

# Name:

## Paper 1: Listening and understanding in Chinese

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- All questions are set in English.
- Answer **all** questions in English.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

### Information

- You have 5 minutes to read through the paper before the first extract starts.
- You may make notes during these 5 minutes.
- You will hear the extract twice. You may write at any time during the test.  
There will be a pause between each question.
- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets:  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

*Turn over* ►

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

### School trip

1 Simon is describing his experiences in Qingdao to his classmates.

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by choosing a word or words from the box. There are words that you will not use.

|      |            |          |             |
|------|------------|----------|-------------|
| May  | short      | location | bad         |
| zoo  | airport    | tall     | April       |
| good | restaurant | pandas   | city centre |

**Example:** Simon went to visit Qingdao in April.

- (a) They spent the first night in a hotel in the \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)
- (b) The hotel \_\_\_\_\_ was very disappointing. (1)
- (c) Simon had a very \_\_\_\_\_ homestay experience. (1)
- (d) Simon must be quite \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)
- (e) He really liked the \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)

(Total for Question 1 = 5 marks)

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### Tourist Information

2 Mr Li has recently arrived in Shanghai and has gone into the tourist information office.

What does he say?

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

**Example:** Mr Li has gone there to...

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>A</b> book a hotel.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>B</b> buy a map.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>C</b> board the airport bus. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> ask for help.          |

(i) Mr Li is looking for somewhere to eat because the restaurant in his hotel...

|                          |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> is shut.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> serves terrible food.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> is too expensive.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> only serves Western food. |

(ii) Mr Li likes to eat...

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> fish.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> spicy food.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> vegetarian food. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> duck.            |

(iii) The lady recommends going to Suzhou because it is...

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> beautiful.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> easy to get around. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> easy to get to.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> near.               |

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(iv) Mr Li should probably take...

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> a sweater.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> an umbrella. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> sunglasses.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> a camera.    |

(Total for Question 2 = 4 marks)



### An inspiring school

3 You are listening to a podcast made by a female student in China.

What does she say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

(3)

|                |  |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Example</b> | The head teacher thinks our planet is very precious.                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>A</b>       | The environment is everybody's problem.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>B</b>       | When it is cloudy the school has no power.                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>C</b>       | No student comes to school by car.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>D</b>       | No plastic cups are allowed in the dining hall.                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>E</b>       | Coffee is not available in the dining hall.                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>F</b>       | The head teacher is trying to persuade the staff not to drive to school. | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>G</b>       | The speaker does not agree with the head teacher's actions.              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

(Total for Question 3 = 3 marks)

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### Jobs

4 Baoming is talking about jobs held by himself and other people he knows.

Listen to the recording and choose from the following: **well paid**, **boring**, **important** and **poorly paid** to complete the sentences. Each word can be used more than once.

**Example:** Baoming has a \_\_\_\_\_ *poorly paid* \_\_\_\_\_ job.

(a) His job is also \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)

(b) His mother's job is \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)

(c) His father thinks his own job is \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)

(d) Ai Wei's job is \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)

(e) Xiaohong's job is \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)

(Total for Question 4 = 5 marks)



### Summer travels

5 A journalist is interviewing university students on their campus in Nanjing.

What do they say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

**Example:** At the time of the interview it is...

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>A</b> March.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>B</b> September. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> July.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>D</b> January.   |

(i) The first student is likely to travel...

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> within China. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> within Asia.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> to Europe.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> to America.   |

(ii) Ma Tian thinks that foreign travel...

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> supports his sense of independence.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> helps to improve his foreign language skills. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> will be useful for his future career.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> helps him to appreciate his family more.      |

(iii) Tingting thinks that foreign travel can at times be...

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> lonely.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> exhausting.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> disappointing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> boring.        |

(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)

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**New technology**

6 You hear this podcast made by a Chinese student who has returned from living abroad. Listen to the podcast and answer the following questions **in English**.

(a) How do we know the speaker is not obsessed with her phone? (1)

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(b) Why do some young Chinese people play games on their phones every day? (1)

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(c) Why did her friends laugh at her? (1)

.....

