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Introduction

1.1 About this booklet

This booklet has been produced to support teachers delivering the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in Chinese specification. The Paper 1 exemplar materials will enable teachers to guide their students in the application of knowledge and skills required to successfully complete this course. The booklet looks at questions 3 and 7 from the June 2019 examination series, showing real candidate responses to questions and how examiners have applied the mark schemes to demonstrate how student responses should be marked.

1.2 How to use this booklet

Each example covered in this booklet contains:

- Question
- Example responses for the selected question
- Example of the marker grading decision based on the mark scheme, accompanied by examiner commentary including the explanation for the decision and guidance on how the answer can be improved to earn more marks
- Mark scheme.

The examples highlight the achievement of the assessment objectives at lower to higher levels of candidate responses.

Centres should use the commentaries on the exemplification of marker decisions to support their internal assessment of students and incorporate examination skills into the delivery of the specification.

1.3 Further support

A range of materials are available from the Pearson qualifications website to support you in planning and delivering this specification.

Centres may find it beneficial to review this document in conjunction with the [Examiner's Report](#) and other assessment and support materials available on the [Pearson Qualifications website](#).

Question 3

Neighbourhood

3 Meimei is talking about where her friend Lili lives. Fill in the spaces **in English** or using numbers.

Example: Where Lili lives: Shanghai

(a) Colour of the building Lili lives in: (1)

(b) Travelling time to the city: (1)

(c) Reasons why Lili likes the area: and (2)

(d) In the evening, Lili often: (1)

(e) Lili complains about: (1)

(Total for Question 3 = 6 marks)

Exemplar response A

- (a) Colour of the building Lili lives in: Red (1)
- (b) Travelling time to the city: 25 minutes (1)
- (c) Reasons why Lili likes the area: Clean and beautiful (2)
- (d) In the evening, Lili often: ^{Go}~~go~~ to the park for a walk. (1)
- (e) Lili complains about: ~~not~~ ^{There is} no bank nearby which is not convenient. (1)

Examiner's comments:

This response was given 6 marks.

The candidate did very well in this question, scoring all the 6 marks.

In 3(a), the transcript mentions “红色的” and the candidate answered “red”, which is the correct answer.

In 3(b), the term used in the transcript is “二十五分钟”; candidates are allowed to answer such questions using words or a combination of numbers and words, in this case “twenty-five minutes” or “25 minutes”.

In 3(c), “干净” and “漂亮” are mentioned in the transcript. If candidates answered “clean” and “pretty/beautiful”, they would get both marks. This is the case here. However, some candidates responded “clear” but not “clean” and so were not awarded one part mark as the meaning of the two words is different.

In 3(d), the response was “go to the park for a walk”, which is the correct interpretation of “去公园散步”. Both key words: “park” and “walk” were mentioned.

In 3(e), the candidate answered “There is no bank nearby which is not convenient”. This is a very close translation of “因为附近没有银行，她觉得非常不方便” and so the candidate was awarded the mark. The key words required in response to this question were: “no bank”. Candidates were not penalized if they gave an alternative response, provided it was correct and detailed.

Exemplar response B

- (a) Colour of the building Lili lives in: red (1)
- (b) Travelling time to the city: 25 minutes (1)
- (c) Reasons why Lili likes the area: it is clean and very beautiful (2)
- (d) In the evening, Lili often: takes a ^{run} ~~walk~~ around the park (1)
- (e) Lili complains about: it is inconvenient (1)

Examiner's comments:

This response was given 4 marks.

The candidate made a fair attempt at this question. The responses to the first three part questions were correct. In 3(a), the candidate answered "red"; in 3(b), the answer was "25 minutes" and in 3(c) – "clean" and "beautiful".

However, the response in 3(d) was incorrect. The candidate answered "takes a run around the park" whilst the transcript is quite clear that the speaker is going for "散步" (a walk) instead of "跑步" (a run). Consequently, no mark was awarded. Candidates should make sure that they use precise terms in their responses. Answers such as "walk" and "stroll" would be accepted here, but not "run".

In 3(e), the candidate answered: "it is inconvenient", which was insufficient to be awarded the mark as this answer is too general. Since the transcript specifically mentions "附近没有银行", to be awarded the mark the candidate had to demonstrate understanding of the fact that there was no bank nearby.

Question 7

A special occasion

- 7 Listen to the conversation between a brother and a sister. Answer the questions in **English**. You do not need to write full sentences.

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Example: Cook at home	Healthy	Time-consuming
Restaurant	(a) (b)	(c)
Takeaway	(d)	(e) (f)

(Total for Question 7 = 6 marks)

Exemplar response A

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Example: Cook at home	Healthy	Time-consuming
Restaurant	(a) Mum's favourite (b) Good service	(c) Crowded
Takeaway	(d) Fast delivery	(e) Less choice of food than on menu (f) Not tasty

Examiner's comments:

This response was given 5 marks.

