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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



E



F



G



H



Word	Letter
苹果	
杯子	
下雨	
下雪	
唱歌	
学校	
猫	
狗	

Question 2

Read the following email from Linda. Answer the questions in **English**.

王老师，

您好！

我是您的学生Linda。明天上午我不能上中文课，因为我有篮球比赛。我爸爸送我去比赛。明天下午一点半，我去学校。我和我的中国朋友一起学中文，写汉字。

谢谢老师！

Linda

2025年3月19日

Vocabulary: 比赛 = competition, 送 = to bring/drop off

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

(a) What class will Linda **NOT** attend tomorrow?

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(b) What competition will Linda have tomorrow?

volleyball ☐

basketball ☐

football ☐

(c) Who will bring Linda to the competition?

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(d) At what time will Linda go to school tomorrow?

1:30 p.m.

☐

2:30 p.m.

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3:30 p.m.

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(e) Name **one** learning activity Linda will do with her Chinese friends.

Question 3

Read the following messages between 乐乐 and his grandfather. Answer the questions in **English**.

The image shows two mobile phone screens. The left screen contains a conversation where Lele tells his grandfather they will return to China next Saturday, and the grandfather asks if they will go to Beijing or Shanghai. Lele replies they will go to Beijing first, then Shanghai, and asks about the weather. The grandfather replies that Beijing is hot and they should drink more water. The right screen continues the conversation where Lele asks what gift his grandfather wants, and the grandfather replies he wants Irish tea. Lele then says 'OK'.

乐乐：爷爷，下个星期六我和爸爸妈妈回中国。

太好了！你们到北京还是上海？ 爷爷

乐乐：我们先到北京，玩四天，然后去上海。北京天气怎么样？

北京很热，你要多喝水。 爷爷

乐乐：好的。爷爷，你想要什么礼物？

我想要爱尔兰的茶。 爷爷

乐乐：好的。

Vocabulary: 回 = to return, 先 = at first, 然后 = afterwards, 礼物 = gift/present

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

(a) On what day will 乐乐 and his parents return to China?

next Thursday ☐

next Friday ☐

next Saturday ☐

(b) Which city will 乐乐 and his parents arrive at first? Answer in **Chinese**.

(c) How many days will 乐乐 and his parents spend in the first city?

