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NATIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS
2009

MONDAY, 1 JUNE
9.00 AM – 10.10 AM

MANDARIN
(SIMPLIFIED)
INTERMEDIATE 2
Reading

Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.

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Forename(s)

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Surname

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Date of birth

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Scottish candidate number

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Number of seat

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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.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this book to the invigilator. If you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.

Use blue or black ink.



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1. You are planning to go to China next year. You receive an e-mail from your host partner, Dashan.

New Message

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To: _____

Cc: _____

Subject: _____

迈克，你好：
我叫大山。我的爸爸是一家电脑公司的经理，我的妈妈是一名画家。你来了以后，我爸爸会到机场接你，然后，带你去吃午饭。周末，我妈妈会开车带我们到湖边玩。

- (a) Dashan mentions his parents' occupations.

- (i) What job does his father do? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ Teacher
- ☐ Manager
- ☐ Doctor

1

- (ii) What job does his mother do? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ Lawyer
- ☐ Writer
- ☐ Artist

1

- (b) What has Dashan's father planned for your visit? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

- ☐ Take you to his office
- ☐ Pick you up from the airport
- ☐ Take you on a tour of the city
- ☐ Take you for lunch

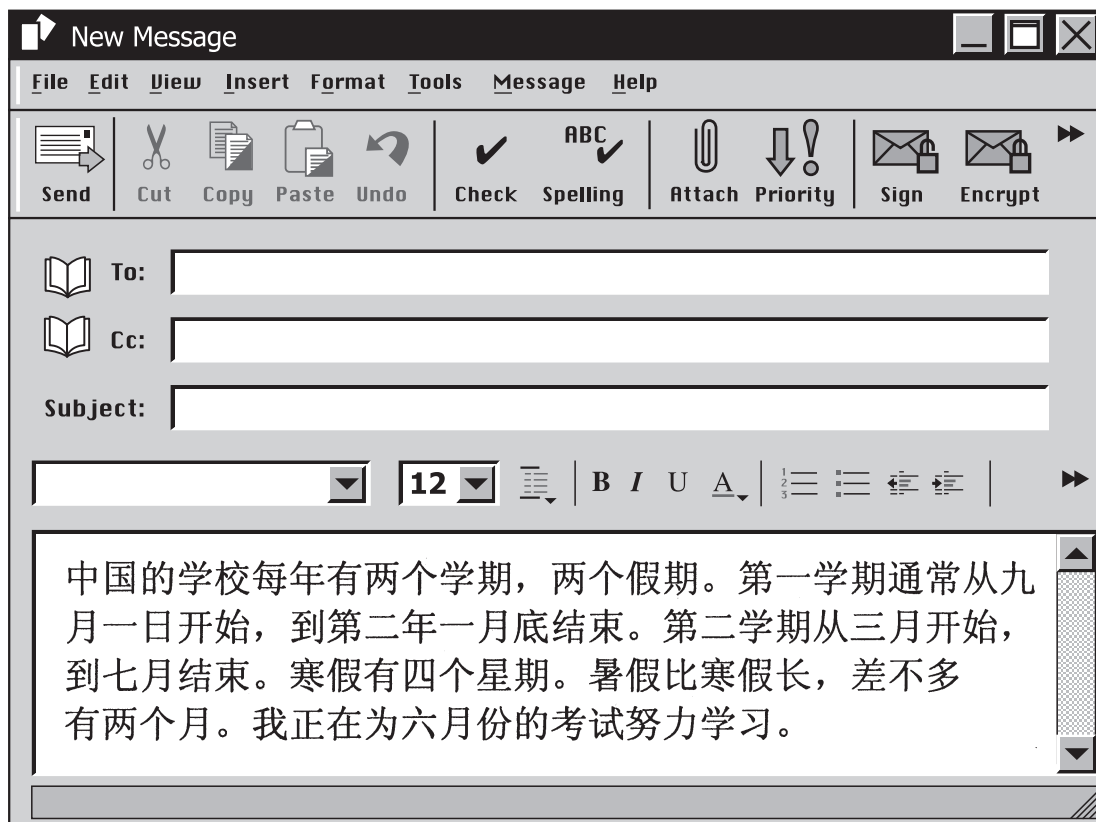
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- (c) Where will Dashan's mother drive you at the weekend?

