



2009 Mandarin (Simplified)

Intermediate 2 – Reading

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Questions/Acceptable answers	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
1. You are planning to go to China next year. You receive an e-mail from your host partner, Dashan.		
(a) Dashan mentions his parents' occupations.		
(i) What job does his father do? Tick (✓) the correct box.		
• Teacher <input type="checkbox"/>		
• Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
• Doctor <input type="checkbox"/>		
(ii) What job does his mother do? Tick (✓) the correct box.		
• Lawyer <input type="checkbox"/>		
• Writer <input type="checkbox"/>		
• Artist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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<p>(b) What has Dashan's father planned for your visit? Tick (✓) the two correct boxes.</p> <p>2 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take you to his office <input type="checkbox"/> • Pick you up from the airport <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Take you on a tour of the city <input type="checkbox"/> • Take you for lunch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 		
<p>(c) Where will Dashan's mother drive you at the weekend?</p> <p>1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake area / side / lake 		

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<p>2. Before you leave, Dashan e-mails you some information about the school year in China.</p> <p>(a) When does the first term begin and end? Complete the sentence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins on <u>1st of September</u> and finishes at the end of <u>January</u> / <u>the first month of</u> following year <p>(b) Give details of:</p> <p>(i) winter holidays;</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four weeks <p>(ii) summer holidays.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Longer</u> than the winter holidays <u>Nearly</u> / <u>about</u> / <u>approx.</u> two months <p>(c) What statement does Dashan make at the end of this e-mail?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'm working hard / putting in effort for <u>the exam</u> (in June) 		

Questions/Acceptable answers

3. You receive this e-mail from Dashan, reminding you about the visa application for China.

- (a) Complete the information given for each of the documents below.

3 points

Document	Information
• Passport	• (at least) 6 months
• Application Form	• by the website / internet / download etc
• Photos	• two inches

- (b) What advice is given about how to submit the visa application? Complete the sentences.

2 points

- You cannot post / mail your application form
- Applications can be submitted by the applicant, 'someone else' / 'other people' / 'another person' or 'travel agent' / 'agency'

Unacceptable answers**Irrelevant/Insufficient**

Another traveller

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<p>4. When you get to China, you read the following article in a magazine.</p>		
<p>(a) According to the text, what has McDonald's done in Beijing?</p> <p>1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened a branch in Beijing / recruiting new staff / job opportunities / opened (a) shop(s) / store(s) / restaurant(s) 		
<p>(b) What kind of employment do they offer?</p> <p>1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (waiter / serving staff) full time and part time 		
<p>Ms Zhang</p>		
<p>(c) When did Ms Zhang start working in the factory?</p> <p>1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After leaving / graduating (from school) 		
<p>(d) What did she not like about her job in the factory? Mention two things.</p> <p>2 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too simple / boring / monotonous / dull The wages / salary was not generous / high / less salary / Pay was not good (enough) 		

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<p>(e) Why does she want to work in McDonald's?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge herself / it's a challenge / give herself a challenge 	1 point		
<p>(f) Why is her work physically tiring? Mention two things.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work is intense / hectic Work at a fast pace (during busy period / rush hour) No break time (during the busy period/rush hour) / no time for breaks She works 6 days a week <u>from 6:30pm-10:30pm</u> 	2 points		
(2 from 4)			
<p>(g) How does she feel now? Mention one thing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She's (more) confident / she's happy 	1 point		

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Ms Wang		
<p>(h) What does Ms Wang do apart from working in McDonald's? 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A <u>university</u> student studying <u>English</u> 		
<p>(i) What reasons does she give for working in McDonald's? 2 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the society / community • Gain (work) experience / good work experience 		
<p>(j) She gained skills in this job that she could not learn at school. Give two examples. 2 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate (with customers) • Cooperate <u>with colleagues</u> / team work / work in / as a team 		Understand colleagues

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(k)	What comment does she make at the end? • (Although she won't work too long in McDonald's) it's a <u>valuable</u> / <u>good</u> experience			

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