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NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2012

CANTONESE  
INTERMEDIATE 2  
Reading



TUESDAY, 29 MAY  
9.00 AM – 10.10 AM

**X247/11/01**

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When you are told to do so, open your paper and write your answers **in English** in the spaces provided.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

A Word List has been provided on a separate sheet and has been inserted inside the front cover of this paper.

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1. When you are in China, you come across some articles in a daily newspaper.

The first article is about “Tao Hua Xiao Mei”, a TV soap.

陳桃花是一個中學生，她不但喜歡運動，還愛彈鋼琴。因為她是陳家唯一的女孩，所以五個哥哥特別疼愛她。可是現在陳桃花有了一個男朋友，好故事也就開始了。

四月九日晚上十一點開播，請記得收看！



- (a) The main character in this soap is Chen Taohua. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

	True	False
Chen Taohua is a university student.		
She likes sport, and she likes playing the piano too.		
She has five younger brothers.		

3

- (b) Why is she spoiled at home? Tick (✓) the correct box.

She is the only daughter in the family.	
She is the favourite child in the family.	
She is the smartest child in the family.	

1



2. You read an interesting advertisement about a very special summer camp.

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## 《大熊貓》夏令營

- 想與美麗的熊貓成為朋友嗎？
- 想幫助動物，做環保衛士嗎？

快報名參加快樂夏令營吧！

你有機會認識更多的好朋友，也可以學習到團隊合作的技巧。

營費：1200 元

住宿：自己搭建帳篷



- (a) The advertisement begins with two questions.

- (i) How are pandas described in the first question? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

rare

☐

beautiful

☐

adorable

1

- (ii) Complete the second question:

Would you like to \_\_\_\_\_, and be a guardian of the environment?

1

- (b) Children can benefit from attending this summer camp. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

	True	False
They can make more friends.		
They can learn to be more independent.		

2

- (c) What does the advertisement say about the type of accommodation on offer? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

Tents

☐

Hotels

☐

Log cabins

1



3. There is another article about a day in the life of the Olympian, Chris Hoy.

## 我的一天

我每天早上七點起床, 我的早餐通常有咖啡, 果汁和香蕉。

訓練時間是早上十點到下午五點半。訓練以後, 我回家洗澡, 休息。我常常自己一個人吃晚飯, 看電視。

晚上十一點左右, 我會在床上先聽一會兒音樂, 然後才睡覺。

我的勝利歸功於平時的訓練。



- (a) What does Chris Hoy have for breakfast? Complete the sentence.

For my breakfast I have coffee, \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

2

- (b) What time does he train? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐ From 7.00 am to 10.30 am

☐ From 10.00 am to 5.30 pm

☐ From 9.00 am to 3.30 pm

☐ From 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

1

- (c) After his training, there are some things he often does on his own. One activity is listed below. Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐ He plays computer games.

☐ He goes shopping.

☐ He goes for a walk.

☐ He watches TV.

1



*Marks*

**3. (continued)**

(d) What does he generally do just before he goes to sleep?

\_\_\_\_\_ **1**

(e) What helped him to victory?

\_\_\_\_\_ **1**

**[Turn over**



4. You find this article when you are surfing the Internet. The article contains the views of families in western countries and those in China. Opinions relate to the experience of young people and the issues of growing up.

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## 西方的小家庭和中國的大家庭



### 西方家庭

在西方，中學生們除了學習英文、歷史、數學等‘傳統’科目以外，他們還可以學習汽車維修、電腦和產品設計等新式科目。很多父母認為，孩子應該從小就學習獨立生活。在家裡，很多父母也鼓勵他們的孩子們去打工，自己賺零用錢，同時還能獲得工作經驗。所以很多年輕人，十八歲以後就會從家裡搬出去自己住。他們的父母老了或生病的時候，常常會覺得很孤單。

