

X845/77/11

# Mandarin (Simplified) Reading and Translation

Duration — 1 hour 30 minutes

Total marks — 50

SECTION 1 — READING — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

SECTION 2 — TRANSLATION — 20 marks

Attempt to translate the whole extract.

Write your translation clearly, in **English**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify which section number you are attempting.

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.





# SECTION 1 — READING — 30 marks Attempt ALL questions

Read the whole article carefully and then answer, in English, ALL the questions that follow.

The writer discusses whether it is a good idea to leave your job and go travelling.

# 放下工作,去旅行,值得吗?

人人都有一个旅行梦,特别是在工作不顺利的时候。当人们对将来没有计划的时候,很多人都想放下工作去旅行。可是,也有人担心,放下工作去旅行,甚至借钱去旅行,那么旅行回来以后,可能会找不到工作或者欠银行很多钱。

#### 5 旅行中的挑战

对于那些想辞掉工作去旅行的人,我建议你们出发前,首先,应该三思而后行,多听听别人的意见。你必须知道旅行中会有很多困难,比如,不会说当地的语言,有沟通的问题,受到不公平的对待,甚至日常生活的小事都会变得很困难。其次,你需要问问自己,如果遇到困难,对于辛苦的生活,你是不是准备好了?当你花了一段时间去旅行,找到人生的方向和意义,这段旅行的经验,真的可以让你的简历变得更好吗?除此之外,在过去五年里,飞机票涨了百分之十,酒店的价钱也越来越贵,所以要想找到便宜的旅行也越来越不容易。

### 旅行就是一种生活的态度

15 然而, 旅行对于人的一生却是很重要的。旅行可以给我们时间思考, 帮助我们找到人生的方向, 让我们享受自由的生活。旅行可以给我们的生活带来很多好处。三年前, 我的一个朋友, 辞掉了工作, 决定给自己两个月的时间去旅行, 她很高兴自己做了这个决定。在旅行期间, 她认识了很多朋友, 去了很多有趣的地方。在旅行中, 她很高兴可以自己做决定, 想 20 做什么就做什么。

#### 旅行一定要辞职吗?

如今,人们旅行的机会越来越多,我也喜欢旅行,并且经常旅行。但是,如果你问我会不会辞掉工作去旅行,我的答案是否定的。

我认为想去看世界,有很多的方式。我第一次去世界旅行,是我在大 学时赢得了"全球青年领袖奖",作为一个"文化使者",我到了十个国 家旅游和学习。除了一张单程机票,我没有花其它的钱。通过这次旅行, 我慢慢了解到,原来我有很多可以不用自己出钱,很多免费去旅行的机 会。现在我工作了,每年的三月,五月,九月,我都要去出差。而且,每 次出差不同的地方都能品尝到当地美食。这也实现了我旅行和工作同时兼 30 顾的愿望,也再一次证明了旅行不一定要辞职。 如果你真的非常喜欢旅行,可以考虑找一份可以让你时常旅行的工作,比如旅游杂志编辑。这样的工作能让你住五星级酒店,坐商务舱航班,去高级饭店吃饭,还有机会参加一些冒险活动,这些都可以让你的生活更加丰富多彩。

## 35 "工作"和"旅行"两者兼得

我认为要对人生负责就是要认真工作。等自己有了钱,想什么时候去旅行就去旅行。我的愿望是明年我可以用我自己赚的钱,带着我的父母出国旅行。我相信"工作"和"旅行"都能一起实现。

对我来说,旅行不只是吃喝玩乐,它还可以提供国外工作的机会,让 40 我们更好地了解世界不同的文化,同时,我们也能学习不同的语言,提高 我们的交流能力。我从小就热爱旅行,我也热爱我的工作,二者都可以让 我去看世界。我相信旅行和工作可以得到平衡,只是看你怎么把握这个平 衡。

Questions	MARKS
Re-read lines 1–4.	
1. Everyone dreams of travelling.	
(a) What reasons do people have for leaving their job to go travelling? State <b>two</b> things.	2
(b) What might worry them when they get back from travelling? State <b>two</b> things.	2
Re-read lines 5–13.	
2. The writer warns travellers about the difficulties they could encounter.	
(a) What does the writer suggest you do before travelling?	1
(b) Give three examples of difficulties travellers might encounter.	3
(c) What questions should you ask yourself before setting out? State two things.	2
Re-read lines 14–20.	
<ol> <li>(a) Travelling can be an important part of people's lives. What are the benefits?</li> <li>State any two things.</li> </ol>	2
(b) One of the writer's friends left her job and travelled for 2 months. What did this allow her to do? State three things.	3

Questions (continued)	MARKS
Re-read lines 21–30.	
4. (a) What did the writer do when he won the "Global Youth leadership" award? Give two details.	2
(b) What did he realise in the course of his trip?	1
(c) Why does the writer not need to leave his job to be able to travel? State two things.	2
Re-read lines 31–38.	
5. What can jobs such as travel journalism do for you? State any three things.	3
Now consider the article as a whole.	
<b>6.</b> What is the writer's overall purpose in writing about this subject? Justify your response with close reference to the points made and the language used.	7
SECTION 2 — TRANSLATION — 20 marks	
7. Translate the underlined section into English: (lines 39-43) 对我来说 只是看你怎么把握这个平衡。	

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