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## **Introduction**

The paper is in two sections: section A, reading comprehension, worth 43 marks, and section B, translation, worth 7 marks. The total marks on the paper is 50. The time allowed for the examination is 50 minutes. The skill of translation was tested for the first time in this new specification in 2019.

## **Question 1**

Students were required to match the names of people to their favourite things. Most students had little difficulty with (c), football. The words related to technology, such as internet in (b) and emails in (e) proved harder for some students.

## **Question 2**

Students were required to complete information about a sports centre choosing words from those supplied. Most students were able to choose the number 7 for (c) and tennis for (d). Some students erroneously chose 'party' for (e).

## **Question 3**

Students were required to write short answers in English in response to comprehension questions, by reading and advert about an overseas tour. The name of the country in (a) (i) was the easiest. Some students were unable to pick out the characters for 'Shanghai' for (a) (iii). In part (b), many students were able to pick out 'museum' or 'art gallery' for (i), but answering what could be done in London for (ii) was harder.

## **Question 4**

Students were required to answer a multiple choice question based on a short story. In this set of questions, (d) was the easiest with parts (b) and (c) harder.

## **Question 5**

Students were required to answer short questions in English about travel arrangements for an incoming visitor. (b) was generally well answered, with most students able to state '30 minutes'. In (a), some students failed to score the mark as they wrote 'Shanghai'.

### **Question 6**

Students were required to answer multiple choice questions about a local area. Many students were able to answer (a) and (d) correctly.

Presumably the characters for 'jogging' and 'cinema' were very familiar, although surprisingly, fewer seemed to know 'zoo' for (e).

### **Question 7**

Students were required to complete statements about Dongdong's letter by choosing the correct word from a given set. Most students were able to pick out 'grandmother' for (a) and 'engineer' for (e). (b) caused more confusion, with students erroneously choosing restaurant or even university.

### **Question 8**

Students were required to write answers in English to comprehension questions, having read a literary text about hobbies. Students generally found this text to be challenging. In (a), many students simply stated that the writer was busy, and failed to mention that she was busy with her work. In (b), students were often able to pick out the number 100, but missed the subtlety that it was more than 100.

### **Question 9**

Students were required to match the names of the continents with the tourist activities one could do there. Most students found (c) about the Olympic Games to be relatively easy. Some students appeared to struggle to read the names of the continents, and they would have been helped by knowing that the list of continents given in English appears in the same order as the Chinese appears in the chart.

### **Question 10**

Students were required to translate a short passage introducing a family from Chinese into English. Most students were able to translate the first sentence, that there are 4 family members. The second sentence about the mother and father's work proved harder. Many students were able to pick out 'elder brother' and 'Beijing' in the third sentence, although some missed the fact that the elder brother was studying in Beijing.