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**SQ28/H/02**

**Mandarin (Simplified)  
Listening and Writing**

Date — Not applicable

Duration — 1 hour and 20 minutes



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Total marks — 30

**SECTION 1 — LISTENING — 20 marks**

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.

**SECTION 2 — WRITING — 10 marks**

Write your answer clearly, in **Chinese (Simplified)**, in the space provided.

Attempt ALL questions. You may 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.

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

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

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.



SECTION 1 — LISTENING — 20 marks

Attempt ALL questions

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Item 1

You hear a news bulletin about a gap year for young people.

- (a) Apart from travelling abroad, what do some young people like to do for a year? State **one** thing. 1

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- (b) What are their reasons for taking a gap year before going to university? Give **two** reasons. 2

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- (c) What do some young people choose to do? 1

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- (d) What do some young people volunteer to do in Africa? Give **one** detail. 1

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- (e) According to the speaker, what do young people learn from a gap year? State any **one** thing. 1

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- (f) Not many young people take a gap year in China. Why is this? Give any **one** reason. 1

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- (g) Consider the news bulletin as a whole. Overall, what does it conclude about taking a gap year? Tick (✓) the correct statement. 1

Lots of students think that a gap year can be very expensive.	
A gap year can be a very negative experience.	
Taking a gap year can be a meaningful experience.	



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Item 2

You listen to Sophie who talks about her gap year in China.

- (a) What did Sophie want out of her gap year? 1

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- (b) Sophie chose to go to a small village in China. Why did she do this? State any **two** reasons. 2

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- (c) What caused her the biggest problem at the start of her stay in the village? Why was this? State **three** reasons. 3

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- (d) What were the living conditions like there? Give **two** details. 2

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- (e) Why did Sophie like the meals in the village? State **two** reasons. 2

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- (f) Why did she think that being a teacher was not easy? State any **two** reasons. 2

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SECTION 2 — WRITING — 10 marks

你认为每个年轻人都应该有个空档年吗？如果你有机会在中国做一年的空档年，你会选择去城市还是农村？写150-180个汉字，说说你的观点。

Do you think all young people should have a gap year? What are the advantages and disadvantages of taking a gap year? Write 150-180 characters, giving your opinion in Chinese (Simplified).



ANSWER SPACE FOR SECTION 2




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ANSWER SPACE FOR SECTION 2 (continued)




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ANSWER SPACE FOR SECTION 2 (continued)


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