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NEW SOUTH WALES

## **2012 HSC Chinese Continuers 'Sample Answers'**

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## Section I — Listening and Responding

### Question 1

*Sample answer:*

My travel checklist	
Clothes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Toiletries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Camera	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese books	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimmers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>
English books	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Question 2

*Sample answer:*

Xiao Hong is crying because she has lost her cat. It is irreplaceable because it was a gift from her father.

### Question 3

*Sample answer:*

Jack is immensely interested in learning Chinese language and culture. His good results in Chinese language at university display his interest in Chinese. He has learnt the language quite well and is intending to visit China. He is also eager to improve his Chinese and is practising speaking Chinese with Mrs Zhang.

**Question 4*****Sample answer:***

The purpose of the announcement is to enlist help from a passenger who can speak Shanghai dialect to act as an interpreter for an aged passenger who has suddenly fallen ill during a plane journey.

**Question 5*****Sample answer:***

Students are under a heavy load of study as they spend long hours in doing schoolwork. Their lives are monotonous and studying is the only activity they engage in. They have no social contact besides their formal study.

**Question 6*****Sample answer:***

- The principals' use of internet language when addressing students has aroused people's interest.
- Young people are enthusiastic about it and accept it wholeheartedly.
- Some parents and teachers think that principals should use internet language with discretion.

**Question 7*****Sample answer:***

This advertisement would appeal to the Year 10 boys as it is an event that combines their school with the girls' school. There will be a lot of indoor and outdoor activities as well as time to interact. It is also appealing as it is inexpensive – only \$120 all inclusive.

**Question 8**

(A) – It doesn't matter, we are good friends.

**Question 9*****Answer could include:***

- Chinese parents always treat their offspring as children no matter how old they are. Australians emphasise independence and privacy.
- Filial piety is expected of Chinese children. Chinese parents emphasise early education whereas Australians focus more on playtime for young children.

## Section II — Reading and Responding

### Part A

#### Question 10 (a)

*Sample answer:*

It is a fundraising event for some village schools in China. It will help them to buy more books for the school library.

#### Question 10 (b)

*Sample answer:*

Wang Li is a famous singer in China who is visiting Australia for the first time. He is a generous person as he is performing for free for the charity event and he gives each audience a free copy of his latest CD. He will also sing with two lucky audiences to lighten up the atmosphere.

#### Question 10 (c)

*Sample answer:*

The event will be a success as it is very popular as indicated by how quickly all of the tickets were sold. The host of the event is a well-known television personality and very experienced in hosting such events. The lucky door prize brings excitement and anticipation to the audience. The provision of free food and drink will enhance the experience of the audience.

#### Question 11 (a)

*Answer could include:*

The controversy caused by the book ‘*Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*’. They want to express their opinions on Tiger Mother’s view.

#### Question 11 (b)

*Sample answer:*

This comment is based on her own personal experiences of educating her two sons. She applied Tiger Mother’s way to educate her older son but she used the opposite way to educate her younger son. Both of them are very successful in their lives.

**Question 11 (c)*****Sample answer:***

David starts his comment with a rebuttal: 'Tiger Mother does not understand how to teach children at all'. He then uses the metaphor 'clay doll' and parallelism 'their own personality, their own interests and their own natural talents', to emphasise that each child is different. He then sums up his argument with the rhetorical question, 'Can money buy all these?' to show his disagreement with Tiger Mother.

**Question 11 (d)*****Sample answer:***

Zhang Ying totally agrees with what the book says and believes that good results in study are the only way to a good life in the future. Therefore parents should impose strict discipline on their children while they are studying and children should sacrifice entertainment for good results.

David opposes what the book says entirely and thinks that each child is different and parents should take into consideration their children's personalities, interests and natural talents while educating them.

David emphasises that money is not the sole purpose in life and a happy childhood is important in the upbringing of children.

## Section II — Reading and Responding Part B

### Question 12

*Answer could include:*

- Taking a gap year is a good idea
- Candidates may favour either doing voluntary work or travelling around the world
- Voluntary work
  - meaningful
  - good experiences for his future career
  - can use school holidays for travelling in the future
  - going to Africa is travelling already
- Travelling
  - enjoyable time with a good friend
  - various work experiences, good for future career
  - gain valuable knowledge about different countries
  - parental consent