This candidate answered this question well. Even though most answers were quite short, they were precise. All marks were awarded except in 7(a). For this part question, the answer listed in the mark scheme is: "their mother likes Italian food" (the transcript mentions: "妈妈最喜欢吃的意大利菜"). However, the candidate simply answered "Mum's favourite". The keyword "Italian" is missing and thus no mark was awarded.

In 7(b), the candidate responded "good service". This answer was awarded the mark as it contains the main element mentioned in the transcript: "餐厅的服务非常好". In 7(c), the transcript mentions "餐厅人一定很多", which means that the restaurant is crowded. The candidate responded "crowded", which was very clear and precise and so the mark was awarded.

In 7(d), the candidate answered "fast delivery", which was accepted. Both "quick delivery" and "fast delivery" would have been acceptable as the transcript mentions "我们点的菜很快就送到" and the key elements "快" and "送到" were referred to in the answer.

The answer in 7(e) was correct. The candidate answered "less choice of food on menu", which is very clear and is a correct interpretation of the Chinese phrase "菜单上的东西太少了". Thus, one mark was awarded.

In 7(f), the transcript mentions "食物不好吃". This mark was awarded although ideally the candidate would have provided a fuller answer, writing "the food is not tasty". Since the adjective "tasty" could only refer to food, this mark was awarded. Candidates should strive to cover all the key terms in their answers. Missing some key terms may result in losing marks.

Exemplar response B

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Example: Cook at home	Healthy	Time-consuming
Restaurant	(a) to Service is good (b) Very popular Their Mother's favorite	(c) Too busy on Sundays
Takeaway	(d) Service is very fast	(e) Small menu (f) Not tasty

Examiner's comments:

This response was given 2 marks.

This candidate did not perform well in this question. Only marks for answers in 7(a) and 7(f) were awarded but not others. In 7(a), we accept terms like "service is good" and "good service" as the transcript mentions "餐厅的服务非常好". Just like in exemplar response A, this candidate answered "not tasty" in 7(f). This is not the most suitable phrase as "food" was not mentioned; however, the mark was still awarded.

In 7(b), the candidate responded "their Mother's favourite". Even though it included key terms, one of the most important elements: "意大利菜", was missing and so the mark was not awarded. Candidates should strive to include all the keywords used in the answer to gain marks.

In 7(c), the candidate answered "too busy on Sundays". This seems to be correct at first glance; however, the transcript only mentions "餐厅人一定很多 和 等很长时间" and it does not mention that the restaurant is busy. Many candidates used a similar approach here but "busy" and "crowded" are different. We accept "crowded on Sundays" and "lots of people on Sundays" but not "too busy on Sundays". Candidates should use precise terms to answer such questions.

In 7(d), the candidate responded "service is very fast". The mark was not awarded for this answer as the meaning of "送到" (delivery) was not found in this response. Candidates would not have received a mark if they simply answered "fast" or "quick service". In order to gain this mark, they should have included both "fast" and "delivery" in this question.

In 7(e), the response "small menu" was not correct. This candidate misinterpreted the term "太少" as "too small". Therefore, this answer incorrectly referred to the size of the menu but not the choice of food on the menu.

Exemplar response C

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Example: Cook at home	Healthy	Time-consuming
Restaurant	(a) Good services (b) Good food taste	(c) Long waiting time
Takeaway	(d) Fast to deliver	(e) Bad taste (f) Too little food

Examiner's comments:

This response was given 4 marks.

This candidate demonstrated fair performance on this question.

In 7(a), the candidate responded "good services", which is a correct interpretation of "服务非常好".

In 7(b), the candidate responded "good food taste", which was incorrect. The transcript does not mention anything at all about the taste of food in the Italian restaurant. Therefore, this mark was not awarded.

In 7(c), the response was "long waiting time", which was correct. The transcript mentions "我们可能得等很长时间", which implies a long waiting time. Therefore, this answer was accepted.

In 7(d), the candidate mentioned "fast to deliver". The keywords "快" and "送到" were found in this response and so the mark was awarded.

The answer given in 7(e) was also accepted. The candidate answered "bad taste" - a similar answer to "not tasty" and "not delicious" in the previous examples.

The candidate was not awarded the mark in 7(f) for the response "too little food". This answer was ambiguous as it could be interpreted as "portion sizes are too small" or "there is not much choice on the menu" while the transcript only mentions a narrow selection of food. Candidates should make sure that their answers are clear and precise. The answers which are ambiguous may lose marks.

Mark schemes

Mark scheme for question 3

Question number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	red	1
3(b)	25 minutes	1
3(c)	clean pretty/beautiful	1 1
3(d)	walks in the park	1
3(e)	no bank	1

Mark scheme for question 7

Question number	Answer	Accept	Reject	Mark
7(a)	Good service			1
7(b)	Their mother likes Italian food	It is an Italian restaurant		1
7(c)	Crowded	Too many people		1
7(d)	Quick delivery	Fast delivery		1
7(e)	Few dishes on the menu	Not much food to choose	No food to choose	1
7(f)	Food is not delicious	Food is not tasty		1

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