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After two years' cancellations, candidates have the opportunity to take the examination this year. Candidates and centres have received the Advance Notice for writing tasks, which have helped with the preparation. In general, candidates performed well across all four questions in this paper.


Q01 This question asks candidates to describe the picture and give opinions on socialising with friends and family. Candidates can give some information about the picture, eg "there are a lot people", "they are in a restaurant" and "they are eating and drinking with family and friends", etc.

This candidate managed to give some information about the picture and also simple information about socialising with family and friends. It is given 5 marks for CC and 4 for KL.

SIMPLIFIED CHARACTERS

Free time

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You post this photo on social media to tell your friends about your trip to China.
Describe the photo and give your opinion of socialising with friends and family.
Write approximately 20–30 characters in Chinese.

朋友
月月有 (12)

照	片	里	有	很	多	人	。	他	们	名	吃	朋	友	又	11
一	起	吃	。	我	觉	得	朋	友	和	家	人	一	起	很	30
有	趣	。													41

(Total for Question 1 = 12 marks)

Q02, Because of the interruption of Covid, this year, this question offers candidates two options from which they choose one to answer. Q02 (a) is about local areas and (b) is about schools. They both proved to be accessible for candidates.

Example one:

This candidate used simple language but gave sufficient information to cover all four bullet points. There were mistakes in language, but the sentences were linked together and correct time frames were used. It is given 7 for CC and 7 for KL.

Q03 is an overlap question with the higher tier. Candidates can choose one of the two options to write. Both question topics relate well to candidates' life.

Example one:

Cultural life

3 (a) Your Chinese friend, Da Ming, has written to ask about young people's lives in the UK.
Write a reply to Da Ming.

You **must** refer to the following points:

- a film you watched recently
- your opinion about watching films online
- your reading habits
- your plans for next weekend.

Write approximately 80–110 characters in **Chinese**.
Use language appropriate for an **informal** email.

Handwritten notes above the text: 看电影, 在网上, 看书, 周末, 和朋友, 吃饭, 计划, 下个星期六, 去中国, 看电影, 在网上, 看书, 明天, 想, 看, 书, 很, 喜欢, 看, 书, 因为, 我的, 妈妈, 非常, 喜欢, 看, 书, 她, 是, 英, 文, 老, 师, 去, 中, 国, 下个星期六, 我, 和, 朋, 友, 一, 起, 想, 吃, 饭, 因为, 我, 和, 朋, 友, 非, 常, 喜, 欢, 吃, 饭.

Handwritten notes to the right: 20

Handwritten notes below the grid: 你好! 了 明 达明 (20)

上	个	星	期	一	我	人	点	看	Harry Potter	因	为	我	认	15	
为	Harry Potter	很	好	看	我	认	为	看	电	景	在	网	上	30	
好	因	为	看	电	影	网	上	很	难		用			45	
不		我	常	常	看	书	我	明	天	想	看	书	我	很	60
喜	欢	看	书	因	为	我	的	妈	妈	非	常	喜	欢	看	75
书	她	是	英	文	老	师			去	中	国	看	电	影	90
下	个	星	期	六	我	和	朋	友	一	起	想	吃	饭	105	
因	为	我	和	朋	友	非	常	喜	欢	吃	饭			120	

This candidate covered four bullet points with some success, which is given 10 for CC and 6 for KL.

Example two:

If you choose Question 3(b) put a cross in the box .

Holidays

3 (b) A magazine wants to know about young people's opinions on holidays.

Write an article for the magazine.

You **must** refer to the following points:

- what you did on your last holiday
- describe the journey
- your opinion about going on holiday with friends
- where you would like to go on your next holiday.

Write approximately 80–110 characters in **Chinese**.

Use language appropriate for an **informal** article.

(20)

上	月	我	去	度	假	我	去	中	国	我	和	朋	友	坐	15
飞	机	我	们	觉	得	飞	机	很	好	我	们	去	海	边	30
物	园	看	画	他	们	很	好	看	我	觉	得	晶	女	45	
去	度	假	很	好	玩	儿	因	为	很	有	意	心	我	想	60
去	法	国	因	为	很	好	玩								75
															90
															105
															120

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

This candidate mentioned about the last holiday, but time frames used were not very clear, also some repetition in the language used overall. It is given 7 for CC and 4 for KL.

Q04 is translation question. Candidates performed well with the first four sentences, but less well for the last sentence. Candidate can write “漂亮” or “美丽”, but less confident in writing “买” and “自行车”.

Based on their performance this year, candidates should aim to access more marks in the picture question by both describing the picture and also giving opinions required. Candidate should also consolidate their knowledge of tenses/time frames in Chinese, avoiding mis-written characters.