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State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Examination 2024

Mandarin Chinese

Ordinary Level

Monday 17 June Morning 9:30 – 12:00

160 marks

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Instructions

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

Section A	Reading	100 marks
Answer ALL questions, Question 1, Question 2, Question 3 AND Question 4		
Section B	Writing	60 marks
Answer BOTH questions, Question 5 AND Question 6		

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

You may only use **blue or black pen** when writing your answers. **Do not use pencil.**

Write your examination number in the box on the front cover.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. There is space for extra work at the end of the booklet. **Label any such extra work clearly with the question number and part.**

Question 1

Match the following words and pictures by filling in the grid below.

A



B



C



D



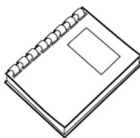
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Word	Letter
T 恤	
裤子	
本子	
铅笔	
面条	
西瓜	
香蕉	
蛋糕	

Question 2

Read the following piece introducing 王明明 and answer the questions that follow. Answer the questions in **English**.

我的好朋友

我有一个好朋友，叫王明明。他是个可爱的男孩。他的头发是黑色的。他的眼睛很大，他的耳朵很小，他的手不大。放学后，我们常常一起踢足球和打篮球。星期六，我们一起去游泳。我们都喜欢游泳。星期日，我们去看电影。

Vocabulary: 可爱的 = cute, 常常 = often, 踢 = to play/to kick

Answer multiple-choice questions by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant box.

(a) What is the relationship between 王明明 and the author?

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(b) What colour is 王明明's hair?

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(c) Fill in the blanks in English, based on the text above.

His

 are big, his ears are

, and his

 are not big.

(d) What activities do they often do after school? List any **one** of them.

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(e) Which day do they swim?

Sunday ☐

Monday ☐

Saturday ☐

(f) What do they do on Sunday?

Watch a movie. ☐

Play football. ☐

Read books. ☐

Question 3

Read the following traveling diary entry and answer the questions that follow. Answer the questions in **English**.

2023年7月7日 星期五

天气: 

心情: 

今天天气很好。我们一家人去了动物园。我们坐火车去动物园。

在动物园，我们看到了彩虹色的鸟，它会说话。它和我们说“你好！你好！”，看到它，我们很开心。

我们买了冰淇淋，冰淇淋很好吃。我买了草莓冰淇淋，妈妈和妹妹买了巧克力冰淇淋。爸爸没有买冰淇淋，他不喜欢吃冰淇淋。

Vocabulary: 心情 = mood, 动物园 = zoo, 彩虹 = rainbow, 冰淇淋 = ice cream

Answer multiple-choice questions by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant box.

(a) What was the weather like?

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(b) How did they travel to the zoo?

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

		True	False
(i)	They saw a rainbow coloured bird in the zoo.		
(ii)	The bird said 'Thank you! Thank you!' to them.		
(iii)	They were so happy in the zoo.		

(d) What flavour ice cream did the author buy?

Apple flavour ☐

Strawberry flavour ☐

Mango flavour ☐

(e) Who apart from the author's mother also bought chocolate ice cream?

Grandma ☐

Older sister ☐

Younger sister ☐

(f) Why did the author's father **NOT** buy ice cream?

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(g) Write down the radicals of the following characters and the meaning of the radicals.

	Radical (in Chinese)	Meaning of the radical (in English)
冰		
吃		
妈		
说		

Question 4

Read the following flyer about the culture night in school and answer the questions that follow.
Answer the questions in **English**.

文化之夜

爱尔兰和中国

☞ 学生和老师可以参加

活动一：唱歌

学中文歌
时间：晚上六点

A

学爱尔兰语歌
时间：晚上六点半

B

活动二：展台

中国展台
时间：晚上七点
卖什么：中文书
熊猫笔
红色杯子

C

爱尔兰展台
时间：晚上七点
卖什么：爱尔兰语书
黑脸羊书签
绿色杯子

D

活动三：晚饭

中国菜
时间：晚上八点
吃什么：饺子
包子

E

爱尔兰菜
时间：晚上八点
吃什么：面包
鱼

F

Vocabulary: 文化之夜 = culture night, 参加 = to participate in, 活动 = activity,
展台 = exhibition stand, 卖 = to sell, 书签 = bookmark

Answer multiple-choice questions by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant box.

(a) Who can participate in the culture night?

Teachers and principals ☐

Students and teachers ☐

Students and parents ☐

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

		True	False
(i)	One can learn Irish songs at 6 p.m.		
(ii)	One can buy both Chinese and Irish books at the event.		
(iii)	One can enjoy the food from 8 p.m.		

(c) Mark the corresponding area according to the flyer.

Eg: One can learn Chinese songs in area ☐ A .

(i) One can buy a panda pen in area ☐.

