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Mandarin Chinese

Higher Level

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Instructions

There are **two** sections in this paper.

Section A	Reading	80 marks
Answer All questions – Question 1, Question 2, Question 3 AND Question 4		
Section B	Writing	80 marks
Answer TWO questions – Question 5 (a) or (b) or (c) AND Questions 6 (a) or (b) or (c).		

Where answers are required in Mandarin Chinese, simplified Chinese characters must be used.

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Section A**Reading****80 marks****Question 1**

Read the following notice board at a train station. Answer the questions in **English**.

出口 A	出口 B	出口 C
出租车站 – A1	<u>地铁</u> 站 – B1	公共汽车站 – C1
中心公园 – A2	医院 – B2	大学 – C2
水果店 – A3	超市 – B3	饭店 – C3
游泳馆 – A4	篮球场 – B4	图书馆 – C4
- 出口 B 晚上十点<u>关闭</u>。 - 水果店星期六和星期天不开门。		

Vocabulary: 关闭 = close, 地铁 = subway

(a) Fill out the table according to the notice board above.

Example: Which exit should one take for the park?	A2
(i) Which exit should one take for the bus?	
(ii) Which exit should one take for the hospital?	
(iii) Which exit should one take for the swimming pool?	
(iv) Which exit should one take for the library?	

(b) Indicate whether the following sentences are True or False by ticking (✓) the boxes.

		True	False
(i)	According to the notice board, one cannot go to the supermarket after 10pm.		
(ii)	One can go shopping at the fruit shop at weekends.		

Question 2

Read the flyer about the zoo below. Answer the questions in **English**.

动物园

开门时间:

星期一到星期五: 早上九点到晚上六点

星期六和星期天: 早上八点到晚上八点

* 每天最晚进入时间是晚上五点

活动:

1. 你想知道动物们吃什么吗? 星期三中午, 来看动物们吃午饭吧!
2. 这里的动物们叫什么名字? 它们的家在哪里? 它们喜欢什么天气?
它们喜欢做什么? 每天下午两点, 来动物园的学习中心, 我们告诉你!
3. 我们的动物园有很多宝藏。你能找到吗? 星期五下午三点,
到动物园的游乐场, 一起找宝藏!

门票:

一天

大人 (十六岁以上):	20 元
儿童 (三岁到十五岁):	10 元
小孩 (三岁以下):	0 元
老人 / 学生:	8 元
一家人 (最多五人):	35 元

一年 (十二个月)

大人:	180 元
老人 / 学生:	60 元
一家人 (最多五人):	350 元

Vocabulary: 动物园 = zoo, 进入 = to enter, 告诉 = to tell, 宝藏 = treasure, 找到 = to get

(a) Answer the following questions about the opening hours of the zoo.

(i) What is the earliest time one can enter the zoo on a Tuesday?

(ii) What is the latest time one can enter the zoo?

(b) Answer the following questions about the activities in the zoo.

(i) What day of the week can one see animals having their lunch?

(ii) There are four things tourists can learn about animals at the learning centre of the zoo. List **three** of them.

1.
2.
3.

(iii) Where in the zoo can tourists find the treasure? Answer this question in **Chinese**.

(c) Answer the following questions about the zoo tickets.

(i) What is the price of a student daily ticket?

(ii) A student wishes to visit the zoo with two of his adult family members. What is the cheapest daily ticket available for them?

(iii) How much is an annual zoo pass for a senior citizen?

Question 3

Read the following poem. Answer the questions in **English**.

昨天，小鸟飞在天上。

它看到白色的云。

晚上，小鸟做梦了。

它的梦是白色的。

今天，小鸟飞在树林里。

它看到绿色的树。

晚上，小鸟做梦了。

它的梦是绿色的。

明天，小鸟要飞到花园里。

花园里有红色的小花。

花园里有黄色的蜜蜂。

花园里有蓝色的小河。

晚上，小鸟会做梦吗？

它的梦是什么颜色？

是红色的？

是黄色的？

还是蓝色的？

Vocabulary: 云 = cloud, 梦 = dream, 蜜蜂 = bee

- (a) What was the colour of the little bird's dream yesterday? Why was the little bird's dream this colour?

Colour of the dream:
Reason:

- (b) What was the colour of the little bird's dream today? Why was the little bird's dream this colour?

Colour of the dream:
Reason:

- (c) According to the poem, what do you think the colour of the little bird's dream will be tomorrow? Give the reason for your answer.

Colour of the dream:
Reason:

- (d) The poem mentioned three locations. List **one** of them.

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- (e) Fill in the blanks in the table below. You will find the characters for the first column in the poem above.

