**CHINESE SECOND LANGUAGE**

**Written examination**

Thursday 20 November 2008

Reading time: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm (15 minutes)

Writing time: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm (2 hours)

**QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK**

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- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners, rulers and any printed monolingual and/or bilingual dictionary in one or two separate volumes. Dictionaries may be consulted during the reading time and also during the examination.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

**Materials supplied**

- Question and answer book of 16 pages, including Assessment criteria on page 16.

**Instructions**

- Write your student number in the space provided above on this page.
- Write all your answers in the spaces provided in this question and answer book. The spaces provided give you an idea of how much you should write.

**At the end of the examination**

- Hand in this question and answer book at the end of the examination.

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SECTION 1 – Listening and responding

Instructions for Section 1 – Part A

Texts 1 and 2, Questions 1–3
You will hear two texts. Each text will be played twice. There will be a short break between the first and second playings of the texts. You may make notes at any time.
Listen carefully to the texts and then answer the questions in ENGLISH.
All answers must be based on the texts.

TEXT 1 – Answer the following questions in ENGLISH.
Responses in the wrong language will receive no credit.

Question 1
When is the weather forecast for?

1 mark

Question 2
What will the weather be like to the north of the city?

2 marks

TEXT 2 – Answer the following question in ENGLISH.
Responses in the wrong language will receive no credit.

Question 3
What is the boy going to wear?

2 marks

Total 5 marks
Instructions for Section 1 – Part B

Text 3, Questions 4 and 5
You will hear one text. The text will be played twice. There will be a short break between the first and second playings of the text. You may make notes at any time.
Listen carefully to the text and then answer the questions in full sentences in CHINESE.
All answers must be based on the text.

TEXT 3 – Answer the following questions in full sentences in CHINESE. Responses in the wrong language will receive no credit.

Question 4
Summarise the reasons why Julie cannot go to work today.
说明朱丽今天不能去工作的原因。
说明朱麗今天不能去工作的原因。

Question 5
When will Julie be able to go to work this week?
这星期朱丽什么时候会去打工？
這星期朱麗什麼時候會去打工？

Total 5 marks

END OF SECTION 1
TURN OVER
SECTION 2 – Reading, responding and translating

Instructions for Section 2 – Part A

Text 4, Questions 6–14
Read the text and then answer the questions in ENGLISH.
All answers must be based on the text.

TEXT 4 – Answer the following questions in ENGLISH.
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Simplified form characters

有一只青蛙，住在井里，从来没离开过那儿。它认为井就是世界。有一天，一只乌龟不小心掉到了井里。
青蛙问：“你从哪儿来？”
乌龟说：“我是从东海来的。”
“东海在哪儿？”
“离这儿很远。”
青蛙说：“你看，我住的地方多好，又大又舒服！比天都大。”乌龟说：“我住的地方看不到边，那儿还有很多有趣的东西。”
青蛙吃惊地说：“外面的世界真是这样吗？”
“对！”
青蛙说：“我太自以为是了，不知道外面的天有多高，地有多大，你能带我去看看外面的世界吗？”

Full form characters

有 一 只 青 蛙， 住 在 井 裏， 從 來 沒 離 開 過 那 兒。 它 認 為 井 就 是 世 界。 有 一 天， 一 只 乌 龜 不 小 心 掉 到 了 井 裏。
青蛙問： “ 你 從 哪 兒 來 ？”
烏 龜 說 ： “ 我 是 從 東 海 來 的 。”
“ 東 海 在 哪 兒 ？”
“ 離 這 兒 很 遠 。”
青蛙 說 ： “ 你 看， 我 住 的 地 方 多 好， 又 大 又 舒 服！ 比 天 都 大 。” 乌 龜 說 ： “ 我 住 的 地 方 看 不 到 边， 那 兒 還 有 很 多 有 趣 的 東 西 。”
青蛙 吃 惊 說 ： “ 外 面 的 世 界 真 是 這 樣 吗 ？”
“ 對 ！”
青蛙 說 ： “ 我 太 自 以 為 是 了， 不 知 道 外 面 的 天 有 多 高， 地 有 多 大， 你 能 帶 我 去 看 看 外 面 的 世 界 嗎 ？”

You may make notes in this space.
Question 6
How long has the frog been living in the well?

1 mark

Question 7
How does the frog define the size of the world?

1 mark

Question 8
How does the turtle meet the frog?

1 mark

Question 9
Where does the turtle come from and where is it in relationship to the well?

2 marks

Question 10
How does the frog describe his habitat?

3 marks

Question 11
What astonished the frog?

2 marks

Question 12
What did the frog learn from what the turtle said?

2 marks
Question 13
Tick (✓) the correct box.
What is the most appropriate title for this fable?

☐ An accidental meeting
☐ The frog’s dream
☐ The turtle’s dream
☐ The ignorant turtle

1 mark

Question 14
What lesson can one learn from this fable?

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2 marks

Total 15 marks
TEXT 5 – Answer the following questions in full sentences in CHINESE.

Responses in the wrong language will receive no credit.

