



## ATAR course examination, 2017

### Question/Answer booklet

# CHINESE: SECOND LANGUAGE

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### Time allowed for this paper

Reading time before commencing work: ten minutes

Working time: two and a half hours

### Materials required/recommended for this paper

#### *To be provided by the supervisor*

This Question/Answer booklet

Sound recording

Number of additional  
answer booklets used  
(if applicable):

#### *To be provided by the candidate*

Standard items: pens (blue/black preferred), pencils (including coloured), sharpener, correction fluid/tape, eraser, ruler, highlighters

Special items: one combined print dictionary (Chinese/English and English/Chinese dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Chinese dictionary and one Chinese/English dictionary)

Note: Dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.

### Important note to candidates

No other items may be taken into the examination room. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that you do not have any unauthorised material. If you have any unauthorised material with you, hand it to the supervisor **before** reading any further.

## Structure of the examination

The Chinese: Second Language ATAR course examination consists of a written component and a practical (oral) component.

## Structure of this paper

Section	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be answered	Suggested working time (minutes)	Marks available	Percentage of written examination
Section One Response: Listening	17	17	40	30	30
Section Two Response: Viewing and reading	19	19	60	40	40
Section Three Written communication Part A: Stimulus response	1	1	50	12	12
Part B: Extended response	3	1		18	18
<b>Total</b>					100

## Instructions to candidates

1. The rules for the conduct of the Western Australian external examinations are detailed in the *Year 12 Information Handbook 2017*. Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.
2. Write your answers in Standard Australian English or Chinese in this Question/Answer booklet.
3. You must be careful to confine your answers to the specific questions asked and to follow any instructions that are specific to a particular question. You may not use SMS-style abbreviations in any section of the paper.
4. Supplementary pages for the use of planning/continuing your answer to a question have been provided at the end of this Question/Answer booklet. If you use these pages to continue an answer, indicate at the original answer where the answer is continued, i.e. give the page number.

Listen to the short text that is printed below. This will help you to become accustomed to the speakers' voices. There are no questions or marks associated with this text.

A: 请问，你是哪国人？

B: 我是澳大利亚人，你呢？

A: 我是日本人。

B: 你的汉语说得很好。

A: 我在中国学过汉语，在北京大学。

B: 我也在北大学过汉语。

A: 哦，世界真小！

**Turn over and begin Section One.**

**Section One: Response (Listening)**

**30% (30 Marks)**

This section has **17** questions. Answer **all** questions in **English** in the spaces provided.

You will hear **five (5)** texts in Chinese: four short texts and one long text.

Texts 1 to 4 will be played twice.

As Text 5 is a longer text, it is divided into **two (2)** parts. Text 5 will be played once in its entirety and then each part will be played twice.

There will be a short pause between the first and second reading of Texts 1 to 4, and each part of Text 5. After the second reading, there will be time to answer the questions.

You may make notes at any time. Your notes will not be marked. You may come back to this section at any time during the working time of this paper.

Suggested working time: 40 minutes.

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**Text 1: Reflecting on my life and planning for my future**

Space for notes

Listen to the conversation and answer Questions 1 and 2.

**Question 1**

**(1 mark)**

At what time does this conversation take place?

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**Question 2**

**(2 marks)**

Why has the female speaker spent so much time studying mathematics?

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**Text 2: The environment**

Space for notes

Listen to the account and answer Questions 3 to 5.

**Question 3****(1 mark)**

Why did the speaker go to Beijing?

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**Question 4****(1 mark)**

Why was the speaker reluctant to go outside in Beijing?

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**Question 5****(2 marks)**

According to the speaker, what can Beijing residents do to make the air cleaner?

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**Text 3: Relationships**

Space for notes

Listen to the conversation and answer Questions 6 to 8.

**Question 6**

**(2 marks)**

Why is Wang Gang so busy?

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**Question 7**

**(2 marks)**

List **two** things Wang Gang does **not** like about his girlfriend's cooking.

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**Question 8**

**(2 marks)**

According to the conversation, what **two** things does Lanlan like?

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**Text 4: Communicating in a modern world**

Space for notes

Listen to the speech and answer Questions 9 to 11.

**Question 9****(3 marks)**

List **three** things that many young people like to do with their mobile phones according to the speaker.

One: \_\_\_\_\_

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Two: \_\_\_\_\_

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Three: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 10****(2 marks)**

According to the speaker, how can chatting with Chinese friends on WeChat help with learning the Chinese language?

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**Question 11****(2 marks)**

According to the speaker, what **two** pieces of information do people use to find old friends on WeChat?

One: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Two: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Text 5: Reflecting on my life and planning my future**

Space for notes

Listen to the conversation and answer Questions 12 to 17.

**Part (i)****Question 12****(1 mark)**

What does Jenny intend to do if she passes her examinations?

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**Question 13****(2 marks)**

What does Wang Qiang plan to do when the school term finishes?

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**Question 14****(1 mark)**Which of the following features of Beijing has **not** been mentioned by Wang Qiang?

