



2009 Mandarin (Simplified)

Intermediate 1 – Reading

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Questions/Acceptable answers

You have been studying Chinese and would like to go to China to improve your skills.

1. You read this advertisement for a Chinese Summer School on the Internet.

Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

4 points

	True	False
The Chinese Summer School begins in September.		✓
It takes place at Xi'an Foreign Language School.	✓	
Tuition fees are 180 Yuan.		✓
The contact person is Secretary Lin.		✓

Unacceptable answers

Irrelevant/Insufficient

Questions/Acceptable answers

2. You check the summer school's website and find the arrangements for various activities during the study programme for week one.

Complete the details for each day's activity.

5 points

	Activities
Monday	• Learn <u>calligraphy</u> / <u>Chinese writing</u> in cultural centre
Tuesday	• Watch <u>Chinese films</u> / <u>movies</u> / <u>cinema</u>
Wednesday	• Watch <u>Chinese dance(s)</u> / <u>dancing</u>
Thursday	• Listen to <u>the</u> / <u>a concert</u>
Friday	• Whole day <u>shopping</u>

Unacceptable answers**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

music

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<p>3. You decide to go to the Summer School and choose to stay with a Chinese family. Your host partner, Jinshan, e-mails you.</p> <p>(a) Jinshan tells you about Xi'an. Mention any three details. 3 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Famous / well-known / old/historic / ancient city • (popular) tourist centre / tourist place • Situated in / at / near / the (middle area of) Yellow River (in China) • More than 6 million population • Biggest city in north west of China <p>(3 from 5)</p>		<p>In the heart of China</p>

Questions/Acceptable answers**Unacceptable answers****Irrelevant/Insufficient**

- (b) What is the weather like in Xi'an? Complete the grid. **2 points**

Summer	Hot / rainy
Winter	Windy

- (c) What does Jinshan say about autumn? Tick (✓) the correct box. **1 point**

- Autumn is rainy ☐
- Autumn is the best season to travel ☒
- Autumn has fewer tourists ☐

- (d) Jinshan tells you about the flat where he lives in Xi'an. Tick (✓) the **two** correct details. **2 points**

- Modern building ☐
- Near city centre ☒
- On the 6th floor ☒
- Above a shop ☐

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(e)	Where does his father work? Tick (✓) the correct box. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Train station <input type="checkbox"/> 	1 point	
(f)	Why is his mother looking forward to your visit? Complete the sentence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practise her <u>English</u> (with you) / speaking / learning <u>English</u> (with you) 	1 point Seeing you	Speaking to you (without mention of English)

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<p>4. Once you are in China, you decide to keep a blog. Here is an entry from it.</p> <p>(a) When was this diary written? 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Saturday,) <u>12th July 2008 / 12/07/08</u> <p>(b) How did you feel when you first arrived in Xi'an? 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excited <p>(c) What are the differences between Xi'an and your hometown? Mention three things. 3 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big / large / huge / massive (city) • Large population / lots of people / many people / more people • Most / the majority people ride bicycles / cycle 		

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(d) Apart from The Terracotta Army, what famous attractions have you visited? Mention two places.	2 points		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit museums 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack street / food market 			
(e) What food did you try in Xi'an? Mention two things.	2 points		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lamb / mutton 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dumplings 			
(f) You attended a Chinese wedding. What did the bride wear? Mention three details.	3 points		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Red</u> Chinese traditional costume / qipao 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Red) leather shoes 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Red) flowers (on her head) 			Headdress

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<p>(g) What did you see on a wall at the wedding? 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two / double “happiness” (characters) (written in red) / ‘happy’ 		
<p>(h) You have been in China for two weeks now. In what ways have you benefited? Mention three things. 3 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak better Chinese / language is better / improved Understand Chinese <u>culture</u> (better) Made (more) Chinese friends 		

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