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**2024 Mandarin (Simplified)**

**Reading**

**National 5**

**Question Paper Finalised Marking Instructions**

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## General marking principles for National 5 Mandarin (Simplified) Reading

*This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.*

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must **always** be assigned in line with these general marking principles and the detailed marking instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
- (c) If a specific candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (d) Award a mark to each answer. Marks are not transferable between questions.
- (e) For questions that ask candidates to ‘**state**’ or ‘**give**’, candidates must give a brief, accurate response/name.

Marking instructions for each question

Question		Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
				Do not accept
1.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• true</li> <li>• true</li> <li>• false</li> </ul>	3	
	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japan</li> <li>• Germany</li> <li>• India</li> </ul> <p>Any 2 from 3</p>	2	
	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• buy presents/gifts</li> <li>• buy souvenirs</li> </ul> <p>Any 1 from 2</p>	1	buy stuff/things shopping
	(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in the city centre [box 2]</li> </ul>	1	
	(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• university/universities/college</li> <li>• (convenient) transport</li> <li>• friendly people</li> <li>• (it's) not <b>too cold</b></li> </ul> <p>Any 2 from 4</p>	2	traffic
	(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the way people from Hangzhou speak is easy to understand [box 1]</li> </ul>	1	

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2.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• able to go online</li> <li>• (access the) internet/(surf the) internet</li> <li>• Internet speed is fast/getting faster</li> </ul> <p>Any 1 from 3</p>	1	
	(b)	(i)	1	
		(ii)	1	
		(iii)	1	
	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• take care of/look after yourself</li> </ul>	1	
	(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you should have breakfast [box 1]</li> </ul>	1	
	(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• having your meals/eating at <b>the computer</b></li> </ul>	1	
	(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have <b>more time</b> for yourself</li> <li>• have <b>more time</b> with the family</li> </ul> <p>Any 1 from 2</p>	1	
	(g)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• feels good to wear <b>comfortable clothes</b> to work everyday</li> <li>• <b>not eating sandwiches</b> bought from <b>supermarkets/shops</b></li> </ul>	2	market

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3.	(a)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China</li> <li>the mountains</li> <li>small city</li> </ul>	2	
	(b)	(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 years</li> </ul>	1	
		(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>nobody in the school spoke Chinese</li> </ul>	1	
		(iii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1h 30 mins/1 5h) learning <b>English</b></li> </ul>	1	practise/revise
	(c)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>false [box 2]</li> <li>true [box 1]</li> </ul>	2	
	(d)	(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(it is)</li> </ul>	1	
		(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>listen more</li> <li>speak more</li> <li>write more</li> <li>practise more/a lot</li> </ul> <p>Any 2 from 4</p>	2	learning/study

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]