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

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY

1:30 PM – 3:15 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 you are attempting.

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 a speech given to Chinese students about volunteering in Africa and then answer, in **English**, the questions below.

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| (a) What can the recruitment agency do to help you, if you decide to volunteer? | 1 |
| (b) What are the benefits of joining the African Volunteer Projects? State any three things. | 3 |
| (c) What projects can you take part in? State any three things. | 3 |
| (d) Where will the volunteers stay in Africa? | 1 |
| (e) (i) What should volunteers take with them to Africa? | 1 |
| (ii) Why? | 1 |

Item 2

Listen to the interview in which Ms. Wang talks about Chinese people volunteering in Africa, and then answer, in **English**, the questions below.

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| (a) Who took part in the recent training event in Beijing? State any two things. | 2 |
| (b) Why do young people want to volunteer in Africa? | 3 |
| (c) What are the career benefits from volunteering? | 2 |
| (d) Ms. Wang talks about her volunteering experience. What does she say? State any two things. | 2 |
| (e) Volunteering programmes have changed over the last few years. What are the changes? | 3 |
| (f) Why does Ms. Wang think young Chinese people make good volunteers? State any three things. | 3 |
| (g) Ms. Wang gives advice to young volunteers. | |
| (i) What should they do to prepare for their trip? | 3 |
| (ii) What should they do when they are there? State any two things. | 2 |

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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

当今年轻人的压力比他们的父母年轻时的压力更大。

Young people nowadays have a lot more stress than their parents did at their age.

4. Learning

学校必须把外语作为一门必修课。

Learning another language must be compulsory at school.

5. Employability

实习经验和考试成绩一样重要。

Internship experience is just as important as exam results.

6. Culture

我们的生活可以没有音乐，电影和电视。

We can live without music, films and television.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]