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**X845/75/01**

**Mandarin (Simplified)  
Reading**

## **Marking Instructions**

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Please note that these marking instructions have not been standardised based on candidate responses. You may therefore need to agree within your centre how to consistently mark an item if a candidate response is not covered by the marking instructions.

## General marking principles for National 5 Mandarin (Simplified) Reading

*This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.*

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must **always** be assigned in line with these general marking principles and the detailed marking instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
- (c) Award a mark to each answer. Marks are not transferable between questions.
- (d) For questions that ask candidates to **'state'** or **'give'**, candidates must give a brief, accurate response/name.

Marking instructions for each question

Question		Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
				<b>Do not accept:</b>
1.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>one storey house/single house</li> </ul>	1	
	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>true</li> <li>false</li> </ul>	2	
	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>they play mah-jong [Box 1]</li> <li>they chat to their neighbours [Box 2]</li> </ul>	2	
	(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no library</li> <li>no gym</li> <li>no secondary school</li> </ul> <p><b>Any 1 from 3</b></p>	1	
	(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>snacks [Box 1]</li> <li>colouring pencils [Box 4]</li> </ul>	2	
	(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>relaxing</li> <li>romantic</li> </ul>	2	

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					<b>Do not accept:</b>
2.	(a)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>his parents expect/wish him to</li> </ul>	1	
	(b)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinese school is on Saturday morning [Box 1]</li> <li>the school is in the city centre [Box 4]</li> </ul>	2	
	(c)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>true</li> <li>false</li> </ul>	2	
	(d)	(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>caring/approachable/kind</li> <li>patient</li> </ul>	2	
		(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>don't worry about making mistakes [Box 2]</li> </ul>	1	
	(e)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>learning a language will make him more confident [Box 1]</li> </ul>	1	
	(f)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>his work/employment in the future</li> </ul>	1	

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3.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>capital city</li> <li>smaller than Beijing</li> <li>lively/bustling</li> </ul> <p>Any 2 from 3</p>	2		
	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>learn about Scottish history</li> <li>visit the castle</li> <li>eat traditional food</li> </ul> <p>Any 2 from 3</p>	2		
	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>new golf courses</li> <li>indoor swimming pool</li> </ul>	2		
	(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Highlands are only a few hours away by car</li> <li>the air is very clean</li> </ul>	2		
	(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do you plan to stay in a hotel?</li> <li>have you been here before?</li> </ul>	2	Do you plan to stay in a bar Do you plan to drink alcohol	

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]