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This was the second examination for Edexcel International GCSE in Chinese (4CN0).

The listening paper was assessed through an examination paper which lasted for 30 minutes, with an extra 5 minutes of reading time. The total mark for the paper was 30.

Candidates' achievements were excellent in most of the questions set.

Questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 proved to be accessible to almost all candidates, showing that candidates had been appropriately entered for the correct level of exam. Candidates were properly trained on a wide variety of topics with a good understanding of relevant vocabulary.

Question 6 required responses to be written in Chinese characters and proved to be a challenge to some candidates. This question enabled the best discrimination between candidates. There was evidence to show that some of the candidates understood the questions but were unable to respond correctly in Chinese characters. Candidates who aim at an A grade should make sure that they are familiar with the writing of basic daily vocabulary and are able to write Chinese characters in accurate and correct forms.

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