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# Mandarin (Simplified) Reading and Translation

THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

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 different attitudes among parents to whether students should attend extra classes outside school.

## 要不要上补习班?

西方学校和亚洲学校一个很大不同点就是,西方的学生放学后是参加课外活动,大部分是自己喜欢的活动。然而,许多亚洲孩子下了课,还得去上"补习班"。在亚洲,不论是学业的还是兴趣爱好的,什么样的补习班都有。可是有很多人认为,小孩这么小就参加补习班,真的对他们成长5 有帮助吗?让孩子们把童年都花在补习班里,值得吗?

## 去不去补习班, 家长不知道怎么做

一般父母一方面希望让孩子快乐成长,另一方面又担心孩子的考不上大学。此外,也有来自别人家孩子的压力。他们觉得没有上补习班的孩子就会吃亏。有些家长担心,如果上补习班的学生多了,老师发现大多数10 同学都知道了学习内容,就会加快教学速度。

#### 反对上补习班

有个家长王太太,决定送儿子去补习班,因为儿子的学校告诉她应该送儿子上补习班。目前,在学校里,她儿子对学习不感兴趣,上课的时候浪费了很多时间。而补习班的班级人数少,他会得到老师更多的帮助。结15 果王太太一个月就花了两万多元,但是到了考试,儿子的成绩并没有提高。为了付补习班的钱,她们全家省吃俭用,觉得整个家庭的生活品质都降低了。

补习除了要花钱以外,孩子不上课、假期的时间都在上补习班,没有机会做其它活动,对身体健康一定有不好的影响。越来越多的孩子开始戴20 眼镜。根据调查,十五岁青少年近视率就高达 78.4%。对此,专家认为,预防近视最有效的方法是增加户外运动。

#### 支持上补习班

但是也有很多人认为学习就是"多学多得",你比别人更努力,就会学到更多知识,知识可以让我们变得更自信,也会给我们带来更多的工作 25 机会。在这个竞争激烈的社会,知识可以帮助你更有竞争力。当然,也有人会问,想学习是不是一定要上补习班?这当然不一定,但可以说,上补习班是一个不错的选择。跟学校比起来,补习班更注重个人学习兴趣,可以帮助孩子养成比较好的学习习惯。和孩子在家学习相比,补习班可以给孩子提供更好的学习环境。在补习班孩子们还可以交到更多朋友,互相交 30 流学习经验,互相帮助。其实补习并不一定让学生变得更好,但是很多最

好的学生都有"补习"的经历。

## 孩子自己的路, 就让孩子自己选吧

在过去二十年里, 很多学生享受了自由带来的好处, 比如, 选择不同的学校、出国留学、得到不同经验。但自由的另一面是独立——知道自己 想要什么, 决定自己的道路。如果家长和孩子有明确的目标, 社会也能接受不同类型的"成功", 那么, 孩子就可以有自己的选择, 如果孩子想上好大学, 就去补习班; 如果孩子想成为运动员, 那就应该从小锻炼。

如果父母想让孩子避开压力,选择快乐学习,那么孩子们就必须为自己的选择负责。现今,最重要的是,家长应该决定,是不是让孩子为自己40的选择负责。

**MARKS Questions** Re-read lines 1-5. 1. There are many differences between Western and Asian schools. (a) What is the main difference between what Western and Asian students do after 2 school? 2 (b) What **two** questions does the writer ask at the end of this paragraph? Re-read lines 6-10. 2. Why do parents struggle to make a decision on whether children should attend extra classes outside school? 4 Re-read lines 11-21. 3. Although some people are against sending their children to extra classes, they may change their minds. (a) Why did Mrs Wang decide to send her son to extra classes? 2 3 (b) What actually happened? 3 (c) What are the consequences of children attending extra classes? Re-read lines 22-31. **4.** (a) What can knowledge bring to a person? 2 (b) What are the advantages of attending extra classes? 4

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Re-read lines 38–40.		
5.	According to the writer, what is the most important decision parents make?	1
<b>6.</b>	Now consider the article as a whole.	
	What is the writer's overall purpose in writing about this subject? Justify your response with close reference to the points made and language used.	7
	SECTION 2 — TRANSLATION — 20 marks	

**7.** Translate the underlined section into English: (lines 33–37)

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