<b>A</b>	Beijing is a big modern city.
<b>B</b>	Beijing is the capital of China.
<b>C</b>	There are many shopping centres in Beijing.
<b>D</b>	There are many places of historic interest in Beijing.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



**Part (ii)**

Space for notes

**Question 15****(3 marks)**

When do Jenny and Wang Qiang plan to depart for Beijing? Give **two** reasons to explain why they chose this particular date.

Departure date: \_\_\_\_\_

One: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Two: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 16****(2 marks)**

Where else would Jenny like to visit apart from Beijing and why?

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**Question 17****(1 mark)**

Wang Qiang's older sister will **not** help Jenny with which of the following:

<b>A</b>	applying for a tourist visa
<b>B</b>	booking air tickets
<b>C</b>	booking accommodation

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**End of Section One**

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## Section Two: Response: Viewing and reading

40% (40 Marks)

This section has **four (4)** texts and **19** questions. Answer **all** questions in English in the spaces provided.

Suggested working time: 60 minutes.

**Text 6: Celebrations and traditions**

Read Text 6 and answer Questions 18 to 21.

# MY BLOG

Friday, 5 May 2017

## 红包还是礼物？

中国人在过春节的时候有给孩子红包(又叫压岁钱)的传统习惯。孩子们一到春节就很开心，特别是打开红包的时候都是高高兴兴的。除了给红包以外，父母还会给孩子买新衣服。澳大利亚人过圣诞节的时候给孩子的是礼物。

我的同学中有些人觉得红包比礼物好，因为红包给的是钱，拿着钱去买自己想要的东西很方便。如果不想买东西，那么把钱存在银行里也可以。另外，买礼物的时候，常常不知道应该买什么好，有的礼物买得合适，有的不合适，所以还是给钱好，不用担心买到不合适的礼物。但是，也有些同学觉得过节的时候还是送礼物好，因为送礼物的时候我们想要送什么合适，收到礼物的人会感受到你的一片心意。如果礼物是自己亲手做出来的，那就更珍贵了。

我觉得给红包或者给礼物都挺好，当然如果两个都能得到那就更好了，哈哈！

Posted by: Sam at 8:00PM 4 comments

**Question 18****(3 marks)**

What **two** things do Chinese parents give children during Chinese New Year, and what **one** thing do Australian parents give to children during Christmas?

Chinese parents:

One: \_\_\_\_\_

Two: \_\_\_\_\_

Australian parents:

One: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 19****(3 marks)**

Why do some of the author's classmates like what Chinese parents give?

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**Question 20****(2 marks)**

What is the opinion of those who like what Australian parents give?

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**Question 21****(2 marks)**

What does the author want to receive during the festive seasons?

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**Text 7: Communicating in a modern world**

Read Text 7 and answer Questions 22 to 26.

## 电脑和手机

电脑不是新的发明，已经有很长历史。最初，只有办公室才用电脑，但过去三十年来，个人电脑也慢慢流行起来。

现在的电脑已经进入家庭，人们的日常生活都离不开电脑。很多学生一放学回家就打开电脑，有的查找做功课需要的东西、有的发电子邮件给朋友、有的去脸书上看看同学们周末都想去哪里玩儿。

过去三十年来，电脑变得越来越小，越来越方便。首先是笔记本电脑的出现，让人们可以一边坐公共汽车，一边用电脑。后来又有了平板电脑，用起来比笔记本电脑方便多了。大家无论走到哪里都可以带着它，一有时间就可以拿出来看电影，听音乐什么的。

最近几年更出现了智能手机。这种手机比电脑更神奇，用它打电话常常不用花钱，走到哪里都可以上网。用手机自拍，比用照相机可快多了，一拍完马上就可以直接发送给朋友们。

**Question 22****(1 mark)**

According to the text, where were most computers used before personal computers became popular?

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**Question 23****(3 marks)**

Refer to the text and describe **three** things many students do on their computers at home.

One: \_\_\_\_\_

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Two: \_\_\_\_\_

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Three: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 24****(1 mark)**

What does the author say people can do with their notebook computers?

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**Question 25****(2 marks)**

Name **two** things the author says people like to do with their tablets.

One: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Two: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 26****(3 marks)**

Give **three** reasons why the author thinks smart phones are better than computers.

One: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Two: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Three: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Text 8: Reflecting on my life and planning my future

Read Text 8 and answer Questions 27 to 31.

<b>SEND</b>	<b>TO</b>	xiaohong@email.com
	<b>CC</b>	
	<b>SUBJECT</b>	中学毕业后做什么？

小红：

你好！近来一切都好吧？

你也知道，今年我中学毕业，离毕业的时间越来越近了，可是我连明年要做什么都没有想好。父母天天问我，他们越问我心里越乱，真是好烦！

我正在考虑是不是要离开珀斯，到外地去上大学。我挺喜欢去悉尼大学读书的，那里的商科不错。我也想去国外读书，去纽约大学学商科。另外我也可以先不上大学，去国外旅游一年，出去看一看外面的世界，然后再决定我以后要做什么。不管去哪里，我都要离开父母，一个人在外面生活，需要学的东西很多，首先我必须学会做饭。

小红，很想听听你的想法，你毕业以后想去哪里呢？如果可能的话，我们可以去同一个地方，这样我们俩就可以互相帮助了，你说对吧？盼望你的回信。

祝好！  
玛丽

**Question 27****(4 marks)**

How is Mary feeling and why?

