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**Mandarin (Simplified)
Reading**

Duration — 2 hours



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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Attempt ALL questions

Text 1

Bei Lei talks about life in the countryside in northern China.

在中国北部的农村，人们一般住在小小的一层楼的房子。他们平时吃的饭菜很简单，一般都是米饭，猪肉和自己家里种的蔬菜。他们很少吃牛，羊肉和海鲜，因为太贵了。吃了晚饭以后，人们常常在家里看电视或者和邻居聊天，打麻将。

通常，农村的设施差，没有图书馆，没有体育馆，也没有中学。比如说，我的村子里只有一个小商店，人们在那里买生活用品，小孩子在那里买小吃，笔记本和彩色笔。农村的生活十分单调，无聊。但是，很多住在城市里的人认为农村的生活又轻松又浪漫。

Questions

- (a) Bei Lei 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 Bei Lei 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 Bei Lei 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.

我开始学中文是因为父母希望我学的。每一个星期六早上爸爸会带我和姐姐去市中心的中文学校学中文。

那时候，我讨厌学中文，写汉字很慢，烦死了！而且为了上中文课，我不可以参加学校橄榄球比赛。但是，爸爸鼓励我用心学习。

潘老师是一位又亲切又有耐心的好老师。她常常说：“不要怕，就算说错了也没问题。”渐渐地，我对自己越来越有信心了。现在我很喜欢中文，也觉得中文对我将来的工作会有很大帮助，我明年计划去大学继续学习中文。除了学到语言以外，我还学会了只要放松，多多说中文，我一定会成功的。

Word list

渐渐地 gradually

鼓励 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：

感谢您联系爱丁堡旅客咨询中心。爱丁堡是一个首都城市。虽然没有北京大，但是这里很热闹，我相信您一定会喜欢这个地方。每年越来越多中国旅客来苏格兰旅游。

在爱丁堡您不但可以学习苏格兰的历史，参观古老的城堡，也可以吃我们的传统食物。

如果您喜欢运动，城市里不但有很多高尔夫球场，还有许多国际体育运动设施，比如游泳馆，篮球场，滑雪场。

除了参观爱丁堡的景点以外，您也可以考虑去高地爬山，开车两三个小时就能到，那里的空气非常好。

七八月的天气最好，我们建议您夏天来这里。请问，您打算住在酒店吗？您来过这里吗？

祝您
万事如意！

李恩
爱丁堡旅客咨询中心
三月八日

Word list

爱丁堡 Edinburgh

考虑 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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