



CHINESE: SECOND LANGUAGE

ATAR course examination 2021

Written marking key

Marking keys are an explicit statement about what the examining panel expect of candidates when they respond to particular examination items. They help ensure a consistent interpretation of the criteria that guide the awarding of marks.

Section One
Response: Listening

30% (35 Marks)

Text 1:**Question 1** (2 marks)

Identify the **two** youth issues mentioned in the announcement.

Description	Marks
smoking	1
drinking (alcohol)	1
Total	2

Question 2 (2 marks)

Why would students contact Teacher Zhang?

Description	Marks
to understand/learn more/talk about:	
the health effects (of smoking and drinking) on young people	1
and the effect on their friends	1
Total	2

Question 3 (1 mark)

According to the announcement, which of the following is teacher Zhang's correct phone number?

Description	Marks
B	1
Total	1

Text 2:**Question 4** (2 marks)

Where did Xiaoming buy his Mother's Day gift for his mother and why?

Description	Marks
he bought it online	1
because he is studying abroad (right now)/he is not at home/cannot return home	1
Total	2

Question 5 (2 marks)

How did Xiaoming describe the present he bought his mother?

Description	Marks
not expensive	1
it's her favourite thing/she really likes it	1
Total	2

Question 6

(3 marks)

What is Xiaoming's opinion of online shopping?

Description	Marks
cheaper (than shopping in store)	1
even with delivery costs	1
can also shop anytime and anywhere/it is convenient	1
Total	3

Text 3:

Question 7

(2 marks)

Identify **two** reasons why Zhangsheng likes the Mid-Autumn festival the best?

Description	Marks
reminds him of his childhood/when he was little	1
mother telling him stories/listening to her stories (which he liked very much)	1
Total	2

Question 8

(2 marks)

Apart from admiring the moon and eating moon cakes, what else did Zhangsheng's family do during the last Mid-Autumn festival?

Description	Marks
watched the Mid-Autumn program	1
watched television	1
Total	2

Question 9

(1 mark)

According to the conversation which of the following statements is **correct**?

Description	Marks
D	1
Total	1

Text 4:

Question 10

(3 marks)

What is on Channel 10 and why does Xiaoli find it interesting?

Description	Marks
a dating show/making friends show	1
gives those young people without a boyfriend and girlfriend/single young people	1
a chance to meet others/get to know others	1
Total	3

Question 11

(3 marks)

Give **three** reasons why Xiaoli might break up with her boyfriend.

Description	Marks
Any three of the following	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had a fight/a quarrel • everyday he spends time/plays (ball and games) with his basketball friends • when/every time Xiaoli asks her boyfriend to do something/go shopping/watch a movie, he doesn't have time • he refused/wouldn't agree to watch a romance movie 	1-3
Total	3

Text 5:

Part (i)

Question 12

(1 mark)

What is the topic of the interview?

Description	Marks
Options/choices/decisions after graduating (from high school)	1
Total	1

Question 13

(2 marks)

Why was Lina chosen for the interview?

Description	Marks
because she is working (part-time) while studying	1
(after graduation) she wants to work first before going to university	1
Total	2

Question 14

(2 marks)

What did Lina want to do at first and why was this a problem?

Description	Marks
wanted to study art/fine art	1
parents didn't agree	1
Total	2

Question 15

(2 marks)

What did Lina and her parents agree upon and what does Lina need to decide?

Description	Marks
(that after graduation) she would work first	1
whether she would like to study art or not	1
Total	2

Part (ii)

Question 16

(1 mark)

How did Lina get her first job?

Description	Marks
father's friend introduced/recommended Lina for the job	1
Total	1

Question 17

(2 marks)

Give **two** reasons why Lina fell in love with this line of work?

Description	Marks
Reason 1: (as soon as) she saw the different types/a variety of clothing	1
Reason 2: she has liked drawing since she was little.	1
Total	2

Question 18

(2 marks)

What did the manager of the factory do after seeing some of Lina's work?

Description	Marks
he made her designs (into clothing)	1
to sell	1
Total	2

End of section

Section Two

Response: Viewing and reading

40% (42Marks)

Text 6:

Question 19

(2 marks)

How did the writer want to celebrate their birthday this year?

Description	Marks
they wanted to invite friends/classmates	1
to their home to play/hang out (together)/have fun together	1
Total	2

Question 20

(2 marks)

When did the writer's mother start preparing for the birthday party?

Description	Marks
as soon as/after the father	1
came back from/the (vegetable) market/from buying the cake and vegetables	1
Total	2

Question 21

(1 mark)

What was the writer's favourite birthday present?

