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2019

**X845/76/11**

**Mandarin (Simplified)  
Reading**

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY

9:00 AM – 11:40 AM

**Total marks — 30**

Attempt ALL questions.

Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the Reading answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

There is a separate question and answer booklet for Directed Writing. You must complete your answer for Directed Writing in the question and answer booklet for Directed Writing.

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Read the whole article carefully and then answer, in English, ALL the questions that follow.

In this article, the writer discusses the recent changes to China's One Child Policy and young Chinese couples' opinions about these changes.

## 二胎政策来了，中国年轻人愿意生两个孩子吗？

- 《中国青年报》的一篇文章指出中国一些城市的人口正在快速减少，每年出生的孩子越来越少，中国老人却越来越多。二零一五年，二胎政策来了，每个家庭都可以生两个孩子。问题是，二胎政策放开了，年轻人不一定愿意生两个孩子。据调查显示，决定生第二个孩子的家庭并不多。

### 年轻夫妇面对的问题

目前在中国很多年轻夫妇不想生第二个孩子。他们面对的问题有很多，比如说，收入不高，工作忙，养孩子太贵，生活压力大。

- 我最近采访了一对年轻夫妇。马先生告诉我：“我们一家人和父母住在一间小公寓，没有什么私人空间，但是我们买不起自己的房子。我们有一个十二岁的儿子，除了上学以外，我们还要花钱为他请英文和数学家教，他也要上音乐课，学习钢琴，而且将来他要上大学，费用也很多。总之，我们目前的生活环境和工资都不适合生第二个孩子。”

- 马太太也表示她不愿意生二胎。她说：“中国产假太短了，我的公司规定生一个孩子给两个月的产假。我觉得如果产假可以延长到一年，会有更多人愿意生第二个孩子。老实说，照顾孩子很辛苦，我的丈夫很少帮我一起带孩子，我不想再让自己那么累。而且，现在孩子大了，我有了更多自己的时间，做我想做的事情。可能别人觉得我很自私，但是我很享受现在比较自由的生活。”

- 中国百分之七十的年轻人和马先生、马太太的观点一样，他们都不想生第二个孩子。现在大部分的年轻人和他们的父母有不一样的梦想。因为他们有过更好的教育，所以想要有更高的生活水平。

### 中国可以学习别的国家的育儿政策

- 在苏格兰，新妈妈可以休至少六个月的产假，同时还可以领工资。新爸爸也可以休假在家照顾孩子。另外，在韩国，很多妈妈可以带孩子一起上班，因为很多大型公司都会提供公司的幼儿园，这样对上班的年轻妈妈有很大帮助。在日本，为了帮助新妈妈回去工作，政府还为低收入的家庭提供免费的幼儿园。

30 我支持中国的二胎政策，因为没有下一代就没有未来。但是我也可以理解为什么今天的年轻夫妇不想生二胎。最后，中国政府应该怎么鼓励大家生第二个孩子，这还是一个问題。

**Word List:**

二胎	second child
政策	policy
延长	extend
育儿	childcare

MARKS

**Questions**

Re-read lines 1–5.

1. Changes have been made to China's One Child Policy.
  - (a) Why is this? Give **two** reasons. 2
  - (b) What has been the problem with the new policy? 1

Re-read lines 6–8.

2. According to the writer, what are the challenges faced by young couples in China? Give any **three** details. 3

Re-read lines 9–13.

3. Mr and Mrs Ma do not want to have any more children. What does Mr Ma say about:
  - (a) their present living conditions? State any **two** things. 2
  - (b) their son's education? State **three** things. 3

Re-read lines 14–19.

4. Why does Mrs Ma not want to have another child? Give any **three** reasons. 3

## Questions (continued)

Re-read lines 23–28.

5. According to the writer, China could learn from other countries' childcare provision. What does he say about arrangements in:

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| (a) Scotland?    | 2 |
| (b) South Korea? | 1 |
| (c) Japan?       | 1 |

Now consider the article as a whole.

6. Does the writer think that the recent changes to China's One Child Policy are a good idea? Justify your answer with reference to the text. 2

7. Translate into English

中国百分之七十的年轻人和马先生、马太太的观点一样，... 所以想要有更高的生活水平。(lines 20–22) 10

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**X845/76/02**

**Mandarin (Simplified)  
Directed Writing**

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9:00 AM – 11:40 AM



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**Total marks — 20**

Choose ONE scenario on *page 02* and write your answer clearly, in **Chinese (Simplified)** in the space provided in this booklet. You must clearly identify the scenario number you are attempting.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

There is a separate answer booklet for Reading. You must complete your answers for Reading in the answer booklet for Reading.

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## Total marks — 20

Choose **one** of the following two scenarios.

**SCENARIO 1: Employability**

Last summer you spent two weeks working at a visitor centre in Edinburgh, where they have many Chinese tourists. You have been asked to write an account, in **Chinese (Simplified)**, of your experience for the centre's website.

You **must include** the following information and **you should try to add** other relevant details:

- where exactly was the visitor centre **and** what it was like
- what languages were spoken there
- what jobs you had to do every day
- what you liked/disliked about the job
- what advice you gave to tourists
- whether or not you would recommend this experience to others.

You should write approximately 180–240 characters.

OR

**SCENARIO 2: Culture**

You were invited to celebrate the mid-autumn festival with your Chinese friends in Scotland. You have been asked to write about your experience, in **Chinese (Simplified)**, for the language section of your school/college website.