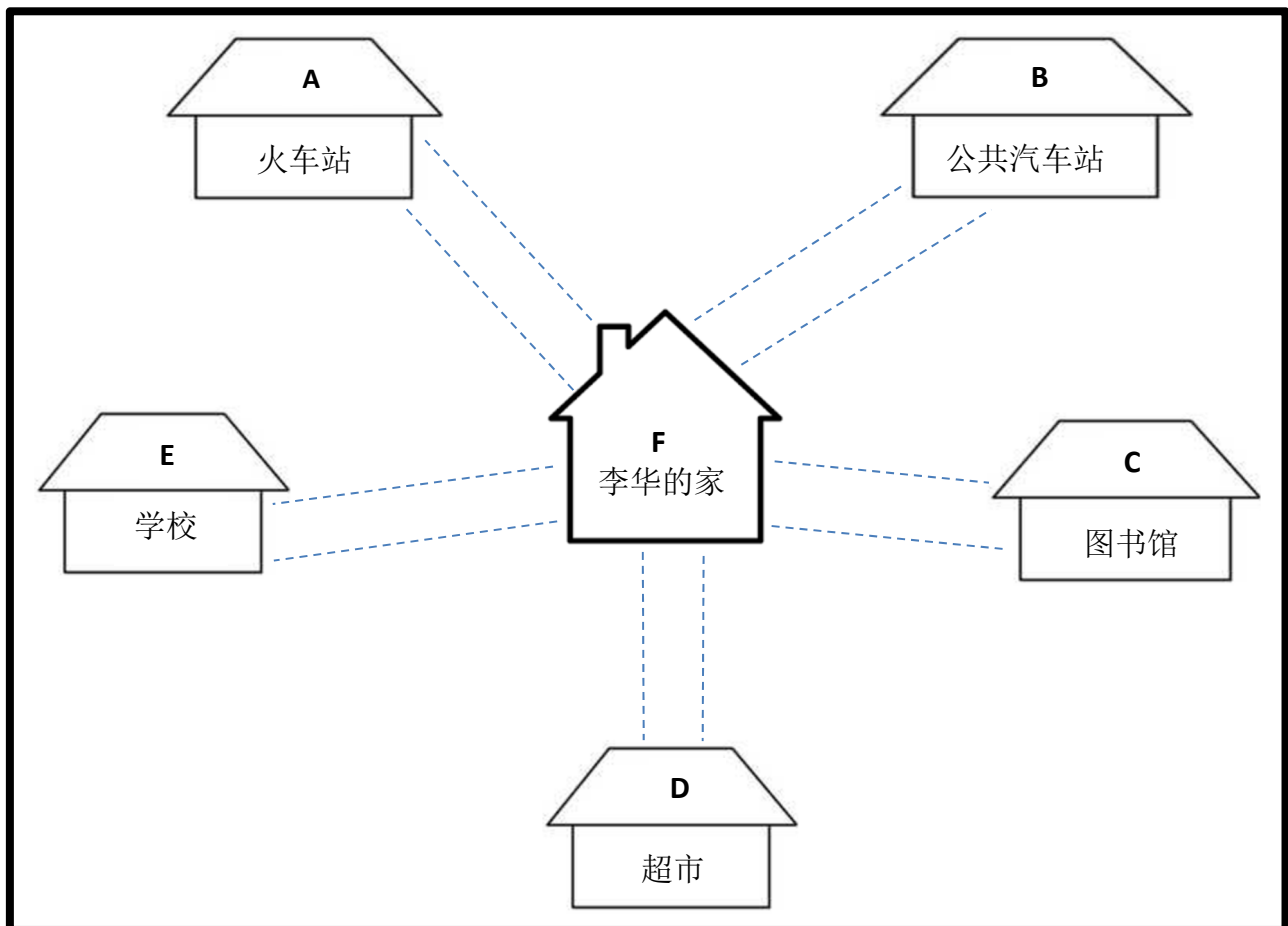
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(d) Write whether the following sentences are True or False. Tick (✓) the correct box.

		True	False
(i)	Beijing is very warm.		
(ii)	乐乐's grandfather suggested to them to eat more food.		
(iii)	乐乐's grandfather wants some Irish tea as a present.		

Question 4

Read the following map from 李华's neighbour about their new neighbourhood. Answer the questions below in **English**.



(a) Mark the corresponding area according to the map above.

E.g. 李华 wants to go home, he should go to area .

(i) 李华 wants to go to school, he should go to area .

(ii) 李华 wants to go to the library, he should go to area .

(iii) 李华 wants to go to the train station, he should go to area .

(iv) 李华 wants to go to the supermarket, he should go to area .

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

	Left-to-right structure	Top-bottom structure	Enclosed structure	Single structure
站				
图				
火				
学				

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

	Radical of the character (Answer in Chinese)	Meaning of the radical (Answer in English)
校		
汽		
超		

Question 5

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

(a) 门 们

(i) 我 都是学生。

(ii) 教室的 是蓝色的。

(b) 本 米

(i) 妹妹不喜欢吃 饭。

(ii) 桌子上有一 书。

(c) 人 天 大

(i) 她是爱尔兰 。

(ii) 我姐姐的眼睛很 。

(iii) 我今 有英语课。

(d) 果 早 草

(i) 你喜欢喝什么 汁？

(ii) 我 上八点去学校。

(iii) 我的羊喜欢吃小 。

Question 6

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

(a) 明天几月几号?

(b) 你喜欢学什么?

(c) 你喜欢吃什么?

(d) 你昨天下午在哪儿?

(e) 今年的Christmas holidays, 你做什么?

(f) 你家离学校远吗？

(g) 你喜欢红色吗？

(h) 你喜欢什么运动？

(i) 你喜欢的老师是谁？

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