Character in the letter (Answer in Chinese)	Meaning of the character (Answer in English)	Radical of the character (Answer in Chinese)	Meaning of the radical (Answer in English)
𠂔			
	Late/evening		
		丨	
			wood

Question 4

Read the following passage about the hot pot. Answer the questions in **English**.



北京火锅



重庆火锅



日本火锅



瑞士火锅

Hot Pot 的中文是火锅。人们喜欢吃火锅，因为火锅很有意思。吃火锅的时候，吃饭的人，也是做饭的人。自己想吃什么，火锅就煮什么。

中国的火锅有很多汤。在北京吃火锅，人们喜欢煮羊肉，特别是在冬天，因为天气很冷。北京的火锅先煮热水，然后煮羊肉，再煮一些蔬菜。重庆的火锅和北京的火锅不一样。人们喜欢吃辣的火锅。在重庆吃火锅，有牛肉和猪肉，可以吃很多蔬菜，也可以吃鱼。

日本有一种很有名的火锅，叫Sukiyaki。这种火锅有很少的汤。人们煮牛肉和蔬菜。煮好了，和生鸡蛋一起吃。瑞士有奶酪火锅，叫Fondue。这种火锅没有汤。人们煮酒和奶酪。吃火锅的时候，人们会吃面包。

Vocabulary: 煮 = to boil, 蔬菜 = vegetable, 辣 = spicy, 生鸡蛋 = raw egg, 奶酪 = cheese,

重庆 = Chongqing, a city in the southwest of China, 瑞士 = Switzerland

- (a) The author found the hot pot interesting for two reasons. Name **one** reason.

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- (b) What are the steps for making a hot pot in Beijing?

Step 1:
Step 2:
Step 3: add some vegetables to the soup

- (c) Indicate whether the following sentences are True or False by ticking (✓) the boxes.

		True	False
(i)	Chinese hot pot has very little soup.		
(ii)	The winter in Beijing is very cold.		
(iii)	People in Chongqing like to eat spicy hot pot.		
(iv)	People in Chongqing eat hot pot without fish.		

- (d) In which country, mentioned above, is the hot pot consumed with bread?

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Question 5

Answer part **(a)** **OR** **(b)** **OR** **(c)** in approximately **50 Chinese characters**.

- (a)** You left your watch at your friend Cian's place after a party. Write a short message asking him to bring it to school for you tomorrow. Include the following information.

- Where you think you left the watch
- What the watch looks like
- What Cian should do with the watch

OR

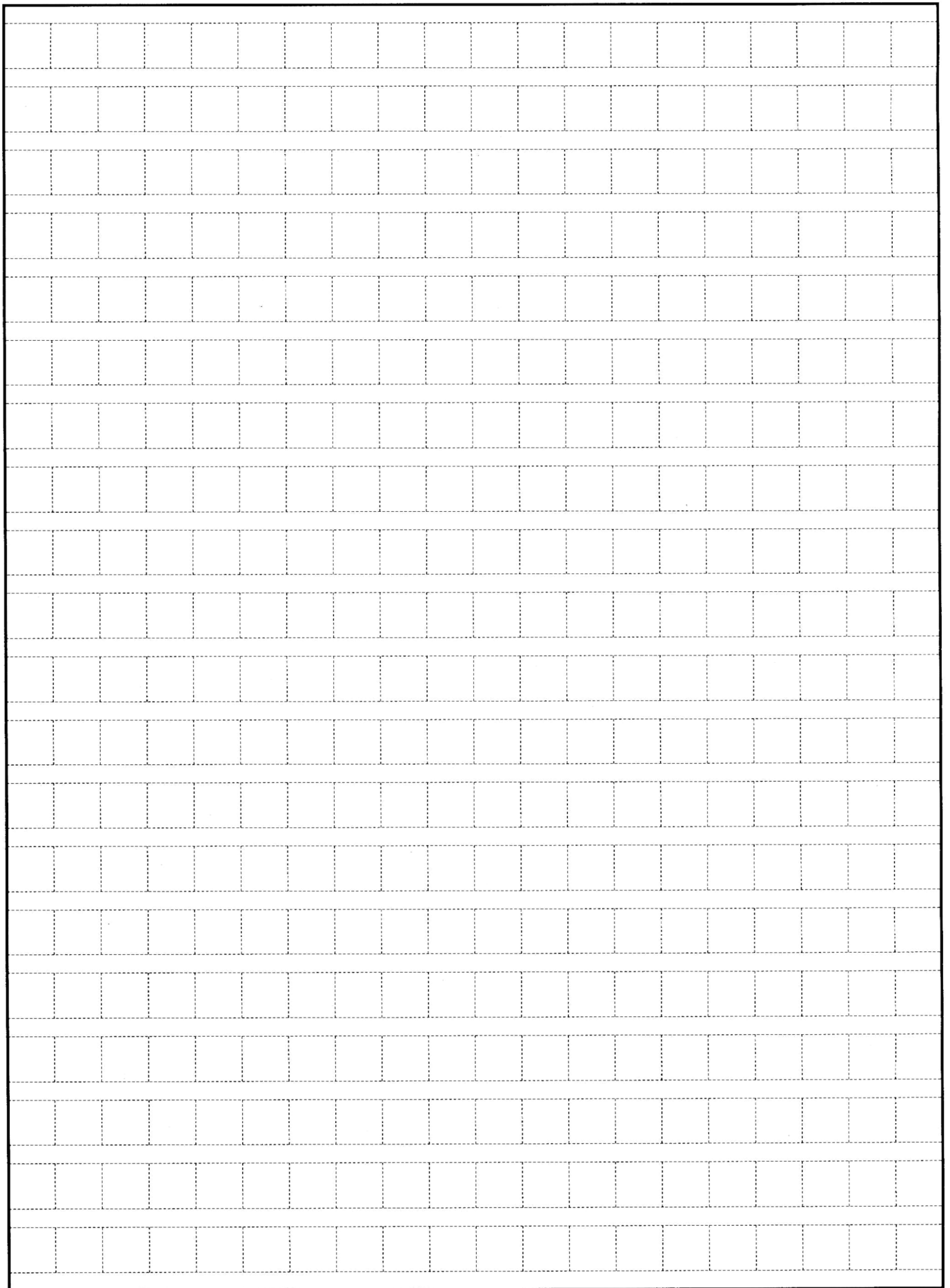
- (b)** There is something you don't understand after today's history class. Write a short text message to your teacher to make an appointment to meet him/her. Cover the following points.

