

2024 HSC Chinese Beginners Marking Guidelines

Section I — Listening

Question 1

Criteria	Marks
• Identifies why Longlong cannot go to the park with Meimei	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Longlong cannot go to the park with Meimei because he is going to buy birthday presents for his father at a bookstore.

Question 2

Criteria	Marks
• Identifies Xiaohong's suggestions	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Xiaohong suggested that they study in the library, then clothes shopping later together.

Question 3

Criteria	Marks
• Identifies what Shanshan and Mingming will do	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Shanshan and Mingming will go swimming and play basketball.

Question 4

Criteria	Marks
• Explains why Dawei disagrees with his father	2
• Provide some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Dawei does not want to study every day. He wants to work in his part-time job and talk to people.

Question 5

Criteria	Marks
• Demonstrates a sound understanding of why Dali will not get this job with detailed reference to the text	3
• Demonstrates some understanding of why Dali will not get this job with some reference to the text	2
• Provide some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Dali will not get the job because he does not have the skills needed for the job. They want a person who can speak Chinese, sing and play guitar. Dali speaks Chinese but cannot sing or play guitar.

Question 6

Criteria	Marks
• Explains why Lily wants to change subjects next year with detailed reference to the text	3
• Explains why Lily wants to change subjects next year with some reference to the text	2
• Provide some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Lily wants to change subject from biology to history because she likes history better and only received 50 marks in biology exam. She also mentions that all her friends are studying history next year and they say history is interesting.

Question 7

Criteria	Marks
• Completes the table with all the correct information	3
• Provides most of the correct information	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
8:00 am	English lesson
10:30 am	Art lesson
1:00 pm	Playing badminton
7:00 pm	Dinner at grandma's house

Question 8

Criteria	Marks
• Summarises concisely what students need to do after Mr Li's talk	4
• Summarises most of the main points made by Mr Li	3
• Shows some understanding of the text	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

- All students are to meet at school gate next Monday at 6 am
- Go to the airport together by bus
- Students need to bring winter clothes
- Notify parents of the teacher's mobile number.

Question 9

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a comprehensive explanation of how Mary's decision change during the conversation Justify with detailed reference to the text 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a thorough explanation of how Mary's decision change during the conversation Justify with reference to the text 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides some understanding of how Mary's decision change during the conversation 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides some relevant information 	1

Sample answer:

Mary first agrees to come to the party but then has doubts because there will be many people in a small house. She is happy again when told that they will be in the garden and will go to the beach and she really likes the beach. When she finds out the party is on Sunday she changes her mind and declines as she has plans with her boyfriend that day.

Question 10

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a comprehensive comparison of the speakers' work experience 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a thorough comparison of the speakers' work experience 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a sound comparison of the speakers' work experience 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides some comparison of the speakers' work experience 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides some relevant information 	1

Sample answer:

Both speakers work in a cafe, however, the female speaker works at a cafe that only takes her 5 minutes' walk and the male speaker needs to walk 40 minutes. The male speaker must wear the cafe's uniform where the female speaker can wear her own clothes. The male speaker's work also doesn't provide lunch and the female speaker's cafe provides free and delicious brunch. The female speaker finishes work at 5.30pm and the male speaker finishes at 2.30pm.

Section II — Reading

Question 11

Criteria	Marks
• Completes the table with all the correct information	2
• Provide some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

<i>Date</i>	7th March
<i>Place</i>	Assembly Hall
<i>What to bring</i>	Bring 10 dollars to the teacher

Question 12 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Identifies the correct answer	1

Sample answer:

A

Question 12 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Demonstrates a sound understanding of how Amy encourages Xiaozhou to change his mind	3
• Demonstrates some understanding of how Amy encourages Xiaozhou to change his mind	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Amy encourages Xiaozhou to continue to study Chinese study by saying that there are 30 people in the Chinese class, his 5th rank is good. Amy also encourages Xiaozhou by pointing out that Xiaozhou wants to become a doctor in the future, being able to speak Chinese will be very helpful. And Xiaozhou was sick and away from school for a month that's why he didn't get 1st place as he used to.

Question 13 (a)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies the correct location of the bus stop 	1

Sample answer:

B

Question 13 (b)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a sound explanation of what Xiaowang is most likely to do 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides some explanation of what Xiaowang is most likely to do 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides some relevant information 	1

Sample answer:

Xiaowang is most likely to drive to the city because even though it is expensive, it's convenient. Also, the bus is slow and the air quality is not good, and there is no train.

Question 14 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Identifies Tiantian's likely decision	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Tiantian is likely to decide to stay in Australia. Although he likes to study Chinese and to eat delicious food, Malaysia is hotter than Australia and he doesn't like hot weather.

Question 14 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the text	3
• Demonstrates some understanding of the text	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Xiaobei and Dongdong are likely to join Anna's proposed plan to Malaysia. Xiaobei is likely to join because the food in Malaysia is very delicious, and he thinks Malaysian people are friendly and they all speak Chinese in Malaysia. Dongdong is likely to join as he likes hot weather and the beautiful scenery. He also wants to learn Malaysian Chinese culture.

