# **Chinese**

**Advanced Subsidiary Unit 1: Spoken Expression and Response in Chinese (Invigilator Version)** 

Summer 2012

Paper Reference

6CN01

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#### **Instructions to the Invigilator**

- Candidates must be allowed 15 minutes of preparation time.
- The preparation time must be immediately prior to the examination.
- The preparation time must be used to study the stimulus.
- Candidates can make notes. This can be up to a maximum of one side of A4 paper.
- Candidates must not write on the stimuli.
- Candidates must not have access to a dictionary, or other resource, during the preparation time.
- Any notes made during the preparation time must be kept by the centre until the release of results.

#### **Sequence of oral tests**

- To avoid duplication of stimuli, candidates must be given the cards in the sequence and combination prescribed below.
- If you conduct more than 16 tests in a day, e.g. in the morning, afternoon and evening sessions, after the 16th candidate start at the beginning of the sequence again.
- If you are conducting tests on more than one day, start each new day at the beginning of the sequence.

Candidate	Stimulus
1	4
2	5
3	1
4	7
5	4
6	2
7	6
8	8
9	3
10	5
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#### **Stimulus 2: Chinese Martial Arts**



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#### **TOPIC AREA: FOOD, DIET AND HEALTH**

#### **Stimulus 3: Healthy food**



People are living longer and longer nowadays. Some people live to over 100 years old and some are still working at 70.

Eating healthily and doing exercise are important for a healthy life. Some people believe that eating less can help you to keep fit. Doctors say that the best way to lose weight is to exercise more, eat more fruit and vegetables and less fast food.

People need to learn healthy eating habits when they are young. Parents and schools should help them by providing healthy meals.

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- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- What do you eat on a typical day?
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**TOPIC AREA: FOOD, DIET AND HEALTH** 

Stimulus 4: Midday nap



A proper sleep is important to one's health. If people do not get enough sleep, they feel tired and unhappy and cannot concentrate on work and study.

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In the middle of the day, people often feel sleepy after lunch. In many countries where the weather is hot, people will take a nap at this time. In China, students are encouraged to have a rest at their desk, for 10 to 30 minutes.

#### **Glossary:**

Midday nap: 午睡 午睡

#### **Guidance**

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- Do you think it is a good idea to have a midday nap? Give reasons.
- How do you stay alert and concentrate when you are tired?
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#### **TOPIC AREA: TRANSPORT, TRAVEL AND TOURISM**

#### **Stimulus 5: Budget airlines**



More and more people choose to use low-cost airlines to travel to other European cities or even Asia. Most flights are direct and cheap.

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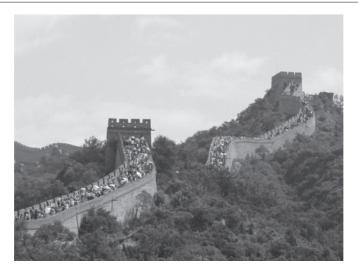
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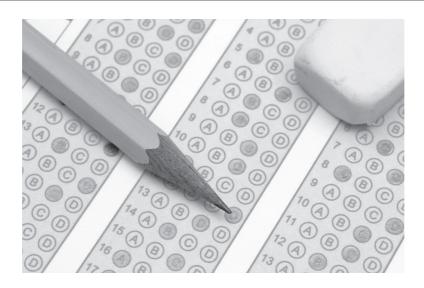
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#### **TOPIC AREA: EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

#### Stimulus 7: A\* at A-level exams



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Because so many students get A grade some famous universities now use A\* to choose students. Students who want to go to the best universities need to work harder to get an A\*.

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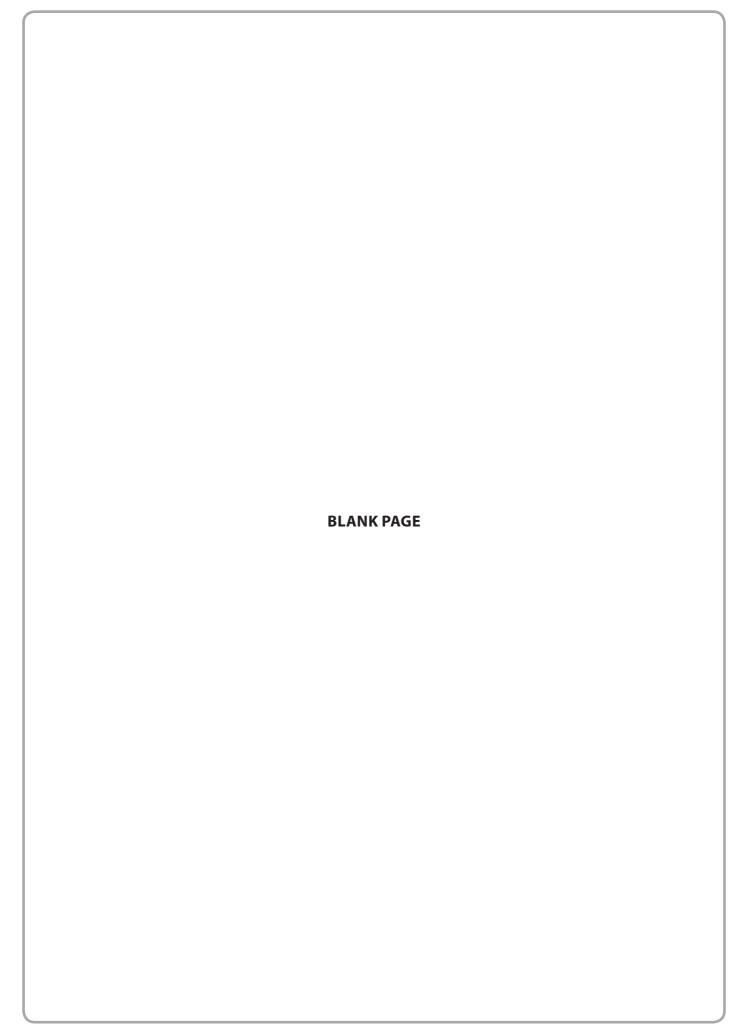
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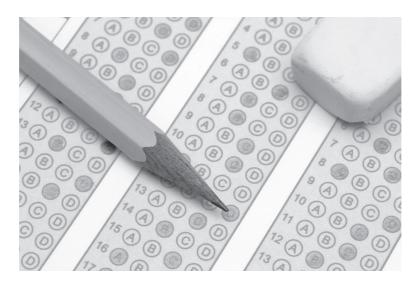






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