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Mandarin (Simplified) Reading and Translation

WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY

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 the section number you are attempting.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

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

You must leave your answer booklet on your desk; if you do not, you could lose all the marks for this paper.



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SECTION 1 — READING — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

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

The article is about self-employment for young people in China.

自主就业

自主就业正在兴起

随着互联网经济的快速发展，年轻人工作的方式更加多样化了，越来越多的年轻人正在选择自主就业。自主就业，就是自己为自己打工。这种灵活的工作方式，吸引了很多大学毕业生。2022年的统计显示，中国的自主就业人数已经达到了两亿，其中有百分之十八是大学毕业生，而且，一半以上的人是1990年以后出生的。

自主就业受年轻人欢迎

目前，中国自主就业的人数还在不断上升。出现这种现象的主要原因是网络科技的发展。现在，最受欢迎的工作是网络写作，开网店和制作视频。这些工作对年轻人很有吸引力，因为它们不但能提供灵活的工作时间和方便的工作地点，而且还能提高年轻人的创造能力和解决问题的能力。

自主就业受欢迎的另一个原因是就业市场竞争非常激烈，大学毕业生找工作的压力很大。对此，一些大学毕业生说：“很多公司要求我们有工作经验，还要求我们在周末加班，给我们的工资也不高。”

15 自主就业的好处

自主就业对年轻人来说，是一种新的生活方式。人力资源专家王女士评价：“自主就业的好处很多，比如，它让年轻人有更多的机会，做自己的老板，有很多时间享受生活。”王女士接着补充到：“这些优势对年轻人很有吸引力。但是除了这些，自主就业最大的好处是它能让年轻人发展兴趣和实现梦想。”

人们常常说，兴趣是最好的老师。因为你对自己选择的工作感兴趣，所以会用很多的时间去学习和实践。你会学到各种技能，也更容易成功。如果你热爱自己的工作，你就会对将来有信心，你会找到工作和生活的平衡，也会得到家人的支持。

25 除此以外，对于有小孩的家庭来说，自主就业也是一个不错的选择，因为在这样的家庭中，父母既有时间和孩子在一起，又有一份收入。

自主就业的缺点

任何选择都有优点和缺点，自主就业也不例外。它目前主要有三个问题：第一，自主就业的人不是每个月都有工资。第二，他们没有医疗保险，所以需要自己花钱看病。第三，这些人不知道他们什么时候可以退休。

一些创业的年轻人还要面对父母的反对和压力。许多父母认为自主就业就是没有工作，他们更希望儿女能在知名的公司上班。来自社会和家庭的不理解，增加了年轻人自主就业的压力。

自主就业的前景

在中国，虽然自主就业市场还存在一些问题，但是，这种自由的工作方式正在改变中国人对生活和工作看法，原因是什么呢？因为它增加了就业机会，让人们有了更多的工作选择，同时，也丰富了人们的生活。

中国政府目前表示，由于自主就业的人数还在不断上升，在将来，政府会提高对自主就业的支持，鼓励人们尝试多样的就业形式。

Questions

MARKS

Re-read lines 1–6.

1. What do the 2022 statistics reveal about self-employment in China? State any **two** things.

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Re-read lines 7–14.

2. (a) Currently, the number of self-employed people continues to increase.
- (i) What is the main reason for this? 1
 - (ii) What are the most popular self-employed jobs nowadays? State any **two** things. 2
 - (iii) Why are these jobs attractive to young people? State any **three** things. 3
- (b) The job market is competitive and university graduates face great pressure to find jobs. What do university graduates say about this situation? 3

[Turn over

Questions (continued)

Re-read lines 15–26.

3. (a) Ms. Wang comments on self-employment.
- (i) According to her, in what ways can self-employment benefit young people? State any **two** things. 2
 - (ii) What is the biggest advantage of self-employment for young people? 1
- (b) Self-employment is a good choice for families with children. Why is this? 2

Re-read lines 27–33.

4. (a) Self-employment has its disadvantages. What are they? State any **two** things. 2
- (b) Self-employed people are facing pressure from their parents. What are these pressures? 2

Re-read lines 34–39.

5. The writer talks about the future of self-employment.
- (a) Self-employment is changing people's views on life and work. Why is this? State any **two** things. 2
 - (b) What actions will the Chinese government take in the future? State any **one** thing. 1

Now consider the article as a whole.

6. 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 21–24): 20
- 人们常常说，兴趣是最好的老师。．．．也会得到家人的支持。

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