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Candidates generally find the listening exam relatively easy, and this year was no exception. They generally performed well on this paper and showed that they had been well prepared for this section of the examination by their teachers.

The topic areas for question 1 (activities), question 2 (weather forecasts) and question 3 (pocket money) seemed very familiar to candidates and posed no difficulties.

Question 4 proved a little harder for some candidates, as they had to read Chinese characters to answer some of the questions. The hardest parts were perhaps (iv), (v) and (vi) which were concerned with how Ziwen had fallen ill.

Question 5 about a pair of lost glasses was generally well tackled, with parts (v) and (vi) being the hardest. It is assumed that the weaker candidates found some of these characters hard to read.

Question 6 about healthy living was well tackled.

Question 7 was about a birthday party. Some candidates found this question harder, as all the options on the paper were mentioned at some stage in the dialogue, so they needed to listen carefully for detail, noting in particular who was doing a certain action or in which order the actions were taking place. It is important that candidates practice listening for both gist and detail.

Question 8 was reasonably easy for most candidates.

Question 9 again was challenging for the weakest candidates, as they needed to read the answers in characters. Part (iii) was tricky as all the numbers were present in the script, and (v) was tricky as every option ended in 車 / 车.

Question 10 is always the hardest as it requires candidates to respond in Chinese characters. Candidates must repeatedly practice this type of listening in class to enable them to improve their skill and do their best in the examination. It is important to write in correct characters. A surprising number of candidates were unable to write "Shanghai" for (i), although the school subjects in (iv) proved easier. Quite a few candidates also lost marks in (vii) as they did not give a full answer.

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