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Instructions

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

Section A	Reading	55 marks
Answer either Question 1 OR Question 2		
Answer both 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.

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.**

This examination booklet will be scanned and your work will be presented to an examiner on screen. **Anything that you write outside of the answer areas might not be seen by the examiner.**

Section A**Reading****55 marks****Answer either Question 1 OR Question 2****Question 1**Read the following Chinese nursery rhyme. Answer the questions in **English**.

一个大，一个小，一只大狗，一只猫。

一个多，一个少，一群小马，一只鸟。

一个长，一个短，一条长城，一座桥。

一个热，一个冷，一个夏天，一个冬。

Vocabulary: 长城 = the Great Wall, 桥 = bridge

(a) Name any **three** animals mentioned in the nursery rhyme.

Animal 1:

Animal 2:

Animal 3:

(b) Name the **two** seasons mentioned in the nursery rhyme.

Season 1:

Season 2:

(c) Use characters in the nursery rhyme to answer (i) to (iv) in **Chinese**.**(i)** The opposite of 'big' is:**(ii)** The opposite of 'many' is:**(iii)** The opposite of 'short' is:**(iv)** The opposite of 'hot' is:

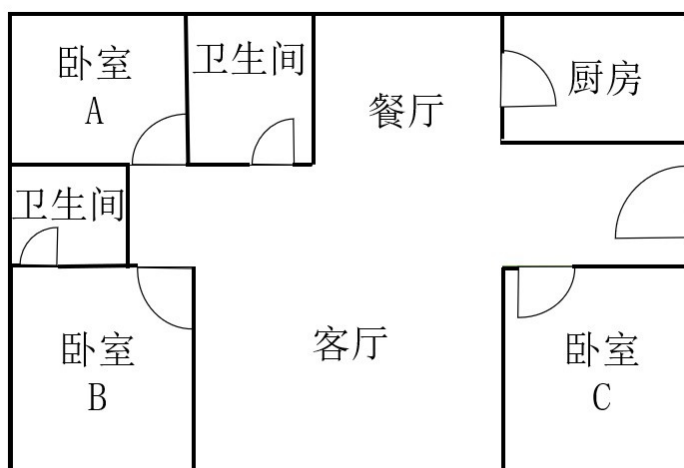
(d) List any **four** measure words used in the nursery rhyme. Answer in **Chinese**.

Word 1:
Word 2:
Word 3:
Word 4:

Question 2

Read the following text about an apartment. Answer the questions in **English**.

这是我的家。我家有一个客厅、三个卧室、一个厨房、一个餐厅和两个卫生间。客厅最大。我们在客厅休息，听音乐，看书和看电视。客厅左边是爸爸妈妈的房间，里面有一个卫生间。客厅右边是我的房间。弟弟的房间最小，在卫生间旁边。我们在厨房做饭。我们做中国菜和爱尔兰菜。我们在餐厅吃饭和聊天。



(a) Which room is the biggest in the apartment?

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(b) How many bathrooms are there in the apartment?

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(c) Name any **three** activities that they do in the living room.

1.
2.
3.

(d) Name the **two** types of food they cook.

1.
2.

(e) What is the meaning of 餐厅?

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(f) Name the **two** things the family do in 餐厅?

1.
2.

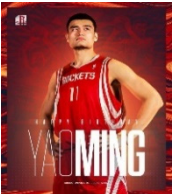
(g) Indicate the correct answer by ticking (✓) the boxes.

	Room A	Room B	Room C
(i) My father and mother's room is			
(ii) My younger brother's room is			
(iii) My room is			

Answer both Question 3 AND Question 4 (Question 4 has internal choice)

Question 3

Read the following introductions about two celebrities. Answer the questions in **English**.