Description	Marks
a concert ticket	1
Total	1

Question 22

(1 mark)

Which of the following statements does **not** reflect what is in the diary entry?

A	Some friends gave books and some gave chocolates as birthday gifts.
B	The writer and friends talked while playing games that were organised by the parents.
C	This was the writer's first birthday party.
D	The writer hopes from now on to celebrate every birthday with family and friends.

Description	Marks
B	1
Total	1

Text 7:

Question 23

(3 marks)

Identify the **three** areas from which Xiaohong is feeling pressure.

Description	Marks
school work/homework	1
exams/tests	1
future studies/higher education	1
Total	3

Question 24

(2 marks)

Why do Xiaohong's parents have such high expectations?

Description	Marks
(nowadays/now) the competition is becoming more and more fierce	1
students also need to have various talents/abilities	1
Total	2

Question 25

(3 marks)

List **three** things that Xiaohong is thankful for.

Description	Marks
parental support/support the writers decisions	1
(so many) learning opportunities	1
enriching/an abundance of/many hobbies/interests	1
Total	3

Question 26

(3 marks)

According to Xiaohong, what are **three** benefits of having a part-time job?

Description	Marks
become more independent	1
accumulate/gain (some) work experience	1
practice/develop communication skills	1
Total	3

Question 27

(2 marks)

What does Xiaohong say to convince his parents his schooling will not suffer if he gets a part-time job?

Description	Marks
he has been studying very hard	1
even the teachers praise his efforts/him	1
Total	2

Text 8:

Question 28

(2 marks)

What does social media bring to young people?

Description	Marks
convenience	1
problems	1
Total	2

Question 29

(3 marks)

According to the text, what are the issues associated with social media?

Description	Marks
students are distracted/cannot concentrate (in class).	1
loss of social skills/face to face communication is affected	1
affects the health (of young people)	1
Total	3

Question 30

(3 marks)

Give **three** examples of what young people do on social media.

Description	Marks
any three of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chat/talk • watch/look at moments/updates/posts/news/friends circle • comment on photos uploaded by others • comment/or discuss on messages/information (uploaded by others) 	1–3
Total	3

Question 31

(4 marks)

Refer to the article and circle whether each statement is either true or false.

Answer	Description	Marks
True	Parents should provide students with more opportunities to practise face-to-face communication.	1
True	The time students spend on social media should be reduced.	1
False	The use of mobile phones should not be banned completely from school.	1
False	Students should be allowed to send messages through social media during school hours.	1
Total		4

Text 9:

Question 32

(1 mark)

How long has the writer been in China?

Description	Marks
almost two months	1
Total	1

Question 33

(1 mark)

What did the writer say about eating in China?

Description	Marks
very convenient	1
Total	1

Question 34

(2 marks)

What problem does the writer want people to think about?

Description	Marks
how disposable/single use plastic products	1
endanger/harm the environment	1
Total	2

Question 35

(3 marks)

According to the writer, list **three** items which are now used to excess in China.

Description	Marks
disposable cutleries/tableware/utensils	1
take away containers/boxes	1
plastic bags	1
Total	3

Question 36

(1 mark)

According to the text which of the following statements is correct?

A	There are not many food apps to choose from in China.
B	The mobile apps mentioned in the article give people too much choice when ordering online.
C	The writer hopes that everyone will stop using disposable fast food products for just the convenience.
D	With all the takeaway orders made in China, within a day a whole stadium could be filled with the plastic waste.
E	The writer suggests everyone make their own food and not order takeaway.

Description	Marks
C	1
Total	1

Question 37

(3 marks)

What does the writer suggest businesses do to help reduce waste?

Description	Marks
(when delivering) paper bags should be used instead of plastic	1
encourage people to bring their own food container/lunch boxes	1
providing discounts – if people use their own containers	1
Total	3

End of section

Section Three

Written communication

30% (30 Marks)

Part A: Stimulus response

12% (12 Marks)

Question 38

(12 marks)

You have received the following text message from a Chinese friend. Respond to your friend's comments and questions by writing a reply message.