- Say when you can meet the teacher
- Ask where you can meet him/her
- Ask what you should bring with you apart from the textbook

OR

- (c)** Write an email to book accommodation for your family trip. Include the following information.

- How many rooms you need
- How long you will stay in the accommodation
- What facilities you need



Question 6

Answer part **(a) OR (b) OR (c)** in approximately **100 Chinese characters**.

- (a)** Write a short essay to describe your favourite food. Include answers to the following questions.

- When did you have the food for the first time?
- Where can you buy the food?
- Why do you like the food?

OR

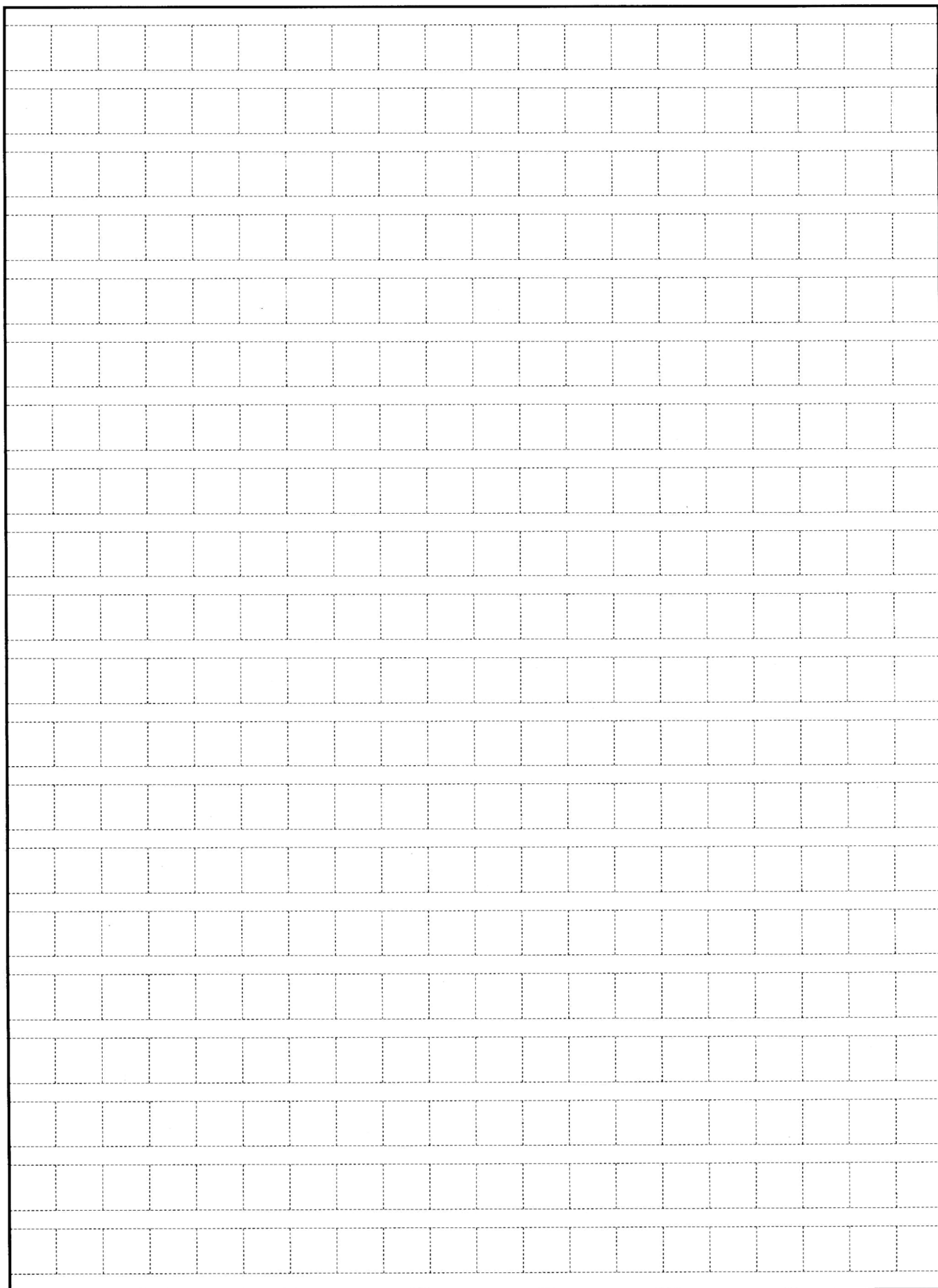
- (b)** Write a short essay to plan for your upcoming summer holiday. Include answers to the following questions.