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**Question 28****(3 marks)**

Where is Mary living now and where is she thinking of going in the future?

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**Question 29****(1 mark)**

What subject will Mary most likely study at university?

<b>A</b>	Business
<b>B</b>	History
<b>C</b>	Tourism

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 30****(1 mark)**

What new skill does Mary need to learn next year?

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**Question 31****(1 mark)**

Why does Mary want to go where Xiaohong plans to go?

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**Text 9: Current issues**

Read Text 9 and answer Questions 32 to 36.

## Kate's Blog

Saturday, 20 May 2017

### 节食与健康

最近微信上许多朋友都在讨论节食的事情。

很多在念高中的女同学都为自己的体重头疼，她们虽然一直在努力节食，但是还是觉得自己比班里的其他女同学胖了一点儿。最大的问题是，大部分女孩子都希望自己能跟杂志上的女模特一样，有着漂亮的身材，但是，这对很多人来说是不太可能的。

微信上好几位家长都替孩子的健康担心，他们都不想让自己的孩子节食。这些家长觉得，女孩子不用整天为体重担心，只要不影响健康，胖一点儿是没什么关系的。也有家长认为，中学生正是长身体的时候，一定要吃饱吃好，不应该节食。

当然，要减肥，除了节食以外，还要经常运动，所以微信上很多朋友都开始去健身房锻炼，可是，去健身房要付钱，不是每个人都有钱去。有些朋友建议，想锻炼的人，可以去外边跑步。跑步不用花钱，还可以一边晒太阳一边呼吸新鲜空气。他们说的对是对，可是很多学生说他们早上起不来，放学以后要做功课，周末又要打工，没有时间锻炼。

你们对节食有什么看法？请留言告诉大家。

Posted by Kate @12:00am 2 Comments



**Question 32****(1 mark)**

What have the author's WeChat friends been discussing online lately?

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**Question 33****(2 marks)**

What do most girls want to look like according to the author?

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**Question 34****(3 marks)**

What do the parents on WeChat think about their children's ideal body weight?

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**Question 35****(1 mark)**

Why does the author think exercising in the gymnasium is not an option for everyone?

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**Question 36****(3 marks)**

List **three** reasons why the author thinks many students will not be able to exercise outdoors?

One: \_\_\_\_\_

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Two: \_\_\_\_\_

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Three: \_\_\_\_\_

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**End of Section Two**

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## Section Three: Written communication

30% (30 Marks)

This section has **two (2)** parts and **four (4)** questions.

**Part A: Stimulus response**

There is **one (1)** question. Answer the question in **Chinese** characters in the space provided.

**Part B: Extended response**

There are **three (3)** questions. Answer **one (1)** question in **Chinese** characters in the space provided.

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Suggested working time: 50 minutes.

**Part A: Stimulus response**

12% (12 Marks)

Answer **one (1)** question in approximately **80 Chinese** characters.

**EAT HEALTH FOOD TODAY!**  
**注意饮食健康**

多喝：  
水、牛奶 ✓

少喝：  
汽水、咖啡 ✕

多吃：  
鸡蛋、蔬菜、水果 ✓

少吃：  
巧克力、油炸食品 ✕

An advertisement for healthy eating. It features a central photograph of a jug of water labeled 'WATER', a bottle of milk labeled 'MILK', a basket of eggs, and several potatoes on a checkered tablecloth. The background is a light gray with a subtle water droplet pattern. The text is in Chinese and English, promoting healthy food and drinks.**Question 37****(12 marks)**

Today you received the above advertisement at a talk in your school in which a doctor from a local clinic encouraged young people to eat healthy food. Write a short **article** discussing the importance of healthy eating for young people. You are required to pick **two** food items from the advertisement to illustrate your points.

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**Part B: Extended response****18% (18 Marks)**

Answer **one (1)** of the following questions in approximately **120–150 Chinese** characters.

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**Question 38****(18 marks)**

Your good friend Chen Ping 陈平 has just broken up with his girlfriend. He is very upset.

Write a **letter** to Chen Ping to share your experience of handling setbacks in personal relationships. Show your support and try to cheer him up.

or

**Question 39****(18 marks)**

Your WeChat friends have recently posted some photographs of heavy smog in Beijing and Shanghai.

Write a **blog post** to share your thoughts about the photographs of air pollution in Chinese cities and to suggest ways of solving the problem.

or

**Question 40****(18 marks)**

You travelled in China during the Mid-Autumn Festival. When you were there, you were invited to a friend's house and spent the day celebrating with his family.

Write an entry in your **journal** about your experience. Describe what happened, including the ways in which the family celebrated the festival. Reflect on what you did and express how you feel about the event.

**End of questions**

















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