

External Assessment 2025

CHINESE

CHN315114

Section **A** Listening and Responding

Pages: 12

Questions: 4

Preparation time for this exam: 15 minutes

Suggested working time: 60 minutes

Instructions:

- You will hear **four (4)** spoken texts, and each will be played **three (3)** times. There will be a short break between the first and second playing, with a longer break after the third and final playing.
- Answer **all** questions and **all** items within each question.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided in this exam paper. You are not required to answer in full sentences.
- The exam is **three (3) hours** in length. It is suggested you spend **approximately 60 minutes** in total answering the questions in this section.
- All answers must be written in **English**.
- You **must** make sure your answers address the listed criterion.

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Guide to Exam Structure

	Parts	Questions available	Questions to answer	Suggested working time	Marks available
Section A		4	4	60 minutes	48 marks
Section B	Part 1	2	2	40 minutes	60 marks
	Part 2	1	1	20 minutes	
Section C		5	1	60 minutes	Extended ratings of A+ to z
Totals		12	8	180 minutes (3 hours)	108 marks and A+ to z rating

Criterion

You **must** make sure your answers address:

- Criterion 1 listen and respond to spoken Chinese.

- Answer **all** questions in this section.
- This section is worth 48 marks and the suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
- For multiple choice questions, tick the **one (1) or two (2)** correct answers as required by the questions.

Spoken Text – Question 1

There is a broadcast announcement over the school loudspeaker. Listen to the spoken text and answer the questions in **English**.

Word list:

消息 xiāo xī	news/information	费用 feiyòng	cost
以内 yǐ nèi	within (a range or time)	高铁 gāotiě	high speed train
申请 shēn qǐng	to apply (for something)	交通 jiāo tōng	traffic/transportation
组织 zǔ zhī	to organise/organisation	包括 bāokuò	to include
霍巴特 huòbātè	Hobart	联系 liánxì	to contact
墨尔本 mò'ěrběn	Melbourne	报名 bàomíng	to put name down, to sign up
悉尼 xīní	Sydney		

a) How many days can people now travel to China without a visa?

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b) When is the school China trip going to happen?

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c) Which **four (4)** cities in China will the school trip visit?

[Tick the **one (1)** correct answer ✓]

- Shanghai, Beijing, Hongkong and Chengdu
- Shanghai, Tianjing, Xi'an and Chengdu
- Shanghai, Beijing, Xi'an and Chengdu
- Shanghai, Xiamen, Xi'an and Chengdu.

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Question 1 continues

Question 1 continued

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d) How many days will the China trip last in total?

[Tick the **one (1)** correct answer ✓]

20 days

12 days

15 days

30 days.

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e) Describe the travel routes from the departure city to Shanghai and back?

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f) How will students travel between the cities in China?

[Tick the **one (1)** correct answer ✓]

aeroplane

bus

subway

high-speed train.

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g) How much does the China trip cost per person?

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h) What does the trip cost include?

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i) What date do students need to sign up for the trip by?

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Spoken Text – Question 2

Marker use

Mei Qiu met a Chinese tourist who wanted to go to the Central Business District (CBD). Listen to the conversation between Mei Qiu and the tourist, and answer the questions in **English**, giving as much information as possible.

Word list:

市中心 shìzhōngxīn	city centre
路口 lùkǒu	intersection
拐 guǎi	turn
各种各样 gè zhǒng gè yang	all kinds of; a great variety of
当地 dāng dì	local; in the local area
特产 tè chǎn	local specialty
纪念品 jì niàn pǐn	souvenirs
热闹 rè nao	lively; bustling and noisy

a) What instructions does Mei Qiu give to the Chinese tourist to get to the city centre?

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b) How long does it take to walk to the city centre?

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c) What is the other type of shop mentioned when Mei Qiu talks about the Chinese restaurant?

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d) What is the name of the market mentioned in the conversation?

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e) What are the opening hours of the market?

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Question 2 continues

Question 2 continued

Marker use

f) According to the conversation, what can people find at the market?

