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**Mandarin (Simplified)
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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.

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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.

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Total marks — 30
Attempt ALL questions

Text 1

You read an article in which three people talk about friendship.

小李 (Xiao Li)



我理想的朋友是一个和我一样热爱打篮球的人。我喜欢各种运动，比如打网球，游泳等等。因为我不喜欢那些每天只呆在家里玩电脑，看电视的人，所以我一定不会和他们交朋友。我觉得这样的人太无聊了！朋友之间有同样的爱好很重要。

婷婷 (Tingting)



有的人有很多朋友，有的人只有一，两个很好的朋友。我认为有一个好朋友就够了！小学的时候，我和我的好朋友就认识了。她是我的邻居，所以我们几乎每天在一起玩。



Text 1 (continued)

Cameron



去年，我去中国参加了音乐夏令营，在那里认识了一个中国朋友。他帮了我提高我的中文水平，尤其是口语，因为他每天都用汉语和我聊天。我认为和来自不同国家的人交朋友很有意思，因为你可以学习他们的文化。

Word list

理想	ideal
之间	among
几乎	roughly
尤其	especially

Questions

- (a) What does Xiao Li say about her ideal friend?

1

[Turn over



Text 1 questions (continued)

(b) Xiao Li talks about the kind of person she could not be friends with.

(i) What does she say? State any **one** thing.

1

(ii) Why?

1

(c) What does Tingting say about how many friends people usually have? Complete the sentence.

2

Some people have _____
 friends and some people have _____
 _____ good friends.

(d) What does Tingting say about her good friend? State any **two** things.

2

(e) Why did Cameron go to China last year?

1

(f) Cameron talks about his Chinese friend.

(i) What did his Chinese friend help him to do?

1

(ii) In what way did his friend do this?

1



Text 2

You read an article about Singapore.

两年前，我和朋友一起去了新加坡，我们玩得特别开心。我认为这个地图上的“小红点”是亚洲最理想的城市。

首先，新加坡是一个现代化的国际城市。这里空气好，也很美丽。因为新加坡人一般不乱丢垃圾，所以城市里很干净。

第二，虽然城市里的交通很忙，总是车水马龙，但是这里的公共交通非常好，坐公共汽车，出租车或者地铁都很快，也很便宜。需要注意的是：地铁里不可以吃东西，喝水。

虽然新加坡不大，但是有很多又好玩又有趣的地方，比如博物馆，美术馆和动物园。我们酒店的屋顶有一个非常大的游泳池。新加坡的天气好，几乎每天都是晴天。



Questions

(a) The writer went to Singapore.

(i) When did she go?

1

(ii) Who did she go with?

1

[Turn over



Text 2 questions (continued)

- (b) The writer goes on to describe Singapore. What does she say? Complete the sentence.

1

I think this 'little red dot' on the map is _____
city in Asia.

- (c) Why is the city clean?

1

- (d) What does the writer say about traffic in Singapore? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

1

	Tick (✓)
The traffic is busy.	
The traffic runs smoothly.	
There are horses on the roads.	

- (e) The writer talks about the public transport system in Singapore. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

3

	True	False
Taking a taxi is expensive.		
Travelling by buses is quick.		
Eating is not allowed on buses.		

- (f) What is on the roof of the hotel that the writer stayed in?

1

- (g) What does the writer say about the weather? State any **one** thing.

1



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Text 3

You read an article about students in China.



中国学生有各种各样的压力。有些人看到朋友对日本漫画有兴趣，不管自己喜欢不喜欢，为了和朋友一样，他们也会去买漫画。有些学生总是要自己是班里第一个有最新，最好的每一样东西，比如手机，运动鞋，耳机，衣服等等。

同时，学生也有考试压力。有些学生虽然平时学习非常努力，成绩也很好，可是考试的时候，他们就紧张，睡不好觉，也吃不好饭。还有些学生担心其他同学比自己考试成绩好，所以他们一天到晚把时间都花在学习上，从来不运动，周末也不放松。

为了减少压力，我认为学生应该多锻炼身体，做户外活动，比如爬山，去公园散步，好好休息。

Word list

不管 regardless

Questions

- (a) Students in China face a lot of pressure. Complete the following sentence.

2

Regardless of whether they like _____
comics or not, students _____
to be like their friends.



Text 3 questions (continued)

- (b) The writer talks about students having the latest products. Tick (✓) **True** or **False** beside each statement.

2

	True	False
Some students want to be the first in their class to have the latest products.		
Some parents buy the latest model of phones for their child.		

- (c) What shows that students feel stressed about exams? State any **two** things.

2

- (d) What do some students do to be better at exams than others? State any **two** things.

2

- (e) According to the writer, what should students do to reduce their stress levels? State any **two** things.

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