

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

2000

CHINESE

3 UNIT (ADDITIONAL)

(30 Marks)

Time allowed — One hour (*Plus 5 minutes reading time*)

DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Print Chinese–English/English–Chinese dictionaries may be used.
- Attempt BOTH questions.
- Answer each question in a SEPARATE Writing Booklet.

QUESTION 1 Reading Comprehension (12 marks)

Read the passage below, then answer the questions on the following page. Answers may be written in EITHER English OR Chinese.

Simplified characters:

世界上有不少国家出现了经济衰退。许多公司企业的产品卖不出去。这样他们就不得不<u>解雇工人。在加拿大,有一百五十多万人失业</u>,已经是全体<u>劳动力</u>的百分之十。许多人都在想,有什么方法可以减少失业人口呢?

最近,<u>蒙特利尔</u>市的一家大公司使用了一种新的方法。他们决定让每个工人一星期只工作四天,这样就可以不用解雇工人了。工人们也都同意这个决定。

现在,越来越多的加拿大人愿意每星期只工作四天,以减少失业人数。一些 经济学家也说: "我们的生产已经比<u>消费水平</u>大得太多。减少工作时间就可以 使更多的人有工作。"

每星期只工作四天使人们对生活也有了新的看法。他们有更多的时间和家里人、 和孩子们在一起,可以去公园玩儿,也可以追求一些新的生活爱好。他们开始 问自己一个问题:人活着是为了什么?为了生活?还是为了工作?

经济衰退	economic slowdown	蒙特利尔	Montreal
公司企业	business	决定	to decide; decision
产品	goods, products	愿意	to be willing
解雇	to sack	经济学家	economists
失业	unemployed, out of work	消费水平	consumption
劳动力	workforce	追求	to pursue
减少	to reduce		

QUESTION 1 (Continued)

Full characters:

世界上有不少國家出現了經濟衰退。許多公司企業的產品賣不出去。這樣他們 就不得不<u>解雇</u>工人。在加拿大,有一百五十多萬人<u>失業</u>,已經是全體<u>勞動力</u>的 百分之十。許多人都在想,有什麼方法可以減少失業人口呢?

最近,<u>蒙特利爾</u>市的一家大公司使用了一種新的方法。他們<u>決定</u>讓每個工人一 星期祇工作四天,這樣就可以不用解雇工人了。工人們也都同意這個決定。

現在,越來越多的加拿大人<u>願意</u>每星期祇工作四天,以減少失業人數。一些 經濟學家也說: "我們的生產已經比<u>消費水平</u>大得太多。減少工作時間就可以 使更多的人有工作。"

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- (a) To what does the 10% in the text refer?
- (b) (i) What decision did the Montreal Company come to recently?
 - (ii) Why?
- (c) How did the workers react to this decision?
- (d) What question has this new situation raised in people's minds? Give deatils.

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QUESTION 2 Writing Skills (18 marks)

Write in CHINESE on TWO of the following topics. Each topic is of equal value. Each of your answers should contain about 100 characters. You may use EITHER simplified OR full characters, OR a mixture of the two.

- (a) Australia is a truly multicultural country. However, if you were a newly arrived student from China you would probably experience culture shock. Describe some things that such students might find strange or difficult in Australia.
- (b) As a non-background speaker, give your reasons for learning Chinese.
- (c) What is your favourite novel? Give reasons.
- (d) Write out a plan for a trip you would like to take in the coming holidays after you have finished the HSC.
- (e) Write a short story beginning with the words "有一天, ···".
- (f) Write a report for the police describing a robbery that you experienced last night.

End of paper