[Tick **two (2)** correct answers ✓]

- only local products and food
- different kinds of things, local products and souvenirs
- expensive clothes and jewellery from other countries
- food from different countries and live music.

g) What day does it sound like this conversation took place?

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/11**

Spoken Text – Question 3

Marker use

Listen to the phone message that Mei Qiu left for Xiao Lin and answer the following questions in **English**.

Word list:

周末 zhōumò	weekend
预报 yùbào	forecast
百货 bǎihuò	department store
半价 bànjià	half-price
破 pò	be worn out

a) Why does Mei Qiu want to go to the city centre this weekend?

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b) What is Mei Qiu's plan for each day on the weekend? Why?

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c) What is Mei Qiu likely to buy for her mum and why?

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d) What does Mei Qiu want to buy for herself and why?

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e) Write a **T for True** and **F for False** for each statement about the discounts at the department store in the city centre this weekend.

- i. All winter clothes are 50% off, some skirts are 40% off.
- ii. Xiao Yue is asked to call Mei Qiu back after 10 o'clock.
- iii. Sports shoes have the lowest discount.

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Total
Q3

/13

Spoken Text – Question 4

Marker use

Mei Qiu is sick and is visiting the doctor. Listen to the conversation between Mei Qiu and the doctor and answer the following questions in **English**.

Word list:

全身 quánshēn whole body

病假条 bìngjiàtiáo sick leave note

a) What symptoms does Mei Qiu have when she talks to the doctor?

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b) Describe how Mei Qiu felt last night and why.

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c) What did Mei Qiu do the day before yesterday?

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d) What does the doctor think caused her illness?

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e) What advice does the doctor give Mei Qiu?

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[Tick **two (2)** correct answers ✓]

- take medicine, sleep more
- no need to take medicine, exercise more
- rest more, drink more water
- drink more milk, eat fruits.

f) How long does the doctor think Mei Qiu will take to recover?

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Section **A** Listening and Responding

Pages: 8

Spoken Texts: 4

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Spoken Text – Question 1 (read by male)

Listen to the spoken text and answer the questions in **English**, giving as much detail as possible.

同学们，告诉你们一个好消息：因为去中国旅行三十天以内不用申请签证了，所以我们学校今年暑假要组织一次中国旅行。我们会去中国的上海、北京、西安和成都，一共十二天。我们会从霍巴特到墨尔本，再从墨尔本出发到上海。在中国我们要坐高铁去北京、西安和成都。回来的时候，我们从上海到悉尼，然后从悉尼回到霍巴特。中国旅行的费用每个人三千八百，包括所有的吃、住和交通费用。如果你有兴趣的话，请跟你们的汉语老师联系，在六月三十日以前要报名。

Spoken Text – Question 2 (read by male and female)

Listen to the spoken text and answer the questions in **English**, giving as much detail as possible.

Tourist: 你好，请问去市中心怎么走？

Mei Qiu: 你往前走，到了红绿灯路口往右拐，再过两个路口就到市中心了。

Tourist: 谢谢你。走路去大约要多长时间？

Mei Qiu: 市中心离这儿很近，走路只要十几分钟。

Tourist: 请问市中心有中国餐馆吗？

Mei Qiu: 有，市中心有好几个中国餐馆，还有奶茶店呢。

Tourist: 我听说这儿有一个很有名的市场？

Mei Qiu: 是的，我们这里有一个很有名的星期六市场，离这儿很近，每个星期六早上八点半开到下午三点，你明天可以去看看。市场上有各种各样的东西，不同国家的小吃，当地特产和纪念品，还有人弹吉他，非常热闹，你一定会喜欢的。

Tourist: 太好了，谢谢你，我明天一定去看看。

Mei Qiu: 不客气，祝你玩得开心！

Spoken Text – Question 3 (read by female)

Listen to the spoken text and answer the questions in **English**, giving as much detail as possible.