1

Points

2. Before you leave, Dashan e-mails you some information about the school year in China.



- (a) When does the first term begin and end? Complete the sentence.

The first term begins on _____ and finishes at the end of _____ following year.

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- (b) Give details of:

- (i) winter holidays;

The winter holidays last for _____.

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- (ii) summer holidays.

The summer holidays are _____ than the winter holidays.

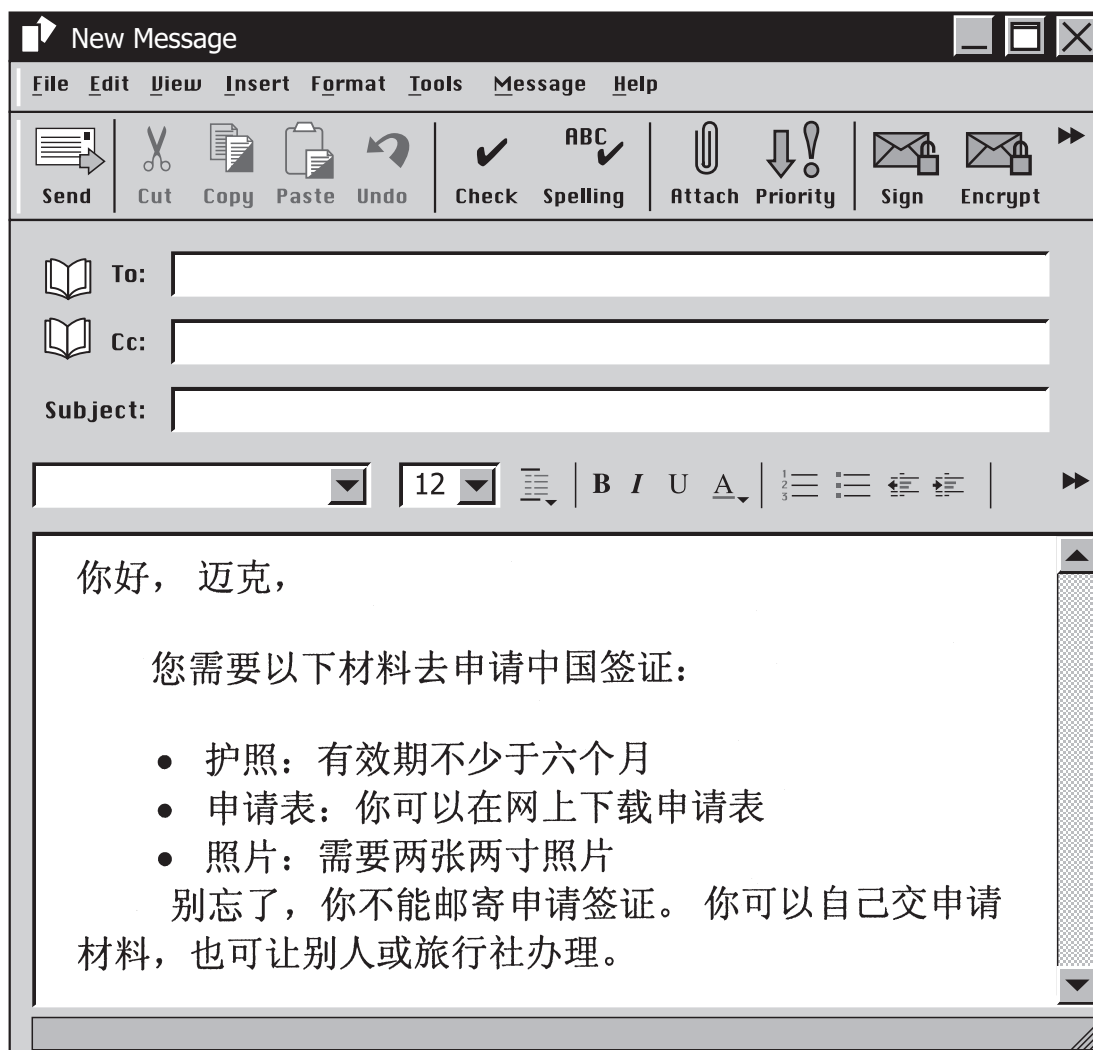
The holidays last _____.

2

- (c) What statement does Dashan make at the end of this e-mail?

1

3. You receive this e-mail from Dashan, reminding you about the visa application for China. Points



- (a) Complete the information given for each of the documents below.

