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General Overview

This listening paper counted as 25% of the qualification.

The listening was assessed through an examination paper which lasted for 40 minutes, with an extra 5 minutes of reading time. The total mark for the paper was 50.

Both Cantonese and Mandarin options were available. The paper was set and marked by Edexcel.

The examination covers a range of topic areas as follows:

- home and abroad
- education and employment
- house, home and daily routines
- the modern world and the environment
- social activities, fitness and health

Students were required to listen to a range of factual and non-factual material of varying lengths, in different contexts and in different registers.

The extracts increased in length. The first passages were the shortest and were tested through non-verbal responses, such as ticked boxes or matching exercises. Subsequent passages were tested through a range of question types, both verbal and non-verbal.

Questions 1, 2, 3, 6, 8

These were picture-based box-ticking questions. Q1, Q2 and Q3 were short sentences and Q6, Q8 were longer and more complicated. Very few students failed to identify the correct information and lost marks in these questions.

Questions 4, 5, 7, 9

These were multiple-choice questions with verbal content. Students were required to listen to a range of factual and non-factual material of varying lengths, in different contexts, read questions and make some choices in Chinese, selecting the correct answers accordingly. The majority of students managed these questions well.

Question 10

This question was set in the target language and required answers in Chinese characters; the full mark was 7.

This was the most challenging question of this. Students were required to quickly identify relevant and accurate information from the densely compacted extract, and provided answers in a correct written form.

The majority of students secured 2 or more marks in this question from 10(ii) 英语/法语 and 10(vi) 十六岁.

The students with good language ability also scored well for 10(iii) 中文学校, 10(iv) 说话 and 10(v) (用电脑)打字.

The strongest students managed to score well in 10(i) 银行 and 10(vi).

10(vii) required the ability to identify the most relevant information and provide accurate, lengthy answers. The correct answer was '天天听, 天天说, 有问题就问' or '住在中国人/中国老爷爷家'.

Students who scored highly in this exam not only had good listening comprehension skills but were also able to write Chinese characters accurately.

This is the last exam for the current specification. Centres and teachers need to study the new specification and prepare the listening exam accordingly.

Grade Boundaries

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