你好小林，下个星期天是我妈妈的生日，我想这个周末去市中心给妈妈买生日礼物。你有时间跟我一起去吗？天气预报说星期六的天气会又刮大风又下雨，星期天的天气是多云，所以我想我们可以星期六做作业，星期天去买东西。对了，这个周末市中心百货商店所有冬天的衣服半价，有些裙子打六折，所有的运动鞋打八折。我想给妈妈买一条裙子。我的球鞋破了，我也想买一双运动鞋。请你今天晚上十点以前给我回个电话好吗？谢谢，美秋。

Spoken Text – Question 4 (read by male and female)

Listen to the spoken text and answer the questions in **English**, giving as much detail as possible.

Doctor: 你怎么了? 哪里不舒服?

Mei Qiu: 王医生, 我头疼, 喉咙疼, 也咳嗽。

Doctor: 发烧了吗?

Mei Qiu: 昨天晚上可能发烧了, 因为我觉得全身都很热。

Doctor: 我给你量一下.....三十六度五, 没发烧。你最近几天做了什么?

Mei Qiu: 我前天跟我的朋友们去打了网球, 然后一起去海边游泳了。从昨天开始就觉得不舒服了。

Doctor: 你可能太累了, 在海里游泳又很冷。我看你可能感冒了。

Mei Qiu: 你可以给我开 两天的病假条吗? 我要给我的学校。

Doctor: 好的, 没问题。你不需要吃药, 只要多休息, 多喝水和牛奶, 多吃水果, 过几天就会好的。

Mei Qiu: 谢谢您王医生。

Doctor: 不客气。

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Section **B** Reading and Responding

Pages: 16

Questions: 3

Suggested working time: 60 minutes

Instructions:

- There are **two (2)** parts to this section:
 - **Part 1** – must be answered in **English**
 - **Part 2** – must be answered in **Chinese** (not pinyin).
- Answer **all** questions and **all** items within each question.
- The exam is **three (3) hours** in length. The suggested working time is provided in the instructions for each part.
- You **must** make sure your answers address the listed criterion.

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Totals		12	8	180 minutes (3 hours)	108 marks and A+ to z rating

Criterion

You **must** make sure your answers address:

- Criterion 3 read and respond to written Chinese texts.

Part 1

- Answer **both** questions in this part in **English**.
 - This part is worth 40 marks and the suggested working time for this part is **approximately 40 minutes**.
 - For multiple choice questions, tick the **one (1) or two (2)** correct answers as required by the questions.
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Question 5

Mei Qiu came to Tasmania for her college study. She is writing a letter to her parents talking about her life here. Read the letter and answer the questions that follow in **English**, giving as much detail as possible.

Word list:

塔斯马尼亚 Tǎsīmǎníyà	Tasmania
想念 xiǎngniàn	to miss; to long for (someone)
寄宿 jìsù	to lodge; to homestay (at someone's home)

亲爱的爸爸妈妈：您们好！

我来到塔斯马尼亚上学已经有一个多月了，你们好吗？我很想念你们。

我的寄宿家庭离我的学校不太远，坐公共汽车大约要半个小时。我们家附近还有小超市，药店，肉店，邮局和咖啡店。

我们的房子又大又漂亮，有两层楼。楼上有一个客厅，两个卧室和一个浴室。楼下有一个客厅，三个卧室，两个浴室，一个大厨房和一个洗衣房。我的房间在楼上客厅的后面，浴室的对面。

我在学校有很多新的朋友，他们有的来自中国，也有来自别的国家比如日本，马来西亚，新加坡和德国的同学，还有很多澳洲的同学。我们常常一起聊天和打网球。我很开心，也喜欢我的学校，因为我们的作业不多，老师们也很友好，请爸爸妈妈不用担心我。

祝您们快乐！

女儿：美秋

二零二五年八月十九日

Question 5 continues

Question 5 continued

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a) How long has Mei Qiu been studying in Tasmania?

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b) Is Mei Qiu's homestay far from her school? How long does it take?

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c) What is **not** near her homestay?

[Tick the **one (1)** correct answer ✓]

A small supermarket

A pharmacy

A café

A restaurant.

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d) What is Mei Qiu's opinion of her homestay family's house?

