



BOARD OF STUDIES
NEW SOUTH WALES

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

1999

CHINESE

2/3 UNIT (COMMON)

SPEAKING SKILLS

(20 Marks)

Time allowed—Approximately 15 minutes
(Plus 15 minutes preparation time)

DIRECTIONS TO TEACHER/EXAMINER AND CANDIDATES

- Candidates will have 15 minutes to read and prepare all questions.
- Candidates may make written notes during the preparation time, but may NOT consult them during the recording.
- Attempt ALL questions.
- Candidates must state their Student Number, Centre Number and the number of each question attempted.
- Question 1 Reading from Pinyin (4 marks)
- Question 2 Talk on a Prepared Topic (7 marks)
Choose ONE of the five topics, and respond in Modern Standard Chinese.
Your answer must contain at least FIVE sentences.
- Question 3 Situations (9 marks)
Record your responses to the THREE situations in Modern Standard Chinese.

TEACHER/EXAMINER AND CANDIDATE'S COPY

QUESTION 1 (4 marks)

Read the following passage onto the cassette.

Wǒ shì yì ge lǎo-Běijīng. Suǒyǐ wǒ juéde Běijīng huà zuì hǎotīng. Búguò, xiànzài yǐjīng méiyǒu duōshǎo Běijīng rén néng shuō zhēnzhèng de Běijīng huà le. Yīnwéi xiànzài de xīn Běijīng bǐ yuánlái de jiù Běijīng dà le hěnduō. Érqǐě hěnduō zhùzài Běijīng de rén shì cóng bùtóng de dìfāng lái de. Suǒyǐ, hěnduō Běijīng rén shuōde shíjìshàng shì pǔtōnghuà. Yǒu de shíhòu wǒ tīngjiàn yìxiē lǎoniánrén shuō zhēnzhèng de Běijīng huà, gǎndào tèbié de qīnqè.

QUESTION 2 (7 marks)

Choose ONE of the following topics, and record your response on the cassette. Your answer MUST be in Chinese, and MUST contain at least FIVE sentences.

- (a) Which country would you like to visit in your holidays? Give reasons for your choice.
- (b) What do you consider to be some of the advantages and disadvantages of learning Chinese?
- (c) What are some reasons you could give for breaking an appointment?
- (d) Which is your favourite Chinese festival? Why?

Simplified characters:

- (a) 你喜欢到哪个国家度假？为什么？
- (b) 在你看来，学中文有什么好的和不好的地方？
- (c) 你不能去朋友的约会。说一说理由。
- (d) 你喜欢哪一个中国的传统节日？为什么？

Full characters:

- (a) 你喜歡到哪個國家度假？為甚麼？
- (b) 在你看來，學中文有甚麼好的和不好的地方？
- (c) 你不能去朋友的約會。說一說理由。
- (d) 你喜歡哪一個中國的傳統節日？為甚麼？

QUESTION 3 (9 marks)

Using the cues given, respond in CHINESE to the three situations described below. All THREE situations must be completed. Candidates must NOT have long pauses between situations.

(a) Entertainment

- Say that you went with a friend to see a movie last Friday.
- Say that you had been looking forward to seeing a movie.
- Say that you really enjoyed the movie.

(b) Shopping

- Say that today is Saturday and you did NOT go to school.
- Say that you went to buy a gift for your best friend.
- Say that you are happy with what you bought.

(c) Losing something

- Say that you have lost your wallet.
- Say that you do NOT have any money for a bus ticket to get home.
- Say that you have to ring your parents to come and pick you up.

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