Criteria	Marks
Content	
Responds to the text message and answers the questions asked. Information provided is relevant and elaborated. Content relates to the information in the stimulus, addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> what they have been doing and if they are missing home acknowledges WeChat and explains why they haven't accepted the writer's friend request talks about their use of WeChat. 	4
May or may not identify the comments and questions. Provides mostly relevant and elaborated content relating to the stimulus text.	3
May or may not identify the comments and questions. Provides some relevant and elaborated content relating to the stimulus text.	2
May or may not address the comments and questions. Provides limited relevant information and content.	1
Does not address the problem and content has no relevance to the stimulus text.	0
Subtotal	4
Range of vocabulary and grammar	
Use a wide range of vocabulary and grammar with use of some complex sentence structures.	3
Uses a range of vocabulary and sentence structures.	2
Uses a limited range of vocabulary and sentence structures.	1
Uses only single words and short phrases with an insufficient command of basic vocabulary.	0
Subtotal	3
Accuracy of language use	
Uses language with a high level of accuracy. Word order is correct and vocabulary is appropriate to context. Inaccuracies do not affect meaning or flow. Chinese characters are accurately written.	3
Uses language with a good level of accuracy. Word order is mostly accurate. Vocabulary is mostly appropriate to context. Inaccuracies occasionally affect meaning or flow. Chinese characters are written with some errors.	2
Uses language with some accuracy. Word order and vocabulary is occasionally inaccurate, and inaccuracies sometimes affect meaning or flow. Chinese characters are often written with some errors.	1
Language use is mostly inaccurate. Word order and vocabulary is mostly inaccurate. Frequent errors make comprehension difficult.	0
Subtotal	3
Conventions of language and text	
Uses all the key conventions of a text message and informal register is consistently applied. Content includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a salutation and sign off content is brief and to the point with specific information provided 	2
Uses some of the conventions of a text message.	1
Does not observe the conventions of a text message.	0
Subtotal	2
Total	12

Part B: Extended response

18% (18 Marks)

Question 39

(18 marks)

Businesses in China are now charging customers for plastic bags in order to reduce waste. Write a blog post in which you comment on the possible reasons for this initiative. Explain whether you agree or disagree with it and provide reasons as to why you agree/disagree.

Criteria	Marks
Content	
Provides highly relevant and elaborated content. Content includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> comment on the possible reasons for this initiative explain whether they agree or disagree with the implementation provides more than one reason as to why they agree or disagree with the implementation. 	4
Provides relevant content, mostly with elaboration.	3
Provides some relevant and basic content.	2
Provides limited content that is relevant to the topic.	1
Content has no relevance to the question.	0
Subtotal	4
Range of grammar	
Uses a wide range of grammar and complex sentence structures.	4
Uses a good range of grammar and sentence structures.	3
Uses some grammar and sentence structures.	2
Uses a limited range of sentence structures.	1
Uses single words and short phrases with no structure.	0
Subtotal	4
Range of vocabulary	
Uses a wide range of vocabulary relevant to the content.	4
Uses a good range of vocabulary mostly relevant to the content.	3
Uses a limited range of vocabulary with some relevance to the content.	2
Uses repetitive, basic vocabulary with limited relevance to the content.	1
Insufficient command of basic vocabulary.	0
Subtotal	4
Accuracy of language use	
Uses language with a high level of accuracy. Word order is correct and vocabulary is appropriate to context. Inaccuracies do not affect meaning or flow. Chinese characters are accurately written.	4
Uses language with a good level of accuracy. Word order is mostly correct. Vocabulary is mostly appropriate to context. Inaccuracies do not affect meaning or flow. Chinese characters are generally accurately written.	3
Uses language with some accuracy. Word order and vocabulary is occasionally inaccurate, and inaccuracies sometimes affect meaning and flow. Chinese characters are often written with errors however comprehension is not difficult.	2
Language use is mostly inaccurate. Word order and vocabulary is mostly inaccurate, and inaccuracies often affect meaning and flow. Chinese characters are often written with errors making comprehension difficult.	1
No application of rules. Frequent errors make comprehension difficult.	0
Subtotal	4
Conventions of text type	
Uses all the key conventions of a blog posting and appropriate register to address the purpose of writing. Essential features of a blog posting are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> informal and/or more colloquial language language is descriptive, factual, judgmental and/or persuasive structure: introduction, body and conclusion has a title that indicates the content. 	2
Uses some of the conventions of a blog post.	1
Does not observe the conventions of a blog post.	0
Subtotal	2
Total	18

Question 40

(18 marks)

It was your last day of high school. Write a diary entry reflecting on the past year in which you:

- share your thoughts and feelings about your school life
- recall a memorable moment.