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/2

e) Where is Mei Qiu's bedroom?

[Tick **two (2)** correct answers✓]

Behind the lounge room

Opposite the bathroom downstairs

On the right hand of the bathroom upstairs

Opposite to the bathroom upstairs.

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f) In total, how many lounge rooms, bedrooms and bathrooms are there in the house?

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Question 5 continues

Question 5 continued

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g) What activities does she do with her school friends?

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h) True or False:

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[Write **T for true** or **F for false** for the below statements]

i. Mei Qiu is living very close to her school and often walks to school.

ii. Mei Qiu has only made new friends who are from China.

iii. Mei Qiu says her teachers are friendly and she likes the school.

iv. Mei Qiu is very happy because she doesn't need to do homework.

i) What is the main reason Mei Qiu writes this letter to her parents?

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[Tick the **one (1)** correct answer ✓]

To tell them that she is homesick and feeling unhappy.

To tell them about her school subjects and friends.

To tell them about her life in Tasmania and reassure them she is happy.

To tell them about her homestay parents and their house.

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Question 6 continued

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a) What school holiday is Xiao Yue currently on?

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b) Why is Xiao Yue not enjoying her holiday break?

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c) How many subjects is Mei Qiu doing this year? What are they?

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d) Which of the following is **not** mentioned as a sport Mei Qiu's classmates do after school?

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[Tick the **one (1)** correct answer ✓]

Basketball

Swimming

Soccer

Badminton.

e) What activities does Mei Qiu do after school?

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f) What time does Mei Qiu's school start and end?

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[Tick the **one (1)** correct answer ✓]

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

8:45 AM to 2:30 PM.

Question 6 continues

Question 6 continued

Marker use

g) Which statement about Mei Qiu's music interests is correct?

[Tick **two (2)** correct answers✓]

- Mei Qiu only likes classical music and plays the piano very well.
- Mei Qiu likes both classical music and contemporary music.
- Mei Qiu likes contemporary music and plays the drum.
- Mei Qiu plays the electric piano.

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h) Compare and contrast the study load of Mei Qiu in Australia and Xiao Yue in China.

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i) True or False:

[Write **T for true** or **F for false** for the below statements]

- i. Some of Mei Qiu's assignments take a long time to complete.
- ii. Xiao Yue has class only during school terms.
- iii. It is not possible for Mei Qiu to do casual work after school.
- iv. Mei Qiu is planning to study music in university.

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j) How does Xiao Yue feel about Mei Qiu's life in Australia?

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**Total
Q6
/20**

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Part 2

- Answer **the** questions in this part in **Chinese**.
 - This part is worth 20 marks. The suggested working time for this part is **approximately 20 minutes**.
 - For multiple choice questions, tick the **one (1) or two (2)** correct answers as required by the questions.
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Question 7

Word list:

微信 Wēixìn	WeChat
视频 shìpín	video
表情 biǎoqíng	emoji; facial expression
联系 liánxi	to contact

微信是什么？

微信是中国人每天都会用的手机 app。很多人喜欢用微信，因为它非常方便。

用微信，你可以给朋友发文字、照片、语音和视频，让朋友知道你在做什么。微信里有很多表情，也可以让聊天更有意思。

除了聊天，你还可以用微信买东西、点餐、坐车等等。人们出门不用带钱，只要一个手机就可以了。

微信也可以帮助外国学生学习中文。你可以用微信跟中国朋友聊天，看中文书、听中文歌、看中文视频，练习听、说、读、写。

微信是一个非常好用的 app。在中国，差不多每个人都有微信。它帮助大家更容易联系和生活，也可以帮助外国人多了解中国。

Question 7 continues

Question 7 continued

Marker use

a) 微信是什么?

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b) 人们为什么喜欢用微信?

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c) 下面的句子, 对的写“T”, 错的写“F”

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i. 微信只能发文字, 不能发语音和视频。

ii. 微信可以用来给朋友发照片。

iii. 出门用微信就不用带钱。

iv. 微信不能用来看中文书和听中文歌。

v. 每个中国人都有微信。

d) 怎么样可以让聊天更有意思?