 李小龙 Li Xiaolong	李小龙 1940 年在美国出生。他有两个姐姐、一个哥哥和一个弟弟。他七岁<u>开始学习功夫</u>。他的老师叫叶问。因为李小龙，很多人知道了中国功夫，也开始喜欢功夫电影。每年，很多人去中国学习功夫。
 姚明 Yao Ming	姚明是中国篮球运动员。因为他很高，所以人们叫他“<u>小巨人</u>”。他的爸爸妈妈也是篮球运动员。他 1986 年上小学。他很喜欢学习。他 1989 年去了一个篮球学校。从 2002 年到 2011 年，他在美国 <u>NBA</u> 打篮球。因为姚明，很多中国人开始看 <u>NBA 的比赛</u>。

Vocabulary: 开始 = to begin, 功夫 = Kung Fu, 小巨人 = little giant,

NBA = National Basketball Association, 比赛 = match, competition

(a) Where was 李小龙 born? Answer in **Chinese**.

(b) At what age did 李小龙 begin to learn Kung Fu?

(c) What is the name of 李小龙's Kung Fu teacher? Answer in **Chinese**.

(d) List **two** influences of 李小龙 mentioned in the article.

1.
2.

(e) Indicate whether the following sentences are true or false by ticking (✓) the boxes.

	True	False
(i) Both parents of 姚明 are basketball players.		
(ii) 姚明 did not like to study in primary school.		
(iii) 姚明 went to a basketball school in 1989.		
(iv) 姚明 began playing basketball in NBA in 2011.		

(f) What are the meanings of the following sentences? Answer in **English**.

(i) 他有两个姐姐，一个哥哥和一个弟弟。

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(ii) 因为他很高，所以人们叫他“小巨人”。

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(iii) 很多中国人开始看NBA的比赛。

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Question 4

Read the following letter written by an Irish student Conor to his friend who lives in China.

Answer the questions in **English**.

王明:

你好!

我是六年级的学生。我学习爱尔兰语、英语、数学、中文、历史和体育。我觉得中文很难,但是很有意思。

爱尔兰有很多节日。**St. Patrick's Day** 是最重要的节日。每年的3月17日,很多人来爱尔兰。人们穿绿色的衣服,一起游行,一起吃饭,一起玩。

爱尔兰的夏天很少下雨。六月和七月常常有太阳。我喜欢在海边和公园晒太阳。如果你想来爱尔兰,夏天是最好的时间。

Conor

2022年2月5日

Vocabulary: 游行 = parade, 晒太阳 = sunbathe/enjoy the sunshine, 如果 = if

Answer parts (a) to (e)

(a) What is the family name of Conor's Chinese friend? Answer in **Chinese**.

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(b) List any **two** subjects which Conor is learning.

Subject 1:
Subject 2:

(c) The letter mentioned four ways to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. List any **two** of them.

1.
2.

(d) List the **two** places where Conor enjoys the sunshine. Answer in **Chinese**.

1.
2.

(e) Name **one** similarity OR **one** difference between St. Patrick's Day and a Chinese festival which you know.

Answer either part (f) OR part (g)

(f) Indicate whether the following sentences are true or false based on the letter by ticking (✓) the boxes.

	True	False
(i) Conor thinks Chinese is easy and interesting to learn.		
(ii) It barely rains during summertime in Ireland.		
(iii) It is often sunny in July and August in Ireland.		
(iv) Conor thinks spring is the best season to visit Ireland.		

(g) Fill in the blanks. You will find the characters for the first column in the above letter.

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)
语			
	very		
		匕	
			grass

Question 5

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

- (a)** Your Chinese friend 李华 will come to Ireland for the first time soon. Write 李华 a message. Include answers to the following questions.

- How do you feel?
- What one important item should 李华 bring?
- Where will you meet?