Question 15 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Provide a comprehensive description of the features of the new facility	3
• Provide a sound description of the features of the new facility	2
• Provide some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

The new facility is a new dog park. It's located on the left of the library. The new dog park is big, has lots of locations for dogs to drink water, and has a small swimming pool.

Question 15 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides a coherent comparison of Jamie's and Alice's views	5
• Provides a thorough comparison of Jamie's and Alice's views	4
• Provides some comparison of Jamie's and Alice's views	3
• Provides some comparison of the comments	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Jamie and Alice have different points of views on the new dog park. Jamie does not appreciate the location of the new dog park as it is not far from the library and it's noisy. It could be distracting for the students who study in the library. However, Alice has positive opinions, she thinks it's good to be able to socialise with friends and their dogs in the new dog park, which is also convenient for the dogs as they can swim there. Alice doesn't need to walk the dog in the morning anymore.

Question 16 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Explains the relationship of Huahua and Nana	2
• Provides some relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Huahua and Nana are good friends. They met last year playing at the tennis tournament in Melbourne representing their schools.

Question 16 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Explains why Huahua and Nana are having this discussion with detailed reference to the text	5
• Explains why Huahua and Nana are having this discussion with some reference to the text	4
• Explains why Huahua and Nana are having this discussion with limited reference to the text	3
• Provides some relevant information	2
• Provides relevant information	1

Sample answer:

Huahua and Nana are having this discussion because Huahua has different plans for her post high school life than her parents. She wishes to seek information from Nana for possibilities in Australia.

Huahua complains that Chinese university students don't have time to do sports, they have to study and do part-time job every day. Huahua says that she wants to go to Melbourne after Year 12 to play tennis tournaments. However, her parents hope Huahua will attend university in China.

Nana explains to Huahua here Year 12 Students in Australia can choose to not attend university. They can also choose to play sports, do part-time work and attend university simultaneously.

Section III — Writing in Chinese

Part A

Question 17

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicates ideas and information appropriate to audience, purpose and context Organises ideas and information Applies knowledge of vocabulary and language structures to the task 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicates with some awareness of audience, purpose and context Demonstrates some knowledge of vocabulary and language structures 	2–3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produces some comprehensible language related to the task 	1

Question 18

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicates ideas and information appropriate to audience, purpose and context Organises ideas and information coherently Applies knowledge of vocabulary and language structures to the task 	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicates with some awareness of audience, purpose and context Organises ideas and information with some coherence Demonstrates knowledge of vocabulary and language structures 	4–5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates some understanding of the requirements of the task Demonstrates some ability to organise information Demonstrates some knowledge of vocabulary and language structures 	2–3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produces some comprehensible language related to the task 	1

Section III — Writing in Chinese

Part B

Questions 19 and 20

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents ideas and information relevant to audience, purpose and context • Organises ideas and information coherently • Demonstrates control of a range of vocabulary and language structures 	9–10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents ideas and information mostly relevant to audience, purpose and context • Organises ideas and information with some coherence • Demonstrates knowledge of vocabulary and language structures 	7–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents some ideas and information relevant to audience, purpose and context • Demonstrates some ability to organise information • Demonstrates some knowledge of vocabulary and language structures 	5–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents some information relevant to the task • Demonstrates a basic knowledge of vocabulary and language structures 	3–4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produces some comprehensible language related to the task 	1–2

2024 HSC Chinese Beginners Mapping Grid

Oral Examination

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
	20	Conversation covering the candidate's personal world as it relates to the prescribed topics	H1.1, H1.2, H1.3

Written Examination

Section I — Listening

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
1	2	Family life, home and neighbourhood — phone message	H2.1
2	2	People, places and communities — face-to-face conversation	H2.1
3	2	Friends, recreation and pastimes — face-to-face conversation	H2.2
4	2	Education and work — face-to-face conversation	H2.5
5	3	Education and work — job interview	H2.4
6	3	Future plans and aspirations — face-to-face conversation	H2.4
7	3	Friends, recreation and pastimes — phone conversation	H2.2
8	4	Holidays, travel and tourism — announcement	H2.3
9	4	Family life, home and neighbourhood — face-to-face conversation	H2.4
10	5	Education and work — face-to-face conversation	H2.1

Section II — Reading

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
11	2	Friends, recreation and pastimes — notice	H2.2
12 (a)	1	Education and work — text message	H2.2
12 (b)	3	Education and work — text message	H2.1
13 (a)	1	People, places and communities — notice	H2.2
13 (b)	3	People, places and communities — notice	H2.4
14 (a)	2	Holidays, travel and tourism — online forum	H2.4
14 (b)	3	Holidays, travel and tourism — online forum	H2.4
15 (a)	3	Family life, home and neighbourhood — newspaper	H2.1
15 (b)	5	Family life, home and neighbour — newspaper	H2.4
16 (a)	2	Future plans and aspirations — email	H2.2
16 (b)	5	Future plans and aspirations — email	H2.5

Section III — Writing in Chinese

Part A

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
17	4	People, places and communities — Message	H3.1, H3.2, H3.3
18	6	Friends, recreation and pastimes — Email	H3.1, H3.2, H3.3

Section III — Writing in Chinese
Part B

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
19	10	Education and work — letter	H3.1, H3.2, H3.3
20	10	Holidays, travel and tourism — letter	H3.1, H3.2, H3.3