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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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Text 1

You read an article about becoming a nurse.

护士培训

最近，越来越多的人想做护士。今年有六千个人申请参加护士培训班。二十五岁的申请者比去年多。

工作时间

一般，护士每天工作十三个半小时。当然，护士也要在晚上工作。

能力

做护士你要有不同的能力。首先，你必须是大学毕业生，要有耐心。另外，你要喜欢帮助人，要有一个积极的态度，也要有很好的应变能力。最后，你要会用电脑。

王明(Wang Ming)的经验

我很喜欢我的工作，因为每天都不同，一点儿都不无聊。我每天很早起床起，早上七点就上班。我有的时候觉得很累，但是也觉得快乐，满足，也很有成就感。



Word list

培训	training
申请者	applicant
能力	ability; capability
经验	experience



Questions

- (a) The article discusses nurse training. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

2

	True	False
This year 6000 people applied to train as a nurse.		
There are fewer applicants than last year.		

- (b) Which group of people applied in greater numbers this year? Complete the sentence.

1

_____ have applied in greater numbers this year.

- (c) What do you learn about the working hours of nurses? Tick (✓) the **two** correct statements.

2

	Tick (✓)
Nurses generally work 13.5 hours per day.	
Nurses have to work at night.	
There is a meal break of 30 minutes.	
They often have to work overtime.	

- (d) What does the article say about the skills nurses need? Complete the sentence.

1

Nurses need to be university graduates and have _____.

[Turn over



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Text 1 questions (continued)

- (e) The article goes on to talk about the qualities nurses should have. What are they? State any **two** things.

2

- (f) What reason does Wang Ming give for liking his work? State **two** things.

2



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Text 2

You read an article in which Zhao Mei talks about her school.

我叫赵梅，今年六十三岁。我是校长，不是秘书。我早上六点十分就开始工作。我每天都很忙，因为我想要让学校里的每个学生都有机会好好学习和成长。

我的学校在山区。学校里只有女学生，没有男学生。这是一所寄宿学校。在中国，虽然教育非常重要，但是还是非常不平等，因为不能去学校读书的农村孩子比城市的多。

我想要学校里的每一个女学生将来都有自己的工作，做独立的人。因为在家做家务不只是女生的工作。虽然我有很大的压力，但是我不累，因为我相信教育，“一个孩子，一名教师，一本书和一支笔”，可以改变整个世界。这样我们就有一个更公平的社会。

Word list

赵梅 Zhao Mei, name of a person

Questions

- (a) What does Zhao Mei tell you about herself? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

1

Zhao Mei is:

	Tick (✓)
a janitor.	
a secretary.	
a school principal.	

[Turn over



Text 2 questions (continued)

(b) She talks about her daily routine.

(i) What time does she start work each day?

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(ii) Why is she very busy at work? State any **one** thing.

1

(c) Zhao Mei gives you more information about her school. What does she say? State any **two** things.

2

(d) She points out issues with education in China. What are they? Complete the sentence.

2

It is unequal because more children from _____

cannot go to school compared to those from _____.

(e) What does she want the students to be doing in the future? Tick (✓) the **two** correct statements.

2

	Tick (✓)
To have their own jobs.	
To become independent people.	
To be happy and useful people.	
To help other students.	

(f) Zhao Mei says she is stressed, but not tired. What does she believe can change the world? State any **one** thing.

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Text 3

Lili talks about her visit to Beijing.

今年春天，我的父母带我去中国的首都北京游玩儿了一个星期。坐了四个小时旅游车，我们都很累。所以到北京以后，我们先在酒店里休息，然后上网买了故宫的门票。

第二天早饭以后，我们就带着一瓶水，照相机和钱包出去玩。我们坐地铁去了市中心。在地铁站对面，我看见天安门广场和故宫。我和爸爸妈妈先去了故宫，因为我们没去过，而且那时参观故宫的游客很少。

故宫非常大，有差不多一千个房间。我最喜欢的房间是皇帝的书房：有一张非常大的桌子，墙上有一幅山水画，还有传统的家具。我认为旅行是最好的学习方式之一。

Word list

故宫	Forbidden City
天安门广场	Tian'anmen Square
皇帝	emperor

Questions

- (a) What does Lili say about her trip to Beijing? Complete the sentence. 2

This _____, my parents took me to visit Beijing, the capital of China, for _____ holiday.

- (b) Apart from having a rest, what else did they do after arriving at their hotel? 1

- (c) Lili talks about the second day of their trip.

- (i) What items did they take with them when leaving the hotel the following morning? State any **two** things. 2



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Text 3 questions (continued)

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| (ii) What transport did they use to go into the city? | 1 |
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| (iii) Why did they go to the Forbidden City first? State any one thing. | 1 |
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(d) Lili talks about the Forbidden City. | |
| (i) How many rooms were there? | 1 |
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| (ii) What was her favourite room? | 1 |
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| (iii) What was in that room? State any one thing. | 1 |
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