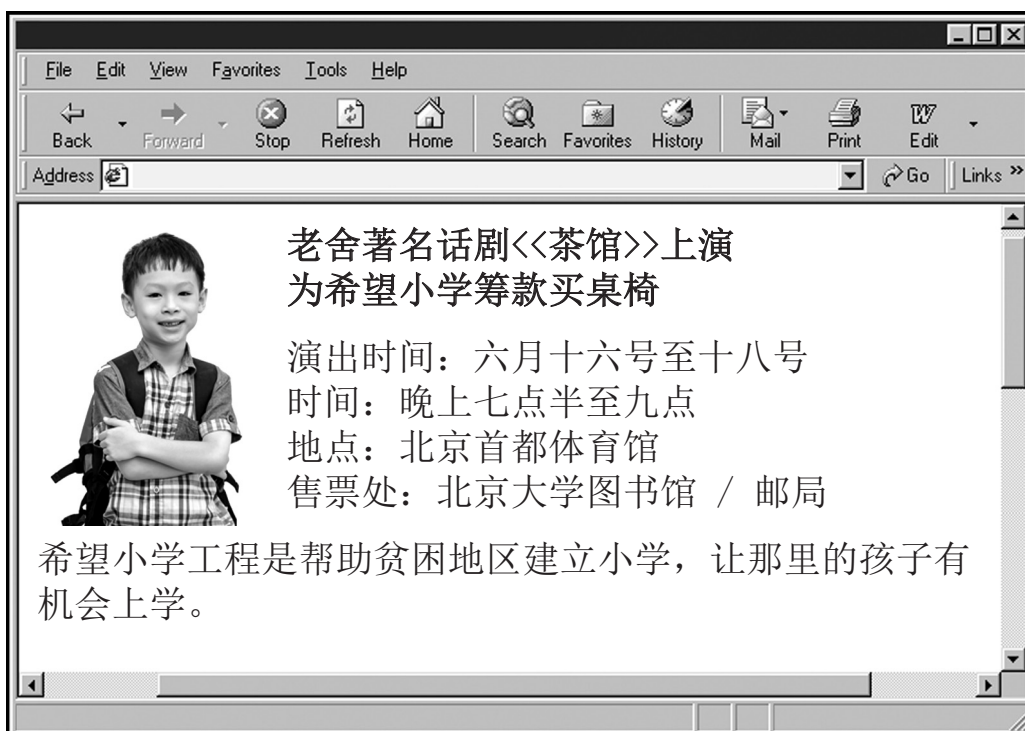
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3. You also come across a website about a play to raise money for "Hope Primary School", which will take place when you are in Beijing.



- (a) What is the name of the play? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- Green Tea
- Tea House
- Tea Cup

1

- (b) How does the organiser intend to spend the money raised by the play? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
To buy computers.	
To buy books.	
To buy desks and chairs.	
To buy toys.	

1



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3. (continued)

(c) Where is the play taking place? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- theatre
- school hall
- sports stadium

1

(d) Where can you buy tickets for the play? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

- school office
- post office
- university library
- tourist information

2

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4. This article is about young people and the Internet.

互联网已经成为我们生活中重要的一部分。它给我们的生活带来了很大变化，它影响着我们的工作、休闲和与家人朋友的关系。同时，上网也改变了青少年的成长和学习生活：相当多的青年人还有了自己的博客，在博客上互相传送生活照片。



汪洋，二十岁，大学生

以前我们需要看电视、听广播、看报纸才能得知一些国家大事。现在，你只要上网就可以得到最近的新闻。以前朋友们用写信的方式保持联系，现在我们都用电子邮件，上网聊天，还可以用手机发短信保持联系。我觉得互联网在生活上给我们带来了快速、方便和独特的交流方式。

陈米，十七岁

电脑在我家“生活”了十多年了，自从有了互联网，我在网上和住在香港的亲友聊天；在我最喜欢的音乐网上下载流行歌曲。有了互联网，我的生活有趣多了”。

我每天用电脑。因为每一次上网就超过两小时，所以总觉得眼睛不舒服。现在，我必须戴眼镜。妈妈说我是自作自受。

现在我的学习压力大，作业很多，没时间上网，所以我要要求自己，只能在周末上网，而且每次上网时间不能超过一个小时。



- (a) According to the article, what is the role of the Internet in our lives?

1



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4. (continued)

(b) Which aspects of our lives has the Internet affected most? State any **two** things.

2

(c) What is the impact of the Internet on young people? State any **two** things.

2

Wang Yang

(d) Apart from the Internet, what other forms of mass media does Wang Yang speak about? State any **two**.

1

(e) According to him, what information can you get online?

1

(f) What does Wang Yang say about e-mail and texting?

1

Chen Mi

(g) How long has Chen Mi had a computer at home?

1

(h) Give the **two** main reasons why she goes online?

2

[Turn over for Question 4 (i) to (k) on Page ten



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4. (continued)

(i) How does having the Internet make her feel?

_____ 1

(j) What is the result of her spending too much time on the computer?

_____ 1

(k) What is Chen Mi doing to reduce the amount of time she spends on the computer? State **two** things.