Criteria	Marks
Content	
Provides highly relevant and elaborated content. Sequences information coherently and cohesively. Content includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shares thoughts and feelings about their school life • recalls a memorable moment 	4
Provides relevant content, mostly with elaboration.	3
Provides some relevant and basic content.	2
Provides limited content that is relevant to the topic.	1
Content has no relevance to the question.	0
Subtotal	4
Range of grammar	
Uses a wide range of grammar and complex sentence structures.	4
Uses a good range of grammar and sentence structures.	3
Uses some grammar and sentence structures.	2
Uses a limited range of sentence structures.	1
Uses single words and short phrases with no structure.	0
Subtotal	4
Range of vocabulary	
Uses a wide range of vocabulary relevant to the content.	4
Uses a good range of vocabulary mostly relevant to the content.	3
Uses a limited range of vocabulary with some relevance to the content.	2
Uses repetitive, basic vocabulary with limited relevance to the content.	1
Insufficient command of basic vocabulary.	0
Subtotal	4
Accuracy of language use	
Uses language with a high level of accuracy. Word order is correct and vocabulary is appropriate to context. Inaccuracies do not affect meaning or flow. Chinese characters are accurately written.	4
Uses language with a good level of accuracy. Word order is mostly correct. Vocabulary is mostly appropriate to context. Inaccuracies do not affect meaning or flow. Chinese characters are generally accurately written.	3
Uses language with some accuracy. Word order and vocabulary is occasionally inaccurate, and inaccuracies sometimes affect meaning and flow. Chinese characters are often written with errors however comprehension is not difficult.	2
Language use is mostly inaccurate. Word order and vocabulary is mostly inaccurate, and inaccuracies often affect meaning and flow. Chinese characters are often written with errors making comprehension difficult.	1
No application of rules. Frequent errors make comprehension difficult.	0
Subtotal	4
Conventions of text type	
Uses all the key conventions of a diary entry and appropriate register to address the purpose of writing. Essential features of a diary entry are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • informal, colloquial and subjective language • first person narration • layout provides a sense of time, sequence and space • start with the date and followed by weather of the day • paragraphs indented. 	2
Uses some of the conventions of a diary entry.	1
Does not observe the conventions of a diary entry.	0
Subtotal	2
Total	18

Question 41

(18 marks)

Your host family took you on a holiday to southern China where you experienced the Dragon Boat Festival firsthand. Write an email to your friends back home describing and reflecting on your experience.

Criteria	Marks
Content	
Provides highly relevant and elaborated content. Sequences information coherently and cohesively. Content includes a description and a reflection on their experience. Examples of descriptions and reflection include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what took place • the atmosphere/surroundings • how they felt. 	4
Provides relevant content, mostly with elaboration.	3
Provides some relevant and basic content.	2
Provides limited content that is relevant to the topic.	1
Content has no relevance to the question.	0
Subtotal	4
Range of grammar	
Uses a wide range of grammar and complex sentence structures.	4
Uses a good range of grammar and sentence structures.	3
Uses some grammar and sentence structures.	2
Uses a limited range of sentence structures.	1
Uses single words and short phrases with no structure.	0
Subtotal	4
Range of vocabulary	
Uses a wide range of vocabulary relevant to the content.	4
Uses a good range of vocabulary mostly relevant to the content.	3
Uses a limited range of vocabulary with some relevance to the content.	2
Uses repetitive, basic vocabulary with limited relevance to the content.	1
Insufficient command of basic vocabulary.	0
Subtotal	4
Accuracy of language use	
Uses language with a high level of accuracy. Word order is correct and vocabulary is appropriate to context. Inaccuracies do not affect meaning or flow. Chinese characters are accurately written.	4
Uses language with a good level of accuracy. Word order is mostly correct. Vocabulary is mostly appropriate to context. Inaccuracies do not affect meaning or flow. Chinese characters are generally accurately written.	3
Uses language with some accuracy. Word order and vocabulary is occasionally inaccurate, and inaccuracies sometimes affect meaning and flow. Chinese characters are often written with errors however comprehension is not difficult.	2
Language use is mostly inaccurate. Word order and vocabulary is mostly inaccurate, and inaccuracies often affect meaning and flow. Chinese characters are often written with errors making comprehension difficult.	1
No application of rules. Frequent errors make comprehension difficult.	0
Subtotal	4
Conventions of text type	
Uses all the key conventions of an email and informal register is consistently applied. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • starts with the name of the recipient, followed by a colon • each new paragraph is indented • ends with a salutation, followed by the name of the writer both are aligned to the left. 	2
Uses some of the conventions of an email.	1
Does not observe the conventions of an email.	0
Subtotal	2
Total	18

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