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**Cantonese
Reading**

Duration — 2 hours



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Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.

Full name of centre

Town

Forename(s)

Surname

Number of seat

Date of birth

Day

Month

Year

Scottish candidate number

Total marks — 30

Attempt ALL questions.

Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the spaces provided in this booklet.

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.

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

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

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



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Text 1

Bak Leui talks about life in the countryside in northern China.

在中國北部的農村，人們一般住在小小的一層樓的房子裡。他們平時吃的飯菜很簡單，一般都是米飯，豬肉和自己家裡種的蔬菜。他們很少吃牛，羊肉和海鮮，因為太貴了。吃了晚飯以後，人們常常在家裡看電視或者和鄰居聊天，打麻將。

通常，農村的設施差，沒有圖書館，沒有體育館，也沒有中學。比如說，我的村子裡只有一個小商店，人們在那裡買生活用品，小孩子在那裡買小吃，筆記本和彩色筆。農村的生活十分單調，無聊。但是，很多住在城市裡的人認為農村的生活又輕鬆又浪漫。

Questions

- (a) Bak Leui talks about where people live. Complete the following sentence. 1

People normally live in a small _____ house.

- (b) She goes on to describe the local diet. Are the following statements True or False? Tick (✓) the correct boxes. 2

	True	False
They normally eat vegetables and pork		
They eat a lot of seafood		



Text 1 questions (continued)

- (c) What do people do after their evening meal? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

2

	Tick (✓)
They play mah-jong	
They chat to their neighbours	
They play cards	
They listen to the radio	

- (d) Why does Bak Leui say facilities in the countryside are not good? State any **one** thing.

1

- (e) What do children buy from the village shop? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

2

	Tick (✓)
Snacks	
Sweets	
Magazines	
Colouring pencils	

- (f) What does Bak Leui say at the end? Complete the sentence.

2

Many people who live in the city think that life in the countryside is

_____ and _____ .

[Turn over



Text 2

You read the following article about Clyde's experience of learning Chinese as a foreign language.

我開始學中文是因為父母希望我學的。每一個星期六早上爸爸會帶我和姊姊去市中心的中文學校學中文。

那時候，我討厭學中文，寫漢字很慢，煩死了！而且為了上中文課，我不可以參加學校橄欖球比賽。但是，爸爸鼓勵我用心學習。

潘老師是一位又親切又有耐心的好老師。她常常說：“不要怕，就算說錯了也沒問題。”漸漸地，我對自己越來越有信心了。現在我很喜歡中文，也覺得中文對我將來的工作會有很大幫助，我明年計劃去大學繼續學習中文。除了學到語言以外，我還學會了只要放鬆，多多說中文，我一定會成功的。

Word list

漸漸地 gradually

鼓勵 encourage

Questions

- (a) What reason does Clyde give for learning Chinese? Complete the sentence.

1

Clyde is learning Chinese because _____ .

- (b) He talks about the Chinese school he attends. Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

2

	Tick (✓)
Chinese school is on Saturday morning	
Chinese school is on Saturday afternoon	
The school is on the outskirts of the city	
The school is in the city centre	



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Text 2 questions (continued)

- (c) When he started to learn Chinese, Clyde did not like it. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

2

	True	False
He had to miss rugby matches		
He found reading Chinese very difficult		

- (d) (i) What does Clyde say about his teacher, Ms Pan? Complete the sentence below.

2

Ms Pan is a good teacher who is _____ and _____.

- (ii) What advice does Ms Pan give Clyde? Tick (✓) the correct box.

1

	Tick (✓)
Don't be afraid to ask questions	
Don't worry about making mistakes	
Don't use your dictionary too much	

- (e) What is the other lesson Clyde learned about studying a language? Tick (✓) the correct box.

1

	Tick (✓)
Learning a language will make him more confident	
Learning a language will give him more opportunity to travel	
It is useful to learn a foreign language because it will help him make friends	

- (f) According to Clyde, what is the advantage of learning Chinese? Complete the sentence.

1

Learning Chinese is useful for _____.

[Turn over



Text 3

Ms Song is planning a trip to Edinburgh. The Tourist Information Office has e-mailed this information.

宋女士，您好：

謝謝您聯繫愛丁堡旅客諮詢中心。愛丁堡是一個首都城市。雖然沒有北京大，但是這裡很熱鬧，我相信您一定會喜歡這個地方。每年越來越多中國旅客來蘇格蘭旅遊。

在愛丁堡您不但可以學習蘇格蘭的歷史，參觀古老的城堡，也可以吃我們的傳統食物。

如果您喜歡運動，城市裡不但有很多高爾夫球場，還有許多國際體育運動設施，比如游泳館，籃球場，滑雪場。

除了參觀愛丁堡的景點以外，您也可以考慮去高地爬山，開車兩三個小時就能到，那裡的空氣非常好。

七八月的天氣最好，我們建議您夏天來這裡。請問，您打算住在酒店嗎？您來過這裡嗎？

祝您
萬事如意！

李恩
愛丁堡旅客諮詢中心
三月八日

Word list

愛丁堡 Edinburgh
考慮 To consider



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Questions

- (a) What does the e-mail say about Edinburgh in the first paragraph? State any **two** things. 2

- (b) According to the e-mail, what are some of the things you can do in Edinburgh? State any **two** things. 2

- (c) The e-mail also mentions sporting facilities in the city. What are they? State **two** things. 2

- (d) Why does the e-mail suggest going hill walking in the Highlands? State **two** things. 2

- (e) There are **two** questions at the end of the e-mail. What are they? 2

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