### 中國家庭

在中國，年輕人開始獨立生活的時間比西方的年輕人晚得多，中國年輕人常常是在結婚以後才會離開他們的父母，這和西方年輕人很不一樣。可是，現在在中國農村，三代同堂的家庭還是很多，非常熱鬧。在這樣的大家庭裡，年輕人出去工作賺錢，老人們在家裡做家事，也幫忙照顧孫子、孫女。現在，雖然越來越多的年輕人喜歡自己住，但是他們在週末和假日的時候，還是會回父母的家裡吃飯，也經常帶父母去旅遊。



## 4. (continued)

**Western family**

- (a) In the West, the article refers to “traditional” type school subjects and “modern” subjects. Give **one** “traditional” and **one** “modern” type subject mentioned.

Traditional	
Modern	

2

- (b) The article contains opinions of parents.

- (i) What do the children need to do to become independent?

1

- (ii) What advantages do children gain from this? Mention **two** things.

2

- (c) According to the article, when do many young people start to leave home?

1

- (d) After their children leave home, parents sometimes are lonely. Give **two** specific examples of when this happens.

2

**Chinese family**

- (e) What comparison does the writer make between young Chinese people and young people in the West? Mention **two** things.

2

[Turn over for Question 4(f) to (h) on Page eight]



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4. (continued)

- (f) Nowadays, in which part of the country are you most likely to see three generations living together in China?

\_\_\_\_\_ 1

- (g) What do grandparents do during the day in a large Chinese family? Mention **two** things.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2

- (h) What do young Chinese people do with their parents at weekends and holidays, when the children have left home? Mention **two** things.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2

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## 2012 Cantonese Intermediate 2 Reading

### Word List

#### Question 1

疼愛	spoil
故事	story
記得	remember

#### Question 2

夏令營	summer camp
成為	to become
環保	environmental protection
報名	to register, to enrol
合作	cooperative

#### Question 3

訓練	training
勝利	success, victory
歸功於	give credit to
平時	usual

#### Question 4

維修	maintenance/repair
獨立	independence/independent
鼓勵	to encourage
獲得	to gain
搬	to move
孤單	lonely
三代同堂	three generations living together
熱鬧	lively

[END OF WORD LIST]

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When you are told to do so, open your paper.

You will hear three items in Cantonese. **Before you hear each item, you will have one minute to study the question.** You will hear each item three times, with an interval of one minute between playings, then you will have time to answer the questions about it before hearing the next item.

Write your answers, **in English**, in this book, in the appropriate spaces.

You may take notes as you are listening to the Cantonese, but only in this book.

You may **not** use a Chinese dictionary.

You are not allowed to leave the examination room until the end of the test.

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Ko Kang comes over to meet Kar Ming at his school in Beijing. During lunch, they chat to one of the teachers at Kar Ming's school, Miss Wong.

1. Kar Ming talks about his life out of school.

(a) Where does he play tennis? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

park

☐

sports field

☐

school

1

(b) How good is his basketball? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

worse than his tennis

☐

the same as his tennis

☐

better than his tennis

1

(c) Where has he visited? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

North America

☐

Africa

☐

Europe

1

(d) When does he work in the library? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐

Wednesday, 1.00 pm–6.00 pm

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Saturday, 1.00 pm–4.00 pm

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Monday, 4.00 pm–6.00 pm

1

(e) Kar Ming mentions two benefits of having a part-time job. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

	True	False
You get to meet other people.		
The work provides good training.		

2

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Marks

2. Miss Wong talks about how she spent her recent holiday with her mother.

(a) What did they do after arriving in Shanghai? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

- ☐ went to a restaurant
- ☐ visited a museum
- ☐ watched performance of singing and dancing
- ☐ watched Chinese martial arts performance

2

(b) What did they do in the evening? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ went to the cinema
- ☐ visited friends
- ☐ went for a walk

1

(c) When did they go shopping the following day? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ in the morning
- ☐ in the afternoon
- ☐ in the evening

1

(d) Miss Wong found shopping in Shanghai very expensive. What else does she say about it?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

(e) (i) What did she buy in Shanghai? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ a red scarf
- ☐ a red skirt
- ☐ a red jacket

1

(ii) What did her mother buy?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

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Marks

3. Ko Kang talks about his life at school.

(a) In which area of Beijing is his school located?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

(b) How does he get to school? Mention **two** things.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2

(c) What does he say about the teachers in the school?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

(d) (i) What subject does he like the most?

