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

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

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

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### Text 1

You read an article about Hangzhou aimed at attracting international students to the city.



#### 欢迎来到杭州 (Hangzhou)

杭州在中国的东南部，是一个又热闹又现代化的大城市。杭州离上海不远，坐火车大约三十分钟就到了。杭州有一个国际机场，你可以坐飞机去日本，德国，印度等国家。

#### 旅游

杭州很适合旅游，喜欢历史的人可以参观博物馆。这里有各种各样的商店，买礼物和纪念品非常方便。杭州菜很好吃，在市中心有很多饭馆。

#### 留学生

每年都有很多不同国家的学生来杭州学习。他们说杭州有好的大学，交通很方便，人很友好，天气也不太冷。另外，杭州人说的汉语很容易听懂，能帮助外国学生提高他们的中文水平。

#### Word List

大约 roughly

适合 suitable

留学生 International students



Questions

- (a) What does the article say about Hangzhou? Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

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	True	False
Hangzhou is bustling and modern.		
Hangzhou is approximately 30 mins away from Shanghai by train.		
There are mountains near the city.		

- (b) Which countries can you fly to from Hangzhou? State any **two** things.

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- (c) Why is Hangzhou a good city for tourists? Complete the following sentence.

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There are all kinds of shops which makes it convenient to

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- (d) According to the article, where could you find lots of restaurants? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

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	Tick (✓)
Around the lake	
In the city centre	
On every street corner	

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Text 1 questions (continued)

(e) What do students say about Hangzhou? Complete the following sentence.

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They say that Hangzhou has good \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_.

(f) According to the article, why is Hangzhou a good place for international students? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

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	Tick (✓)
The way people from Hangzhou speak is easy to understand.	
There are many excellent language schools.	
Accommodation is affordable and comfortable.	



Text 2

You read an article about working from home.



现在,大多数的人选择在家工作,因为  
 很多人都可以上网,而且互联网速度  
 越来越快。

在家工作有很多好处:第一,你可以在  
 你想工作的时候工作,很方便。第  
 二,你可以安排最适合你和家人的时  
 间表。不去办公室上班就会减少交  
 通,又省钱又省时间。不开车,少开车  
 可以保护环境。

想要成功地在家工作,你要好好照顾自己。开始工作以前,你一定要  
 吃早餐。在工作时,不要在电脑前面吃饭。

在家工作不但让你有更多自己的时间,而且让你有比较多的时间和家  
 人在一起,所以工作压力也少了。对我来说,天天穿舒服的衣服工作,  
 不吃在超市买的三明治,感觉特别好。

Questions

- (a) Working from home is becoming more popular. What reason does the article  
 give for this? State any **one** thing.

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- (b) The article describes the benefits of working from home.

- (i) What is the first advantage?

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Text 2 questions (continued)

(ii) What is the main benefit for workers with families?

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(iii) In what way can working from home benefit the environment?

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(c) The article goes on to suggest ways of working from home successfully. What does the writer say?

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(d) What should you do before you start work? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

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	Tick (✓)
You should have breakfast.	
You should have regular breaks.	
You should have a morning coffee break.	

(e) What should you avoid doing whilst working?

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(f) In what way can working from home reduce stress? State any **one** thing.

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(g) The writer says it feels good to be working from home. What do they say? State **two** things.

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Text 3

You read an article about Zhang Lun who talks about learning languages.

我叫张伦，今年十六岁，我出生在中国的山区。五岁的时候，我和爸爸妈妈搬到了英国的一个小城市。我在当地的一所小学学习了三年，学校里没有人会说中文。所以我必须学会用英文跟同学和老师交流。



我每天早上花一个半小时学习英文。

我妈妈对法语和法国的文化有兴趣，所以我们常常去那里度假。我会用简单的法语点菜和饮料。我妈妈会说三种外语：日语，德语和法语。她法语说得又快又好。我认为学习语言十分重要。只要多听，多说，多写，多练习，每个人都可以学好外语。

Word List

张伦 Zhang Lun (name of a person)

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Questions

- (a) What do we learn about Zhang Lun? Complete the following sentence. 2

Zhang Lun was born in \_\_\_\_\_ and when he was 5 years old, he moved to a \_\_\_\_\_ in the UK.

- (b) The article goes on to talk about his early life at primary school.

- (i) How long did he study there? 1

\_\_\_\_\_

- (ii) What does he tell you about the school? 1

\_\_\_\_\_

- (iii) What did he do every morning? 1

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## Text 3 questions (continued)

- (c) Zhang Lun talks about using his language skills. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

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	True	False
He is able to buy train tickets in French.		
He is able to order food and drink in French.		

- (d) Zhang Lun talks about language learning.

- (i) What does he think about language learning?

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- (ii) What advice does he give for learning another language successfully?  
State any **two** things.

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