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**Mandarin (Simplified)
Listening and Discursive Writing**

THURSDAY, 28 APRIL

1:00 PM – 2:45 PM

Total marks — 70

SECTION 1 — LISTENING — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

You will hear two items in **Mandarin**. Before you hear each item, you will have one minute to **study the questions**. You will hear each item twice, with an interval of one minute between playings. You will then have time to answer the questions before hearing the next item. Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify which question number you are attempting.

You should write your answers for **Section 1 — Listening on pages 02-07** of the answer booklet.

SECTION 2 — DISCURSIVE WRITING — 40 marks

Attempt ONE question.

Write your answer clearly, in **Chinese (Simplified)**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify which question number you are attempting.

You should write your answer for **Section 2 — Discursive Writing on pages 08-15** of the answer booklet.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

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

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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SECTION 1 — LISTENING — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

Item 1

Listen carefully to this news report about why young Chinese students now prefer to return to China after studying abroad and then answer in **English** the questions below.

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| (a) Why is it difficult for Chinese students to find employment abroad? | 2 |
| (b) What is the main reason for Chinese students choosing to return home? | 1 |
| (c) What has happened to the job market outside of China since 2008? | 2 |
| (d) Why do Chinese students miss home? Give details. | 3 |
| (e) What is the final reason for students deciding to return home after their studies? Give details. | 2 |

Item 2

Listen to Zhang Wei and Ms Wang, the Director of a car company in China, talking about employment opportunities after studying abroad and then answer in **English** the questions below.

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| (a) | (i) When did Ms Wang study abroad? | 1 |
| | (ii) Why did she decide to study abroad? | 2 |
| | (iii) Why did she choose to study in Germany? Give any two reasons. | 2 |
| | (iv) What made her return to China after her studies? | 2 |
| (b) | According to Ms Wang, what are the benefits of studying abroad? | 4 |
| (c) | (i) What aspects of her life is Ms Wang's most proud of? | 4 |
| | (ii) What are her regrets? Give any two details. | 2 |
| (d) | What advice does Ms Wang give to students who are planning to study abroad? Give any three details. | 3 |

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SECTION 2 — DISCURSIVE WRITING — 40 marks

Attempt ONE question

Write an essay, in **Chinese (Simplified)**, of about 300–400 characters discussing **one** of the following statements.

3. Society

使用一次性的筷子破坏环境，所以我们不应该使用一次性筷子。

Using disposal chopsticks damage the environment, so we should not use them at all.

4. Learning

上大学选择的专业不一定是自己将来工作的专业。

What you study at university does not necessarily lead directly to your future career.

5. Employability

有些人认为在家工作比在办公室工作效率更高。

For some people, working from home is more effective than working in the office.

6. Culture

在当今社会，不需要旅行就能了解不同国家的文化。

It is no longer necessary to visit a country in order to learn about its culture.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]