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# Mandarin Chinese

## Higher Level

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## Instructions

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

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| 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.**

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.**

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

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

**爱小猫，爱小狗**

这里有很多小猫和小狗没有吃的。你可以帮助它们吗？

你不要的东西，请给我们。我们卖了东西，可以给小猫和小狗买吃的。

我们要衣服、鞋子和书。我们也要塑料瓶。

谢谢你的帮助！

| 时间 | 在哪儿 | 给我们什么 |
|---|---|---|
| 星期三下午四点 | 学校餐厅 | 书 |
| 星期五上午十点 | 学校餐厅 | 塑料瓶 |
| 星期六上午十点 | 学校运动场 | 衣服、鞋子 |

Vocabulary: 帮助 = to help, 东西= item, 塑料 = plastic

**(a)** The poster mentions **two** types of animals that need help. Name **one** of them.

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**(b)** If you want to donate books, when should you go?

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| Day: |
| Time: |

**(c)** If you want to donate clothes, where should you go?

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

| | **True** | **False** |
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| **(i)** The poster is seeking donations for an animal shelter. | | |
| **(ii)** The donations are all carried out on a school campus. | | |
| **(iii)** The donations can be made both on weekdays and at the weekend. | | |
| **(iv)** The poster does **NOT** mention the acceptance of plastic products for donation. | | |

**Question 2**

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

大家好！

我是音乐老师Aoife。六月二十三日晚上七点，在学校图书馆，我们有一个毕业晚会。我们想请你们来。你还可以带两个人。你可以请你的家人和朋友。你可以穿你最喜欢的衣服！但是，你不可以穿短裤，也不可以穿运动鞋。

晚会上，大家可以唱歌，跳舞，聊天，做游戏。

如果你要来，请你六月十日前告诉我：

1. 你要带谁来？
2. 你们不能吃什么？
3. 你们不能喝什么？

Aoife

2026年4月30日

Vocabulary: 毕业晚会 = graduation ceremony, 请 = to invite

**(a)** Which subject does Aoife teach?

**(b)** Where is the graduation ceremony?

**(c)** How many additional guest(s) can one invite to the ceremony?

**(d)** In relation to the dress code, **two** types of clothes are **NOT** allowed. What are they?

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| **(i)** |
| **(ii)** |

**(e)** There are **four** activities one can do at the graduation ceremony. Name **two** of them.

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**(f)** What is the deadline for making a reservation to attend the ceremony?

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**(g)** In addition to the guest names, what information is also required when making a reservation?

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**Question 3**

Read the following regulations for a concert. Answer the questions in **English**.

1. 音乐会晚上6点开始。请5点30分前到。
2. 这里不能停车。你可以坐公共汽车，地铁和出租车到这里。
3. 工作人员会看你的门票和身份证。
4. 你可以喝水，但是你不可以吃东西。
5. 你不可以拍照。
6. 如果下雨，我们给你雨衣。
7. 我们有10个卫生间。男卫生间在左边，女卫生间在右边。
8. 音乐会结束的时候，请走后边的大门。

Vocabulary: 停车 = to park (a car), 人员 = staff, 身份证= ID card, 拍照 = to take a photo, 结束 = to finish

**(a)** At what time will the concert start?

**(b)** Apart from the ID card, what item will the staff check?

**(c)** **Two** activities are **NOT** allowed during the concert. Name **one** of them.

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

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| **(i)** | According to the concert regulations, one can drive to the concert. | | |
| **(ii)** | According to the concert regulations, one can take a bus to the concert. | | |
| **(iii)** | If it rains, the staff will supply concert goers with an umbrella. | | |
| **(iv)** | There are 10 bathrooms in total. | | |

**(e)** On which side is the female bathroom located?

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**Question 4**

Read the following text about tea and coffee culture. Answer the questions in **English**.

在中国，很多人喜欢喝茶。中国茶有很多种。天气热的时候，人们常常喝绿茶和花茶。天气冷的时候，人们喝热的红茶。现在，很多人也喜欢奶茶和水果茶。

中国人也喜欢喝咖啡。1886年，中国有了第一个咖啡馆。这个咖啡馆在上海。现在，中国有很多咖啡馆：意大利咖啡馆、美国咖啡馆、英国咖啡馆和中国咖啡馆。中国的咖啡很好喝，也很特别。一些中国的咖啡里有茶，一些有果汁。2025年6月26日，中国有了第一辆咖啡电车。咖啡电车两个小时开一次。你可以在上面喝咖啡，看风景。

Vocabulary: 意大利 = Italy, 特别 = special, 风景 = view

**(a)** According to the text, which **two** types of tea are more commonly consumed in China during warm weather?

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| **(i)** | |
| **(ii)** | |

**(b)** According to the text, in which city was the first coffee shop opened in China?

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**(c)** The text mentioned **three** types of coffee shops in addition to an Italian coffee shop. Name **two** of them.

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| **(i)** | |
| **(ii)** | |

**(d)** According to the text, what is the Chinese name for the "coffee tram"? Answer this question in **Chinese**.

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**(e)** Fill in the blanks in the table below. You will find the characters for the first column in the previous text.

| Character in the text (Answer in **Chinese**) | Meaning of the character (Answer in **English**) | Radical of the character (Answer in **Chinese**) | Meaning of the radical (Answer in **English**) |
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| 馆 | | | |
| | The measure word for vehicles | | |
| | | | mouth |

## Section B Writing 80 marks

**Question 5**

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

**(a)** You cannot go on the planned trip with your friends. Write a short text to inform your friends of this situation. Include the following information:

- Express your apology
- State the reason why you cannot go
- Express your good wishes for the trip

**OR**

**(b)** The after-school clubs are about to begin. Write an email to your teacher to ask about the details of the clubs. Include the following questions in your email:

- What kind of clubs are offered?
- When are they offered?
- How do you sign up?

**OR**

**(c)** You want to invite your new Chinese friend to your housewarming party. Write a note to explain the details of the party. Include answers to the following questions:

- Where is the party?
- When does the party begin?
- What kind of food and/or activities will you prepare?

**Question 6**

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

**(a)** Write a short essay to introduce one of your favorite school activities. Include answers to the following questions:

- What is this school activity?
- When did you take part in this school activity?
- Why do you like this school activity?

**OR**

**(b)** Write a short essay to describe one of your favorite websites or mobile applications. Include answers to the following questions:

- What is this website or mobile application used for?
- How often do you use it?
- Why do you like this website or mobile application?

**OR**

**(c)** Write an email to your Chinese teacher to talk about your future job plans. Include the following information:

- Describe the job you want to do
- Explain what you are currently learning in order to aim for this job
- Ask the teacher if he/she has any suggestions

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