You **must include** the following information and **you should try to add** other relevant details:

- who you went with **and** how you got there
- what gifts you took for your friends
- what you did during the festival
- what you thought of the food and drink
- what you did after the festival
- whether you would like to attend another Chinese festival.

You should write approximately 180–240 characters.



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**X845/76/03**

**Mandarin (Simplified)  
Listening**

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM (approx)



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**Total marks — 20**

Attempt ALL questions.

You will hear two items in Mandarin. **Before you hear each item, you will have one minute to study the questions.** You will hear each item twice, with an interval of one minute between playings. You will then have time to answer the questions before hearing the next item. Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the spaces provided.

You may NOT use a Chinese dictionary.

Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

You are not allowed to leave the examination room until the end of the test.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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**Total marks — 20**  
**Attempt ALL questions**

**Item 1**

A careers advisor is talking about looking for your first job.

- (a) What does he say you need before you look for a job? Give any **two** details. 2

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- (b) Why does he suggest trying different jobs? Give **one** detail. 1

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- (c) What qualities does he say employers are looking for? Give any **four**. 4

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- (d) What does he say is the most important thing of all? 1

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**Item 2**

Two young Chinese people, Xiaoyu and Zhao Xiang are talking about their future plans.

(a) Why was it difficult for Zhao Xiang to find a job he likes? 1

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(b) Where is he working at the moment? 1

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(c) What are the best things about his job? Give **two** details. 2

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(d) What does he say about  
(i) his boss? Give any **one** detail. 1

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(ii) his colleagues? Give any **two** details. 2

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(e) What has he learned from doing this job? Give any **two** details. 2

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(f) Zhao Xiang goes on to talk about his ideal job.  
(i) What is his ideal job? 1

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(ii) Why? State **two** reasons. 2

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**X845/76/13**

**Mandarin (Simplified)  
Listening Transcript**

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM (approx)

**This paper must not be seen by any candidate.**

The material overleaf is provided for use in an emergency only (for example the recording or equipment proving faulty) or where permission has been given in advance by SQA for the material to be read to candidates with additional support needs. The material must be read exactly as printed.



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**Instructions to reader(s):**

For each item, read the English **once**, then read the Mandarin **twice**, with an interval of 1 minute between the two readings. On completion of the second reading of item number one, pause for the length of time indicated in brackets after the item, to allow the candidates to write their answers.

Where special arrangements have been agreed in advance to allow the reading of the material, those sections marked **(f)** should be read by a female speaker and those marked **(m)** by a male; those sections marked **(t)** should be read by the teacher.

**(t) Item number one**

A careers advisor is talking about looking for your first job.

**You now have one minute to study the questions for item number one.**

**(m/f)** 大家好，申请第一份工作是一件不容易的事情，而且有很大的压力。今天我就来和你们谈一谈找工作这个话题。下面有几个重点，希望对你们有帮助。

首先，在你开始找工作之前，最重要的是对自己有更深入的了解，知道自己喜欢做什么或不喜欢做什么，还要了解自己的优点。

现在的市场上已经有很大的改变，工作的种类越来越多，我建议年轻人不要着急找一份长久性的工作，应该先尝试不同的工作，增加一些工作经验，这样才有机会找到最适合自己的工作。

接下来，我想提醒大家，现在很多公司要找的员工需要工作态度好，善于交流，不但可以独立工作，而且可以和别人合作，还要有创新和创造力。除此之外，要有很好的电脑技能，还会说两三种语言。

最后，你们要记住，不管是写简历，还是去面试，你给别人的第一印象是最重要的。

*(2 minutes)*



**(t) Item number two**

Two young Chinese people, Xiaoyu and Zhao Xiang are talking about their future plans.

**You now have one minute to study the questions for item number two.**

- (f) 赵祥，好久不见！你最近在忙些什么？
- (m) 大学毕业后，我一直在忙着找工作。因为我的考试成绩不好，所以找工作对我来说不容易。找了好长时间，还是没有找到一份我喜欢的好工作。
- (f) 那么，你这几个月一直在家吗？
- (m) 没有。我这段时间在我家附近的一家餐厅打工。虽然我不喜欢这份工作，但是这份工作的好处是，工作时间不长，我一个星期只需要工作两天，还可以赚到不少零花钱。
- (f) 那家餐厅的工作环境好吗？老板怎么样？
- (m) 工作环境不错，但是我的老板不好，对我们要求很高，他还经常让我们加班。
- (f) 那你的同事们呢？
- (m) 我的同事们都非常友好。我刚开始上班的时候，什么都不懂，他们常常帮助我，还很耐心的教我如何做好一个服务员。
- (f) 从这份工作中，你学到了什么？
- (m) 我学会了如何和顾客交流，给客人介绍菜单。另外，我以前不会做饭，但是现在我学会了做几个简单的菜。
- (f) 看来做服务员不是你最想要的工作。你的理想工作是什么呢？
- (m) 我在大学学习体育科学。因为我对运动很感兴趣，所以想找一份跟运动有关的工作，特别想在健身房当健身教练。
- (f) 听起来非常有趣！
- (m) 是啊！运动对每个人都很重要。我想当健身教练，是为了帮助更多人了解健康的生活习惯。鼓励更多人参加运动。说说你吧，大学毕业以后，你想做些什么呢？
- (f) 我有很多想法，但是还没有决定。改天再聊吧。

*(2 minutes)*

**(t) You now have five minutes to look over your answers.**

*(5 minutes)*

**(t) End of test.**

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