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Overview

This listening paper accounts for 25% of the qualification. It is assessed through an examination paper which lasts for 40 minutes, with an extra 5 minutes of reading time. The total mark for the paper is 50. Both Cantonese and Mandarin options are available.

The examination covers a range of topic areas as follows:

- Home and abroad
- Education and employment
- House, home and daily routines
- The modern world and the environment
- Social activities, fitness and health

Students are required to listen to a range of factual and non-factual material of varying lengths, in different contexts and in different registers.

The extracts increase in length through the recording; the first passages are the shortest and are tested through non-verbal responses, such as tick boxes or matching exercises. Subsequent passages are tested through a range of question types, both verbal and non-verbal.

General Comments

Questions 1, 2, 3, 6, 8

These were picture-based box-ticking questions. Q1, Q2 and Q3 were short sentences, and Q6 and Q8 were longer and more complicated. Almost all students did well in these questions and scored full marks; very few students failed to identify the correct information and lost marks in these questions.

Questions 4, 5, 7, 9

These were multiple-choice questions with verbal content. Students were required to listen to a range of factual and non-factual material of varying lengths, in different contexts, read questions and make some choices in Chinese, selecting the correct answers accordingly. The majority of students managed these questions well.

Question 10

This question was set in the target language and required answers in Chinese characters; the full mark was 7.

This was the most challenging question of this listening paper. Students were required to quickly identify relevant and accurate information from the densely compacted listening extract, and provided answers in a correct written form.

The majority of students secured 2 or more marks in this question from 10(i) and also 10(iii) since numerical answers were accepted.

The students with good language ability also scored well for 10(ii), 10(iv) and 10(v).

The strongest students managed to score well in 10(vi) and 10(vii). For 10(vi), students would score with one of several options. 10(vii) required the ability to identify the most relevant information and provide accurate, lengthy answers. The correct answer was ‘因为她的家在那儿/伦敦。/(没有一个地方比家更好。)’.

Students who scored highly in this exam not only had good listening comprehension skills but were also able to write Chinese characters accurately.

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