OR

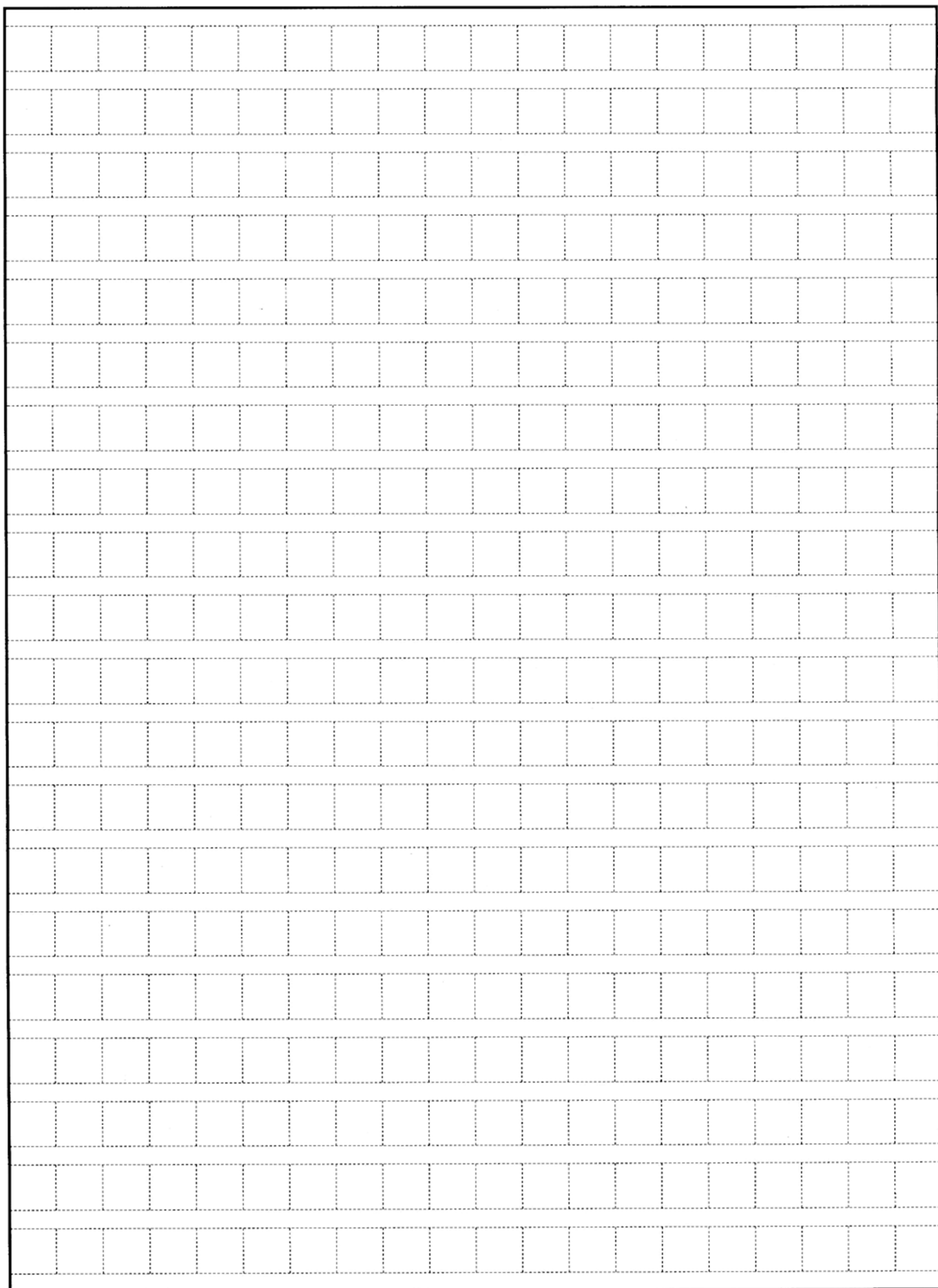
- (b)** A Chinese visiting student 王明 has just arrived at your school. Your teacher asked you to help 王明 get familiar with the school life here. You want to first ask what kind of help 王明 needs. Write a short message to 王明. Include questions about the following topics:

- language
- lunch time
- afterschool activities

OR

- (c)** You are feeling unwell and need to ask for time off. Please write a text message to your Chinese teacher 张文. Include answers to the following questions.

- Why do you ask for time off?
- What will you do during your time off?
- How long will you be off for?



Question 6

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

(a) Write a short essay to describe a typical school day of yours. Include answers to the following questions.

- What do you do before going to school?
- What do you do at school?
- What do you do after school?