Simplified form characters

一个成功的人

李安平出生在美国的东部。他中学就开始学习中国语言和历史，他努力学习，不但常常查字典；而且认真练习会话，所以中文一天比一天进步。

大学毕业后，他到北京工作。在那儿他交了许多当地的朋友，常常和他们交谈，他的汉语说得更流利了。

李先生现在有一个儿子，两个女儿，他们都在学习汉语。他大女儿的丈夫还是一个香港人呢。

李安平访问过中国很多次，那儿的人都很尊敬他，也喜欢他。他是一个有名、有成就的外交家，还当过美国的部长呢。

Full form characters

一個成功的人

李安平出生在美國的東部。他中學就開始學習中國語言和歷史，他努力學習，不但常常查字典；而且認真練習會話，所以中文一天比一天進步。

大學畢業後，他到北京工作。在那兒他交了許多當地的朋友，常常和他們交談，他的漢語說得更流利了。

李先生現在有一個兒子，兩個女兒，他們都在學習漢語。他大女兒的丈夫還是一個香港人呢。

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Question 15
Why is Mr Li a successful person?
为什么李先生是一个成功的人？
為什麼李先生是一個成功的人？

Question 16
Describe his connections with China.
描写他和中国的关系。
描写他和中国的關係。

Question 17
What were his methods of learning Chinese?
他是用什么方法学汉语的？
他是用什麼方法學漢語的？

Question 18
Explain the ties between Mr Li’s family members and China.
解释李先生的家人和中国的关系。
解释李先生的家人和中國的關係。

Total 15 marks
Question 19
Translate the entire paragraph into English.

From Shanghai to West Lake, it is possible to travel by car, train, or travel bus. Driving oneself is faster, taking one day to来回; otherwise, it may take two days. /

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Question 20
Translate the underlined parts into English.

Westerners pay more attention to the mood of the gift, while Chinese people pay more attention to the gift-giver's intentions. Westerners will open the gift in front of the guest, appreciate the gift and express thanks. But Chinese people will not open the gift in front of the guest, they will wait for the host to leave before opening it, because Chinese people consider the most important is the intention of the gift-giver. /

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Question 21

Translate the underlined parts into English.

Marco Polo (Marco Polo) is a famous Italian traveler. In 1275, he and his father and uncle came to China. They went to many places in China and learned a lot about Chinese daily life and culture. Later, his story in China was written into a book called *Marco Polo’s Travels*. Through this book, Westerners began to recognize China. /

Total 15 marks
## SECTION 3 – Writing in Chinese

### Instructions for Section 3

Answer one question in 200–250 characters in CHINESE.
Responses in the wrong language will receive no credit.
Space is provided on the following page to make notes.

### Question 22

You are not getting along well with your elder sister at the moment. You had an argument with her again today over some trivial issues. Write a diary entry about what happened today and also look for ways to improve your relationship.

你现在和姐姐的关系不太好。今天你们又为了一些小事争吵。写一篇日记记录今天的情形，也谈谈怎么改善你们的关系。

### OR

### Question 23

Write the script of a speech to be delivered to inform the new members of your youth club about the club’s activities.

为你的青年俱乐部写一篇给新会员的演说稿，介绍俱乐部的活动。

### OR

### Question 24

The tallest building in the world will be completed in Shanghai in 2010. Write an imaginative story about an adventure on the top floor of the building.

2010年世界上最高的建筑物会在上海落成。写一篇想像性的故事，描写在那栋楼最高层的历险记。

### OR

### Question 25

Your school newspaper has asked you to write a review of a nearby Chinese restaurant. In this review, you should include at least two positive and two negative aspects of the restaurant.

你的校报要你写一篇对学校附近一家中国餐馆的评估报告，谈谈这个餐馆的优点和缺点。在这篇报告中，你最少要写两个优点和两个缺点。

### OR
Question 26
Your friend invites you to travel to Europe together next holidays but you want to go to China. Write a letter to persuade your friend to go to China with you. Give at least three reasons.

你的朋友邀请你下个假期一起去欧洲旅行，可是你想去中国。写一封信，说服你的朋友和你一起去中国旅游。你最少要写三个理由。

Your may make notes in this space.

Total 20 marks
A script book is available from the supervisor if you need extra paper to complete your answer. Please ensure you write your **student number** in the space provided on the front cover of the script book. At the end of the examination, place the script book inside the front cover of this question and answer book.

END OF SECTION 3
TURN OVER
Assessment criteria

Section 1: Listening and responding

Part A
• The capacity to understand and convey general and specific aspects of texts

Part B
• The capacity to understand general and specific aspects of texts
• The capacity to convey information accurately and appropriately

Section 2: Reading and responding

Part A
• The capacity to understand and convey general and specific aspects of texts

Part B
• The capacity to understand general and specific aspects of texts
• The capacity to convey information accurately and appropriately

Part C
• The capacity to understand and convey the meaning of the passage accurately and appropriately
• The capacity to interpret and express grammatical aspects of the passage accurately
• The capacity to express the passage in fluent English

Section 3: Writing in Chinese

• Relevance, breadth and depth of content
• Appropriateness of structure and sequence
• Accuracy, range and appropriateness of vocabulary and grammar