(d) What aspect of the new technology does she find worrying? (1)

.....

(e) What might China be the first country in the world to achieve? (1)

.....

**(Total for Question 6 = 5 marks)**



### An Olympic athlete

7 A sports journalist is interviewing an Olympic athlete.

Listen to their conversation and answer the following questions **in English**.

(a) What type of sporting event does the athlete take part in? (1)

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(b) How did he find the training when he was young? (1)

.....

(c) How did his school teachers treat him? (1)

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(d) When a city is hosting the Olympic Games, how do its people feel? (1)

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(e) How good is the athlete's Japanese? (1)

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**(Total for Question 7 = 5 marks)**

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### School improvements!

- 8 You hear a group of students discussing what they would change at their respective schools.

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

**Example:** The standard of their teachers is something that they all...

|                                     |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>A</b> find too low.                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>B</b> think has improved recently. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> agree on.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>D</b> find difficult to judge.     |

#### Part (a)

- (i) Dawei would like...

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> not to have to wear school uniform.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> to make yellow socks part of the uniform.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> not to have to wear a tie.                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> to be allowed to wear more varied colours. |

- (ii) At school Anna's friend wears...

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> what she wants.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> an attractive uniform.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> an expensive uniform.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> a uniform with trousers for girls. |

- (iii) Ma Tian thinks the unisex toilets are...

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> modern.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> popular.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> attractive. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> dirty.      |



**Part (b)**

(i) The girl's school canteen serves only vegan food...

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> to keep prices down.                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> for health reasons.                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> because of the founder's love of animals. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> because all the students are vegetarian.  |

(ii) Ma Tian has been told he can only continue his Chinese studies if...

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> they can find a teacher.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> there are enough students.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> he pays extra for the tuition.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> the timetable can accommodate it. |

(iii) Anna...

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A</b> has definitely decided to continue Chinese.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B</b> is in the same situation as Ma Tian.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b> has not yet made her subject choices.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D</b> has definitely decided not to continue Chinese. |

**(Total for Question 8 = 6 marks)**



**A new tradition: *Guanggunjie***

9 A student from the UK is asking two Chinese students about a new festival he has heard about.

Listen to the conversation and answer the following questions **in English**.

**Part (a)**

(i) According to the male student, what happens on *Qingrenjie*? (1)

.....

(ii) Which group of Nanjing university students is said to have started *Guanggunjie*? (1)

.....

(iii) How did this group of students feel? (1)

.....

(iv) Why was 11th November chosen? (1)

.....

(v) Why is it difficult for the female student to explain what people do on this date? (1)

.....

**Part (b)**

(i) What role did social media play in this story? (1)

.....

(ii) How did 2009 mark a change in the way this day was celebrated? (1)

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(iii) Give **two** factors that show how enthusiastically the Chinese welcome this shopping opportunity.

(2)

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(iv) According to some, *Guanggunjie* has a harmful effect on what?

(1)

.....

**(Total for Question 9 = 10 marks)**

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### Tourists in Xi'an

10 You hear a tour representative in Xi'an giving his welcome speech to a group of tourists.

Listen to his briefing and put a cross ☒ in each of the **two** correct boxes for each question.

(2)

(i) The tour representative...

|                |   |                                     |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Example</b> | has not met the group before.                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>A</b>       | considers himself a native of Xi'an.                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>B</b>       | thinks the Terracotta Warriors are best viewed late in the day. | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>C</b>       | spent his early childhood in another part of the country.       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>D</b>       | is proud of his knowledge of the city.                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>E</b>       | suggests the tourists do some internet research on Xi'an.       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

(2)

(ii) He...

|          |   |                          |
|----------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>A</b> | offers a word of caution for those going to Huashan.                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>B</b> | thinks a successful visit to 'snack street' depends on the weather. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>C</b> | can recommend some good restaurants.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>D</b> | feels the main tourist sites have little to recommend them.         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>E</b> | thinks there is nothing for vegetarians to enjoy.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(Total for Question 10 = 4 marks)

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**

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