OR

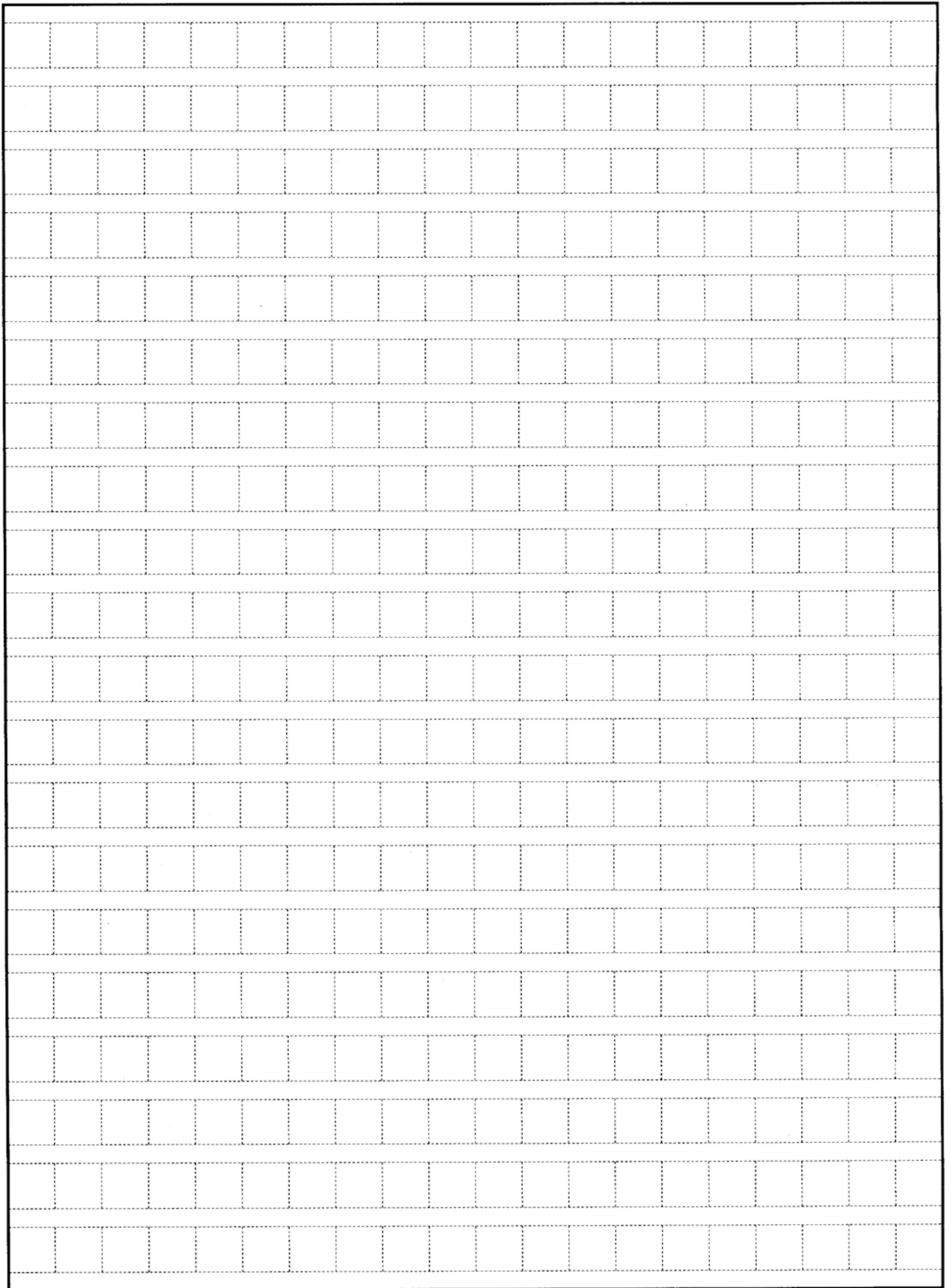
(b) Write a short essay to introduce a friend of yours. Include answers to the following questions.