(ii) One can buy a green bottle in area ☐.

(iii) One can have bread in area ☐.

(iv) One can have dumplings in area ☐.

(d) Tick (✓) the correct category for each of the following characters.

	Left-to-right structure	Top-bottom structure	Enclosed structure
国			
唱			
杯			
笔			
爱			

Section B**Writing****60 marks**

Write down the missing character in each sentence below. Use the options given. Each character should be used only **once**.

(a) 在 有

(i) 你的书 桌子上。

(ii) 学校 中文课吗？

(b) 吃 呢

(i) 我最喜欢 面包。

(ii) 我叫David, 你 ？

(c) 月 胖 朋

(i) 今天是三 二十日。

(ii) 我的好 友是英国人。

(iii) 他不 也不瘦。

(d) 口 日 白

(i) 今天是星期 。

(ii) 我喜欢喝可 可乐。

(iii) 天上有 色的云。

Question 6

Answer **ANY 5** of the following **9** questions. Answer each question with **full sentences in Chinese**.

(a) 你晚上几点睡觉？

(b) 你早上吃什么？

(c) 你喜欢星期几？

(d) 你有没有猫？

(e) 你会做饭吗？

(f) 你觉得爱尔兰天气怎么样?

(g) 你家有几口人?

(h) 你喜欢喝热水还是冷水?

(i) 你这个周末想去哪儿?

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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.

Read the instructions carefully.

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Section A

You will hear a conversation between Sean and Lisa.

Answer multiple-choice questions by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant box.

1. (a) Who comes to the restaurant for the first time?

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- (b) What is Sean's favorite food in this restaurant?

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2. (a) How much does Lisa have?

¥ 50

☐

¥ 15

☐

¥ 55

☐

- (b) How much do the noodles cost?

¥ 25

☐

¥ 30

☐

¥ 18

☐

3. What does Lisa order?

Dumpling

☐

Roast duck

☐

Noodles

☐

Section B

You will hear Jessica introducing her home.

Answer multiple-choice questions by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant box.

1. (a) Where does Jessica come from?

America ☐

Ireland ☐

Canada ☐

(b) How many rooms are in Jessica's house?

9 ☐

8 ☐

7 ☐

2. Name **one** activity that Jessica's mother often does in the study.

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3. Indicate whether the following sentences are True or False. Tick (✓) the correct box.

	True	False
(a) Jessica wants to buy a big house.		
(b) In future Jessica would like to have a garden in her house.		
(c) Jessica likes flowers very much.		

Section C

You will hear a conversation between Lucy and David.

Answer multiple-choice questions by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant box.

1. (a) How did David travel to the location?

by taxi ☐

by train ☐

by bus ☐

(b) How long did it take David to travel to the location?

25 minutes ☐

30 minutes ☐

35 minutes ☐

2. (a) Name any **two** kinds of tea mentioned in the conversation.

Item 1:

Item 2:

(b) What did Lucy want to drink?

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

	True	False
(a) David was hungry.		
(b) David wanted to have some fruit.		
(c) Lucy had breakfast already.		

Section D

You will hear a conversation between Jack and Fiona.

Answer multiple-choice questions by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant box.

1. What is the name of this book?

Chinese geography ☐

Irish geography ☐

American geography ☐

2. (a) What is Jack's comment about the book?

Easy ☐

Hard ☐

Interesting ☐

(b) On what day will Fiona have a French examination?

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

	True	False
(a) Jack is French.		
(b) They will study together on Friday.		
(c) They will meet at the library.		

Section E

You will hear a conversation between John and Aoife.

Answer multiple-choice questions by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant box.

1. (a) Where does John want to go?

Italy ☐

Spain ☐

France ☐

(b) What does John like about the destination?

Weather ☐

Food ☐

Arts ☐

2. (a) For how many days does John plan to go?

(b) On which day will he depart?

3. (a) Name **one** activity that John suggests doing when they arrive.

(b) What is Aoife going to do there?

Swim ☐

Run ☐

Walk ☐

Section F

You will hear a conversation between Cheng Chao and Ms Zhang.

Answer multiple-choice questions by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant box.

1. What did Cheng Chao do this morning?

He went to school. ☐

He went to the doctor. ☐

He slept. ☐

2. (a) What activity is mentioned by Ms Zhang for the upcoming Friday?

Ride a bicycle. ☐

Go to the cinema. ☐

Go hiking. ☐

(b) How long will the activity last on Friday?

From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. ☐

From 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. ☐

From 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. ☐

3. (a) Where will Cheng Chao and his mother go on Friday afternoon?

Shanghai ☐

Shenzhen ☐

Nanjing ☐

(b) Whose birthday is it this Sunday?

Cheng Chao ☐

Cheng Chao's mother ☐

Cheng Chao's father ☐

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