\_\_\_\_\_

1

(ii) Why?

\_\_\_\_\_

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(e) He talks about his future. What does he want to do?

\_\_\_\_\_

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2012

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CANTONESE  
INTERMEDIATE 2  
Listening Transcript

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**Instructions to reader(s):**

For each item, read the English **once**, then read the Cantonese **three times**, with an interval of 1 minute between the three readings. On completion of the third reading, pause for the length of time indicated in brackets after each item, to allow the candidates to write their answers.

Ko Kang comes over to meet Kar Ming at his school in Beijing. During lunch, they chat to one of the teachers at Kar Ming's school, Miss Wong.

**Question number one.**

Kar Ming talks about his life out of school.

**You now have one minute to study the question.**

我很喜歡運動。每個週末，要是不下雨，我就去公園跑步，或者去體育場打網球。除了網球以外，我也常常打籃球。可是我的籃球沒有網球打得好。我還很喜歡旅行，我去過歐洲的很多國家。明年我想去台灣看看我的阿姨。因為去台灣的飛機票很貴，所以現在我每星期三，從下午一點到六點在圖書館裡打工。兼職可以賺一點零用錢，也是一個很好的鍛煉。

(2 minutes)

**Question number two.**

Miss Wong talks about how she spent her recent holiday with her mother.

**You now have one minute to study the question.**

上個月我和媽媽去上海旅行。到了上海的當天，我們先去餐館吃飯，接著去看歌舞表演。晚上去看我們的朋友。第二天早上，我們去了上海博物館參觀，下午去購物。上海的東西雖然很貴，可是款式都好看極了，所以我買了一件紅色上衣，媽媽買了一個手提包。晚上我們住在一個有名的酒店。這次的旅行太有意思了！

(2 minutes)



**Question number three.**

Ko Kang talks about his life at school.

**You now have one minute to study the question.**

我的學校是一間名校，在北京的郊區。有的時候我坐校車去上學，有的時候我媽媽開車送我去上學。我的同學們都很友好，可是老師們都很嚴厲。我每天要學習的科目很多，要做的作業也不少，我覺得真沒意思。我最喜歡音樂課，因為老師說我唱歌唱得非常好。我將來想當一名老師。

*(2 minutes)*

**End of test.**

**Now look over your answers.**

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]

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2012

TUESDAY, 29 MAY  
11.25 AM – 12.20 PM

CANTONESE  
INTERMEDIATE 2  
Writing

20 marks are allocated to this paper.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.



You are preparing an application for the job advertised below.

### 書城網絡咖啡店招聘服務員

- 懂電腦、能教顧客上網
- 會說英文和中文
- 認真、熱心

時間：星期日上午十時下午三時

工資：每小時二十元

電話：021-62745454-1010

電子郵件：shuchengkafei@msn.com

來信請寄：中國上海市福州路 465 號

王經理

To help you to write your application, you have been given the following checklist of information to give about yourself and to ask about the job. Make sure you deal with **all** of these points:

- name, age, where you live
- leisure interests
- school/college career—subjects studied previously/being studied now
- reasons for application
- request for information about the job.

You could also include the following information:

- any previous links with China or a Chinese-speaking country
- work experience, if any.

You have also been given a way to start and finish this formal type of letter:

#### Formal opening to letter of application

王經理您好，

本人想申請貴公司招聘的.....

#### Formal finish to letter of application

..... 期盼早日收到您的回音。謝謝！

..... 此致

敬禮！

Use all of the above to help you write **in Chinese (Traditional)** the letter which should be 150–200 characters, excluding the formal phrases you have been given. You may use a Chinese dictionary.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]