Document	Information
Passport	Valid for _____.
Application Form	Available by _____.
Photos	Two photos which need to be _____.

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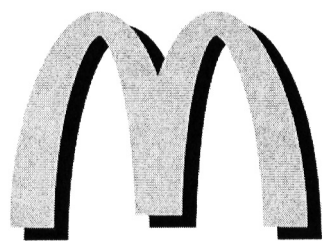
- (b) What advice is given about how to submit the visa application? Complete the sentences.

You cannot _____ your application form.

Applications can be submitted by the applicant,

_____ or _____.

2



i'm lovin' it

我 就 喜 欢

在麦当劳打工

美国的麦当劳在北京开了分店，要聘服务员，分全职和兼职的两种。他们为什么要去那儿打工呢？



张女士

一位二十二岁的张女士说：“我从学校毕业以后，就进了工厂。每天从家到工厂，又从工厂到家，生活太单调了，工资不多。我想在麦当劳找个机会挑战自己。我在这儿打工有半年了。这儿的工作很紧张，我每星期来六天，每天从晚上六点半工作到十点半。工作时得用最快的速度，所以干什么都得小跑，特别是高峰时间，跑过来跑过去，一点儿休息的时间也没有。身体虽然累，不过，心里却很高兴，因为我更自信了。”



王女士

一位学英文专业的女大学生来这里做兼职的目的很明确，她是这样说的：“主要是想了解社会，积累一定的工作经验。这里每天接待几千名顾客，各式各样的人都有。我学到了一些非常实用的知识，比如：和顾客交流，和同事合作。这是学校里比不了的。尽管我不会在这儿长期工作，但是这是一份宝贵的经验。”

(a) According to the text, what has McDonald's done in Beijing?

1

(b) What kind of employment do they offer?

1

4. (continued)

Points

Ms Zhang

- (c) When did Ms Zhang start working in the factory?

1
- (d) What did she not like about her job in the factory? Mention **two** things.

2
- (e) Why does she want to work in McDonald’s?

1
- (f) Why is her work physically tiring? Mention **two** things.

2
- (g) How does she feel now? Mention **one** thing.

1

Ms Wang

- (h) What does Ms Wang do apart from working in McDonald’s?

1
- (i) What reasons does she give for working in McDonald’s?

2
- (j) She gained skills in this job that she could not learn at school. Give **two** examples.

2
- (k) What comment does she make at the end?

1

Total (30 Points)
= 30 marks

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Question 4—McDonalds logo is used with permission from McDonald's Restaurants Limited.

2009 Mandarin (Simplified) Intermediate 2 Reading

Word List

Question 1

经理	manager
以后	after
机场	airport
然后	then
周末	weekend

Question 2

学期	term
通常	usually/normally
差不多	nearly
努力	to put in effort

Question 3

迈克	Mike
材料	documents
申请	to apply
签证	visa
有效期	expiry date
下载	to download
寸	inches
交	to hand over/submit
办理	to deal with/organise

Question 4

麦当劳	McDonald's
打工	to work
招聘	to recruit
工厂	factory
工资	salary
挑战	challenge
速度	speed
高峰时间	peak time
休息时间	rest time
自信	confident
明确	well-defined/clear
经验	experience
顾客	customer
实用	useful/practical
合作	to cooperate/collaborate
宝贵	valuable

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NATIONAL
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MANDARIN
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INTERMEDIATE 2
Listening

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

You will hear three items in Mandarin. **Before you hear each item, you will have one minute to study the question.** You will hear each item twice, 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 Mandarin, 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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Points

You are staying with a Chinese family in Beijing.

1. Chen Guang tells you about his life in Beijing.

(a) What does he say about the traffic?

_____ 1

(b) Why are factories moving to the countryside? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐ Better transport links

☐ Air pollution

☐ City centre expensive

1

(c) What are the opening times of shops? Complete the sentence.

Shops are open from 8.30 am until _____ . 1

(d) (i) Where can you see snack bars in Beijing? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐ Beside the road

☐ Outside theatres

☐ In the underground

1

(ii) What does he often do there? Tick (✓) the correct box.

☐ Has breakfast

☐ Has lunch

☐ Has a drink

1

(e) Why does he like Beijing? Tick (✓) the **two** correct boxes.

☐ He can buy a lot of things in the shops.

☐ He has many friends there.

