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NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2012

MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED)

INTERMEDIATE 2

Reading



TUESDAY, 29 MAY  
9.00 AM – 10.10 AM

**X256/11/01**

**Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.**

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When you are told to do so, open your paper and write your answers **in English** in the spaces provided.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

A Word List has been provided on a separate sheet and has been inserted inside the front cover of this paper.

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1. When you are in China, you come across some articles in a daily newspaper.

The first article is about “Tao Hua Xiao Mei”, a TV soap.

陈桃花是一个中学生，她不但喜欢运动，还爱弹钢琴。因为她是陈家唯一的女孩，所以五个哥哥特别疼爱她。可是现在陈桃花有了一个男朋友，好故事也就开始了。

四月九日晚上十一点开播，请记得收看！



- (a) The main character in this soap is Chen Taohua. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

	True	False
Chen Taohua is a university student.		
She likes sport, and she likes playing the piano too.		
She has five younger brothers.		

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- (b) Why is she spoilt at home? Tick (✓) the correct box.

She is the only daughter in the family.	
She is the favourite child in the family.	
She is the smartest child in the family.	

1



2. You read an interesting advertisement about a very special summer camp.

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## 《大熊猫》夏令营

- 想与美丽的熊猫成为朋友吗?
- 想帮助动物, 做环保卫士吗?

快报名参加快乐夏令营吧!

你有机会认识更多的好朋友, 也可以学习到团队合作的技巧。

营费: 1200 元

住宿: 自己搭建帐篷



- (a) The advertisement begins with two questions.

- (i) How are pandas described in the first question? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

rare

☐

beautiful

☐

adorable

1

- (ii) Complete the second question:

Would you like to \_\_\_\_\_, and be a guardian of the environment?

1

- (b) Children can benefit from attending this summer camp. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

	True	False
They can make more friends.		
They can learn to be more independent.		

2

- (c) What does the advertisement say about the type of accommodation on offer? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

Tents

☐

Hotels

☐

Log cabins

1



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3. There is another article about a day in the life of the Olympian, Chris Hoy.

## 我的一天

我每天早上七点起床, 我的早餐通常有咖啡, 果汁和香蕉。

训练时间是早上十点到下午五点半。训练以后, 我回家洗澡, 休息。我常常自己一个人吃晚饭, 看电视。

晚上十一点左右, 我会在床上先听一会儿音乐, 然后才睡觉。

我的胜利归功于平时的训练。



- (a) What does Chris Hoy have for breakfast? Complete the sentence.

For my breakfast I have coffee, \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

2

- (b) What time does he train? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐ From 7.00 am to 10.30 am

☐ From 10.00 am to 5.30 pm

☐ From 9.00 am to 3.30 pm

☐ From 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

1

- (c) After his training, there are some things he often does on his own. One activity is listed below. Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐ He plays computer games.

☐ He goes shopping.

☐ He goes for a walk.

☐ He watches TV.

1



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*Marks*

**3. (continued)**

(d) What does he generally do just before he goes to sleep?

\_\_\_\_\_ **1**

(e) What helped him to victory?

\_\_\_\_\_ **1**

**[Turn over**



4. You find this article when you are surfing the Internet. The article contains the views of families in western countries and those in China. Opinions relate to the experience of young people and the issues of growing up.

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西方的小家庭和中国的大家庭



### 西方家庭

在西方，中学生除了学习英文、历史、数学等‘传统’科目以外，他们还可以学习汽车维修、电脑和产品设计等新式科目。很多父母认为，孩子应该从小就学习独立生活。在家里，很多父母也鼓励他们的孩子们去打工，自己赚零用钱，同时还能获得工作经验。所以很多年轻人，十八岁以后就会从家里搬出去自己住。他们的父母老了或生病的时候，常常会觉得很孤单。

### 中国家庭

在中国，年轻人开始独立生活的时间比西方的年轻人晚得多，中国年轻人常常是在结婚以后才会离开他们的父母，这和西方年轻人很不一样。可是，现在在中国农村，三代同堂的家庭还是很多，非常热闹。在这样的大家庭里，年轻人出去工作赚钱，老人们在家庭里做家事，也帮忙照顾孙子、孙女。现在，虽然越来越多的年轻人喜欢自己住，但是他们在周末和假日的时候，还是会回父母的家里吃饭，也经常带父母去旅游。



## 4. (continued)

## Western family

- (a) In the West, the article refers to “traditional” type school subjects and “modern” subjects. Give **one** “traditional” and **one** “modern” type subject mentioned.