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e) 下面哪一个不是微信可以做的事情?

/1

[Tick **one (1)** correct answer ✓]

发照片

买东西

画画

聊天

f) 除了聊天, 微信可以做哪些日常生活的事情?

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Question 7 continues

Question 7 continued

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g) 微信可以怎么样帮助外国学生学中文?

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h) 在中国，为什么说微信很好用?

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Section **C** Writing

Pages: 8

Questions: 5

Suggested working time: 60 minutes

Instructions:

- Answer **one (1)** question in this section in **approximately 170–200** words in **Chinese characters** (not Pinyin).
- All questions are written in both **English** and **Chinese**.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided in this exam paper. You are not required to answer in full sentences.
- The exam is **three (3) hours** in length. The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
- All answers must be written in **Chinese**.
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Criterion

You **must** make sure your answers address:

- Criterion 4 express ideas and information in written Chinese.

- Choose **one (1)** question to answer from this section.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - In your response, do not include any identifying or personal information.
 - Write approximately **170–200 words** in **Chinese characters** on one of the following topics.
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Question 8

Chinese: 一位中国移民家长想要给他十年级的儿子找一位家庭教师，辅导他的数学、科学和英语学习。你是一名学习汉语的高中生，很想得到这份工作，给这位家长写一封电子邮件，介绍你自己，说说为什么你很适合这份工作。

English: A Chinese immigrant parent wants to find a tutor for his son in Year 10 to help him with his studies in maths, science, and English. You are a high school student who has studied Chinese and is very interested in getting this job. Write an email to this parent, introducing yourself and explaining why you are well-suited for the position.

OR

Question 9

Chinese: 你和你的同学要参加你学校的毕业庆祝活动。写一个你和你同学的对话，讨论你们要做什么活动，穿什么衣服，去哪儿买和什么时候去买等等。

English: You and your classmate are going to take part in your school's graduation ceremony. Write a dialogue between you and your classmate discussing what activities you want to do, what clothes to wear, where to buy them, when to go shopping and so on.

OR

Question 10

Chinese: 你今天参加了你好友的十八岁生日会。写一篇日记，描述这个很有趣很好玩的生日会。

English: You attended your good friend's 18th birthday party today. Write a diary entry describing this fun and enjoyable birthday celebration.

OR

Question 11

Chinese: 请给你中国姐妹学校的校报写一篇文章，介绍你的学校。

English: Write an article for the school newspaper of your sister school in China, introducing your school.

OR

Question 12

Chinese: 请看下面的图，写一个故事。

English: Look at the following pictures and write a story about what happened.

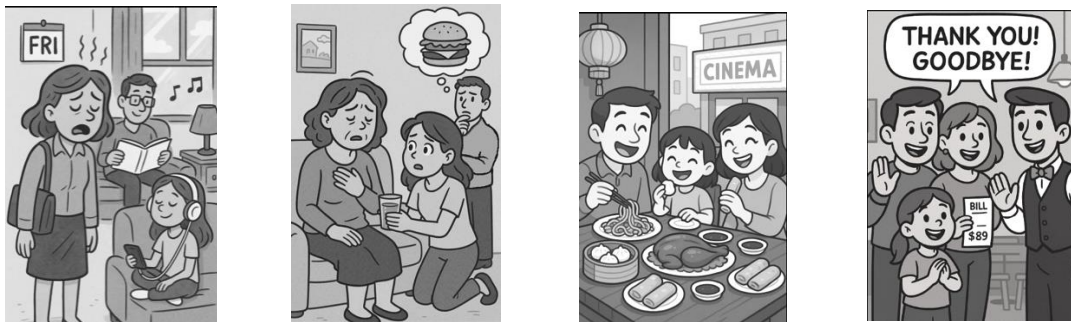


Figure 1: Four-panel cartoon to write a story about in Chinese for Question 12.

Source: OpenAI Sora (2025) response to 2025 TASC Chinese Exam Setter, 20 May.

Question Number:

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Write the question number you are answering in the box.

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