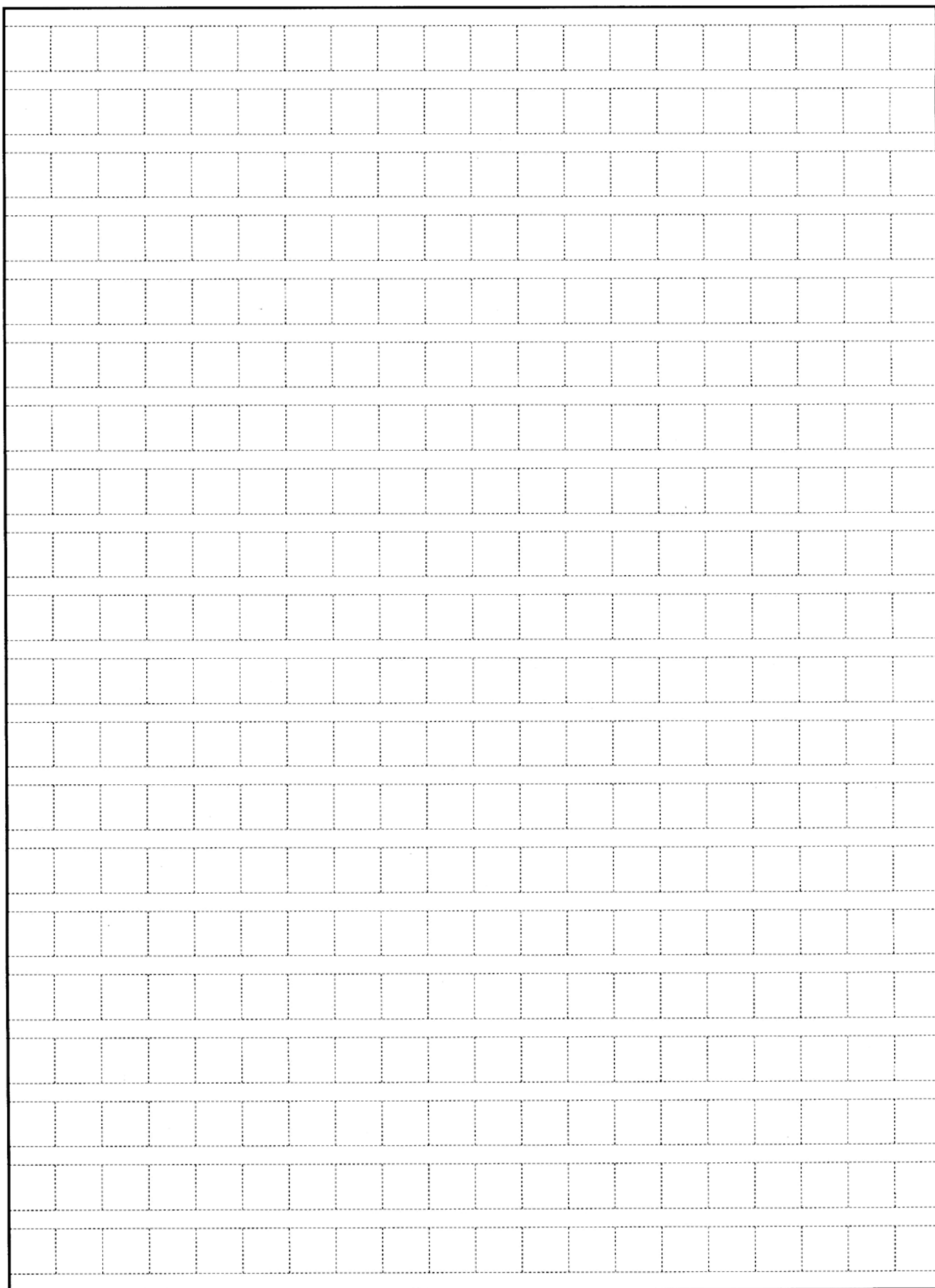
- When did you become friends?
- Why did you become friends?
- What do you like to do together?

OR

(c) Write about a city you like. Include answers to the following questions.

- What is the city?
- Why do you like the city?
- What did you do there / will you do there?





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