Traditional	
Modern	

2

- (b) The article contains opinions of parents.

- (i) What do the children need to do to become independent?

1

- (ii) What advantages do children gain from this? Mention **two** things.

2

- (c) According to the article, when do many young people start to leave home?

1

- (d) After their children leave home, parents sometimes are lonely. Give **two** specific examples of when this happens.

2

## Chinese family

- (e) What comparison does the writer make between young Chinese people and young people in the West? Mention **two** things.

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[Turn over for Question 4(f) to (h) on Page eight]



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Marks

## 4. (continued)

- (f) Nowadays, in which part of the country are you most likely to see three generations living together in China?

\_\_\_\_\_ 1

- (g) What do grandparents do during the day in a large Chinese family? Mention **two** things.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2

- (h) What do young Chinese people do with their parents at weekends and holidays, when the children have left home? Mention **two** things.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2

**Total (30)**

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]



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## 2012 Mandarin (Simplified) Intermediate 2 Reading

### Word List

#### Question 1

疼爱	spoil
故事	story
记得	remember

#### Question 2

夏令营	summer camp
成为	to become
环保	environmental protection
报名	to register, to enrol
合作	cooperative

#### Question 3

训练	training
胜利	success, victory
归功于	give credit to
平时	usual

#### Question 4

维修	maintenance/repair
独立	independence/independent
鼓励	to encourage
获得	to gain
搬	to move
孤单	lonely
三代同堂	three generations living together
热闹	lively

[END OF WORD LIST]

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# MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED) INTERMEDIATE 2

## Listening



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When you are told to do so, open your paper.

You will hear three items in Mandarin. **Before you hear each item, you will have one minute to study the question.** You will hear each item three times, with an interval of one minute between playings, then you will have time to answer the questions about it before hearing the next item.

Write your answers, **in English**, in this book, in the appropriate spaces.

You may take notes as you are listening to the Mandarin, but only in this book.

You may **not** use a Chinese dictionary.

You are not allowed to leave the examination room until the end of the test.

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Gao Qiang comes over to meet Jia Ming at his school in Beijing. During lunch, they chat to one of the teachers at Jia Ming's school, Miss Wang.

1. Jia Ming talks about his life out of school.

(a) Where does he play tennis? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

park

☐

sports field

☐

school

1

(b) How good is his basketball? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

worse than his tennis

☐

the same as his tennis

☐

better than his tennis

1

(c) Where has he visited? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

North America

☐

Africa

☐

Europe

1

(d) When does he work in the library? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

Wednesday, 1.00 pm–6.00 pm

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Saturday, 1.00 pm–4.00 pm

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Monday, 4.00 pm–6.00 pm

1

(e) Jia Ming mentions two benefits of having a part-time job. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

	True	False
You get to meet other people.		
The work provides good training.		

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Marks

2. Miss Wang talks about how she spent her recent holiday with her mother.

(a) What did they do after arriving in Shanghai? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

- ☐ went to a restaurant
- ☐ visited a museum
- ☐ watched performance of singing and dancing
- ☐ watched Chinese martial arts performance

2

(b) What did they do in the evening? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ went to the cinema
- ☐ visited friends
- ☐ went for a walk

1

(c) When did they go shopping the following day? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ in the morning
- ☐ in the afternoon
- ☐ in the evening

1

(d) Miss Wang found shopping in Shanghai very expensive. What else does she say about it?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

(e) (i) What did she buy in Shanghai? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ a red scarf
- ☐ a red skirt
- ☐ a red jacket

1

(ii) What did her mother buy?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

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Marks

3. Gao Qiang talks about his life at school.

(a) In which area of Beijing is his school located?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

(b) How does he get to school? Mention **two** things.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2

(c) What does he say about the teachers in the school?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

(d) (i) What subject does he like the most?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

(ii) Why?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

(e) He talks about his future. What does he want to do?

