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This year the summer series was cancelled again due to Covid-19 pandemic. The autumn series is the third examination since the new GCSE syllabus was introduced. We have a small cohort who took the examination compared to the last two years.

This year's question 1 (a) and (b) are both accessible for candidates of different abilities. There are more candidates choosing Question 1 (a) over Question 1 (b). For question 1 (a), most candidates write well for the four bullet points. Candidates have shown better understanding of the questions' format compared with the previous years.

For Question 2, both questions prove to be accessible for candidates, almost equal numbers of candidates either choose (a) or (b). Some candidates are successful in writing for all four bullet points, but for (a), some candidates miss bullet point 2, giving "an example of when you used a foreign language outside school." For (b), most candidates manage to answer all four bullet points.

For Question 3, many candidates performed well for this translation task, which theme is "Chinese New Year". This is a familiar theme for candidates, but there is still a small number of candidates only translate it as "新年" rather than "中国新年" or "春节". Some candidates could not translate "给我买新衣服". Some candidates mix up "饺子" and "包子".

Despite of the disruptions of Covid-19, candidates in this small cohort performed well in general in this series