- What do you want to do during the holiday?
- Who will you go on holiday with?
- How are you preparing for the holiday?

OR

- (c)** Write a short essay to introduce your favourite teacher. Include answers to the following questions.

- What does the teacher look like?
- What subject/s does the teacher teach?
- Why do you like the teacher?



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Listening Comprehension

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Instructions

Answer all questions.

N.B. **Questions to be answered in English, not necessarily in complete sentences.**

Each section will be played **three** times: first right through, then in segments with pauses, and finally right through again.

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Section A

You will hear a conversation between a shopkeeper and a customer.

1. (a) What is the price of the apple?

- (b) How many apples does the customer want to buy?

2. Which orange flavour does the customer's daughter like?

3. (a) How many sour oranges does the customer buy?

- (b) How much does the fruit cost in total?

Section B

You will hear a conversation between Lili and Wang Ming.

1. (a) In which country is Wang Ming living now?

- (b) In which country did Wang Ming previously live?

2. How does Wang Ming go to school? How long does his journey to school take?

Travel method:
Duration:

3. (a) At what time will Wang Ming's class finish tomorrow?

- (b) Where will they meet?

- (c) On which side of the classroom is the Gymnasium?

Section C

You will hear a conversation between Chen Xing and Jean.

1. (a) How does Chen Xing feel at the moment?

- (b) What is the weather forecast for today?

2. (a) According to Jean, when will it rain?

- (b) Why did Chen Xing not bring a raincoat?

3. (a) How many raincoats does Jean have?

- (b) What colour raincoat does Chen Xing want to wear?

- (c) Why does Chen Xing pick that colour raincoat?

Section D

You will hear three public transport announcements.

1. Answer the questions about the first announcement.

(a) What is the route number of the transport?

(b) The next stop connects two places. Name **one** of them.

2. Answer the questions about the second announcement.

(a) What is the mode of transport mentioned?

(b) What will be served after dinner?

Item 1:
Item 2:

3. Answer the questions about the third announcement.

(a) What will be checked after 15 minutes?

(b) What is the destination of the train?

Section E

You will hear a conversation between Lin Yi and her friend Mark.

1. (a) When did Mark go to Dublin?

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- (b) Who did Mark visit in Dublin?

1:
2:

2. (a) What does Mark's older brother think about the movie?

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- (b) What does Mark think about his older brother's university?

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3. Indicate whether the following sentences are True or False by ticking (✓) the boxes.

		True	False
(a)	Lin Yi has never been to Dublin before.		
(b)	Mark has never tried Chinese food before.		
(c)	Mark wants to go to Dublin with Lin Yi next time.		

Section F

You will hear Luke introduce himself. He is interviewing to be an interpreter.

1. (a) In which year did Luke come to China?

- (b) Luke studies two subjects in Shanghai. What are they?

1:
2:

- (c) Where did Luke work as a shop assistant?

2. (a) When does Luke not have classes this year?

- (b) According to Luke, why will some patients need his help?

3. Indicate whether the following sentences are True or False by ticking (✓) the boxes.

		True	False
(a)	Luke teaches Chinese on Saturdays.		
(b)	Luke can work in the hospital on Fridays.		
(c)	Luke can work in the hospital from 1pm to 5pm.		

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