\_\_\_\_\_

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MANDARIN  
(SIMPLIFIED)  
INTERMEDIATE 2  
Listening Transcript

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## Transcript—Intermediate 2

### Instructions to reader(s):

For each item, read the English **once**, then read the Mandarin (Simplified) **three times**, with an interval of 1 minute between the three readings. On completion of the third reading, pause for the length of time indicated in brackets after each item, to allow the candidates to write their answers.

Gao Qiang comes over to meet Jia Ming at his school in Beijing. During lunch, they chat to one of the teachers at Jia Ming's school, Miss Wang.

### Question number one.

Jia Ming talks about his life out of school.

**You now have one minute to study the question.**

我很喜欢运动。每个周末，要是不下雨，我就去公园跑步，或者去体育场打网球。除了网球以外，我也常常打篮球。可是我的篮球没有网球打得好。我还很喜欢旅行，我去过欧洲的很多国家。明年我想去台湾看看我的阿姨。因为去台湾的飞机票很贵，所以我每星期三，从下午一点到六点在图书馆里打工。兼职可以赚一点儿零用钱，也是一个很好的锻炼。

(2 minutes)

### Question number two.

Miss Wang talks about how she spent her recent holiday with her mother.

**You now have one minute to study the question.**

上个月我和妈妈去上海旅行。到了上海的当天，我们先去餐馆吃饭，接着去看歌舞表演。晚上去看我们的朋友。第二天早上，我们去了上海博物馆参观，下午去购物。上海的东西虽然很贵，可是样式都好看极了，所以我买了一件红上衣，妈妈买了一个手提包。晚上我们住在一个很有名的酒店。这次的旅行太有意思了！

(2 minutes)



**Question number three.**

Gao Qiang talks about his life at school.

**You now have one minute to study the question.**

我的学校是一个名校，在北京的郊区。有的时候我坐校车去上学，有的时候我妈妈开车送我去上学。我的同学们都很友好，可是老师们都很严厉。我每天要学习的科目很多，要做的作业也不少，我觉得真没意思。我最喜欢音乐课，因为老师说我唱歌唱得非常好。我将来想当一名老师。

*(2 minutes)*

**End of test.**

**Now look over your answers.**

*[END OF TRANSCRIPT]*

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NATIONAL  
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2012

TUESDAY, 29 MAY  
11.25 AM – 12.20 PM

MANDARIN  
(SIMPLIFIED)  
INTERMEDIATE 2  
Writing

20 marks are allocated to this paper.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.



You are preparing an application for the job advertised below.

### 书城网络咖啡店招聘服务员

- 懂电脑、能教顾客上网
- 会说英文和中文
- 认真、热心

时间：星期日上午十时下午三时

工资：每小时二十元

电话：021-62745454-1010

电子邮件：shuchengkafei@msn.com

来信请寄：中国上海市福州路 465 号

王经理

To help you to write your application, you have been given the following checklist of information to give about yourself and to ask about the job. Make sure you deal with **all** of these points:

- name, age, where you live
- leisure interests
- school/college career—subjects studied previously/being studied now
- reasons for application
- request for information about the job.

You could also include the following information:

- any previous links with China or a Chinese-speaking country
- work experience, if any.

You have also been given a way to start and finish this formal type of letter:

#### Formal opening to letter of application

王经理您好，

本人想申请贵公司招聘的.....

#### Formal finish to letter of application

..... 期盼早日收到您的回音。谢谢！

..... 此致

敬礼！

Use all of the above to help you write **in Chinese (Simplified)** the letter which should be 150–200 characters, excluding the formal phrases you have been given. You may use a Chinese dictionary.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]