_____ 2

Total (30)

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2015 Mandarin (Simplified) Intermediate 2 Reading

Word List

Question 1

平台 platform

Question 2

航班 flight

派 send

Question 3

老舍 Lao She, a famous Chinese writer

话剧 drama/play

筹款 fund-raising

建立 to set up/establish

Question 4

影响 to affect

相当多 considerable

汪洋 Wang Yang, name of a Chinese person, male

得到 to get, obtain, gain, receive

陈米 Chen Mi, name of Chinese person, female

自从 ever since

超过 exceed

自作自受 suffers as a result of one's own actions

要求 demand/require

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MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED)
 INTERMEDIATE 2
 Listening

X256/1 1/02

MONDAY, 1 JUNE
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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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During the summer holidays, you meet two young Chinese people at a Tourist Information Centre.

1. Zhang Hui talks about her travelling experience in Hami, a city in the Xinjiang region of China.

- (a) What is Zhang Hui's impression of the streets of Hami City?
Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

The streets are ...

	Tick
narrow	
crowded	
wide	
dirty	
clean	
quiet	

2

- (b) She talks about the temperature in Hami City. What does she say? Complete the sentence.

The temperature is between _____ °C

and _____ °C during summer.

2

- (c) What comment does she make about the weather in Hami City?
Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
Dry and warm	
Dry and windy	
Rainy and warm	

1



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Marks

1. (continued)

(d) At what time of the day is the city very busy? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
After 8.00 pm	
After 9.00 pm	
After 10.00 pm	

1

(e) What does she recommend you do in the restaurant? State any **two** things.

2

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2. Xiao Li then talks about using the Internet.

(a) How often is Xiao Li online? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
One or two times a week	
Three or four times a week	
As often as possible	

1

(b) What does he talk about with his friends online? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

	Tick
Girlfriends	
Study	
Music	
Sports	
Part-time jobs	
Money	

2

(c) What did he buy online last week? Complete the sentence.

He bought some _____ and
some _____.

2

(d) What does Xiao Li not like buying online? State any **one** thing.

1



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Marks

2. (continued)

- (e) He also tells you the reason for this. What does he say? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Tick
Too expensive	
Slow delivery	
Poor quality	

1

[Turn over for Question 3 on Page six



Marks

3. Zhang Hui talks about what she did with Xiao Li yesterday.

(a) Why did the friends decide to meet up?

_____ 1

(b) Where did they meet up?

_____ 1

(c) They spent some time watching TV. What types of programme did they watch? State any **two**.

_____ 2

(d) Zhang Hui mentions when they will meet up again. When will they meet?

_____ 1

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Total (20)

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2015

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(APPROX)

MANDARIN
(SIMPLIFIED)
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 (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.

During the summer holidays, you meet two young Chinese people at a Tourist Information Centre.

Question number one.

Zhang Hui talks about her travelling experience in Hami, a city in the Xinjiang region of China.

You now have one minute to study the question.

去年，我跟男朋友到新疆哈密市旅游。哈密市不大，但是街道很宽，也很干净，那儿的天空特别蓝，好漂亮。夏天的时候，哈密市白天的气温常常在38度到43度之间。但是空气是干燥的，所以不觉得热，而是很暖和！哈密市区最热闹的时候是晚上十点以后。这时天开始黑下来了，街道上都是卖羊肉的小店。你可以坐在店里，一边聊天，一边吃着烤羊肉，喝着奶茶，你会觉得特别舒畅。

(2 minutes)

Question number two.

Xiao Li then talks about using the Internet.

You now have one minute to study the question.

我喜欢上网，一个星期要上网三、四次。我有很多网友，我们常常在网上谈学习和运动的话题，有时候我也在网上玩电脑游戏。我最喜欢在网上购物，因为不用去商店就可以买到自己想要的东西，很方便。上个星期，我刚买了几本中国地理书和几张风景明信片。可是我不喜欢在网上买衣服和食品，我觉得质量不一定好。

(2 minutes)

Question number three.

Zhang Hui talks about what she did with Xiao Li yesterday.

You now have one minute to study the question.

前天是小李的生日，我和他约了在城里最大的百货公司见面。我们先喝了茶，然后到公园走走。下午他来我家玩儿。我们两个都爱看电视节目。体育新闻、饮食节目、外国电影我们都看。我们看了一个下午的电视。小李留在我们家吃晚饭。晚上九点钟爸爸和我送他回家。小李说他下个星期二会再来找我。

(2 minutes)

End of test.

Now look over your answers.

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]

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MONDAY, 1 JUNE
11.25 AM – 12.20 PM

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.

影山小学
诚聘一名秘书

- ❖ 有相关工作经验
- ❖ 身体健康
- ❖ 性格开朗，友好

时间：每天早九点至下午五点

工资：每小时二十五元

联系电话：025-52718939

邮箱：vacancy@yingshan.sch.com.cn

来信请寄：南京市，江宁区，天元东路132号，影山小学，人事部，张经理(收)

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

张经理您好，
本人想申请贵校招聘的.....

Formal finish to letter of application

.....。期盼早日收到您的回音。谢谢！
此致
敬礼

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]