☐ There are many interesting places.

☐ It's a good place for young people

2

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Points

2. Zhang Yan, a classmate, talks about her trip to Shandong.

(a) How did she organise her trip to Shandong? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ Her parents organised it
- ☐ Travel agent
- ☐ She went on the Internet

1

(b) Why did she choose to do it this way?

1

(c) (i) Why did the group decide not to have dinner in the hotel? Complete the sentence.

They wanted to _____.

1

(ii) What problem did they have? Complete the sentence.

They didn't know _____.

1

(d) What activity did Zhang Yan do while she was in Shandong? Tick (✓) the correct box.

- ☐ Climbed mountain
- ☐ Visited the market
- ☐ Went to art gallery

1

(e) (i) Where does she plan to go on holiday next year? Complete the sentence.

She hopes to travel to _____.

1

(ii) Why does she want to go there?

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[Turn over for Question 3 on Page four]

3. Liu Kun, another classmate, talks about his holiday job.

(a) Where has he started working?

1

(b) What does he think about his colleagues' attitude to work?

1

(c) What difficulty does he have?

1

(d) What shows that his colleagues are helpful to him?

1

(e) Why does he want to improve his English skills?

2

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Total (20 points)
= 20 marks

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]

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MANDARIN
(SIMPLIFIED)
INTERMEDIATE 2
Listening Transcript

This paper must not be seen by any candidate.

The material overleaf is provided for use in an emergency only (eg the recording or equipment proving faulty) or where permission has been given in advance by SQA for the material to be read to candidates with additional support needs. The material must be read exactly as printed.



Instructions to reader(s):

For each item, read the English **once**, then read the Mandarin (Simplified) **twice**, with an interval of 1 minute between the two readings. On completion of the second reading, pause for the length of time indicated in brackets after each item, to allow the candidates to write their answers.

Where special arrangements have been agreed in advance to allow the reading of the material, those sections marked **(f)** should be read by a female speaker and those marked **(m)** by a male: those sections marked **(t)** should be read by the teacher.

- (t)** You are staying with a Chinese family in Beijing.

Question number one.

Chen Guang tells you about his life in Beijing.

You now have one minute to study the question.

- (m)** 你好，我叫陈光。我住在中国北京，北京是个大城市。人很多，交通很忙，路上的汽车也越来越多。空气污染是北京的一个大问题，所以很多工厂都搬到了郊区。在北京，到处都有商店，商店早上八点半开门，晚上十点关门。在马路边，有很多卖早餐的小吃店，我常常在那里吃早餐。我喜欢北京，因为在这儿，我有很多好朋友，而且北京有许多好玩的地方。

(3 minutes)

- (t)** **Question number two.**

Zhang Yan, a classmate, talks about her trip to Shandong.

You now have one minute to study the question.

- (f)** 今年我和我的朋友们去了山东。我们在网上安排行程，因为这么做很便宜。在山东，我们没在酒店吃晚餐，是为了可以吃到各式各样的地方小吃。问题是，我们不知道去哪一家饭馆。

我们在山东爬了一座有名的山，我很喜欢这座山。明年，我希望能到海边的城市旅行，因为我想在大海里游泳。

(3 minutes)

- (t)** **Question number three.**

Liu Kun, another classmate, talks about his holiday job.

You now have one minute to study the question.

- (m)** 我在一家国际汽车公司工作。我觉得我的同事们工作都很努力，就是在假期里他们也不休息。我的同事们都说英文，他们说话说得比较快，有时候我听不懂，不知道他们在说什么。他们常常给我帮助，给我建议。现在，我天天练习英文，我希望有一天可以到国外旅行，也可以得到更好的工作。

(3 minutes)

- (t)** **End of test.**

Now look over your answers.

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]

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MONDAY, 1 JUNE
11.20 AM – 12.15 PM

MANDARIN
(SIMPLIFIED)
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.

东方有限公司 招聘销售人员 • 会流利的中文和英文 • 具备良好的沟通能力 • 热心从事顾客服务 请将申请表寄到： 中国上海市浦东路 150 号 东方有限公司人力资源部王经理
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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

尊敬的王经理： 您好！ 本人欲申请贵公司招聘的.....
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Formal finish to letter of application

.....我热切期盼你们的回音。谢谢！ 此致 敬礼！
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Use all of the above to help you write **in Chinese (Simplified)** 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]