

2009 HSC Chinese Continuers

Sample Answers — Written Examination

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- (a) as part of the development of the examination paper to ensure the questions will effectively assess students’ knowledge and skills, and
- (b) in order to provide some advice to the Supervisor of Marking about the nature and scope of the responses expected of students.

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Section I — Listening and Responding

Question 1

Sample answer:

It was her grandmother’s birthday yesterday and she’ll ring her to apologise and explain.

Question 2

Sample answer:

Peter will have a talk with his parents and tell them he wishes to become a teacher.

Question 3*Sample answer:***Travel survey**

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| Age: | 18 years old |
| Preferred activities: | Thrill seeking activities |
| Favourite destination: | New Zealand |
| Duration of stay: | Two to three weeks |

Question 4*Sample answer:*

林太太：

请你明天晚上给我们家狗吃晚饭。

谢谢

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Question 5*Sample answer:*

Michael informed the guest about services provided including transport arrangement, specially prepared breakfast, two Chinese speaking service staff.

Question 6*Sample answer:*

Initially Mark was in disbelief about what Xiao Li had said and he was critical. But after hearing her explanation and knowing her kindness to others he softened.

Question 7***Sample answer:***

Andy was invited onto the program because he was successful in his TV production as his first job. He can provide insight into the working environment eg knowing your customer; and can give advice on how to succeed in the workforce eg budgeting and team working.

Question 8***Sample answer:***

The mother and son can not agree because the son's concern is his present situation and his mother's concern is his studies and his future. He mentioned he was sick of the food. The mother said she would come often and cook for him. He was homesick and missed his friends. His mother wanted him to study and enter a good university. He told his mother his loneliness. His mother was not concerned about his feelings and only concerned about his studies. He mentioned his English was not good and could not understand what was taught in class. His mother wanted him to study harder.

Section II — Reading and Responding

Part A

Question 9 (a)

Sample answer:

Media's report of young drivers are unsafe drivers is not fair and the increase of learner driver's practice hours.

Question 9 (b)

Sample answer:

Lin Zhong justifies his point of view by stating that not all unsafe drivers are young drivers. He knew the process of driving from observing his parents since he was little. Students have a busy life. 120 hours will take forever to complete.

Question 9 (c)

Sample answer:

Mr Li is a concerned citizen. His views are based on the welfare of the young people. He is being cautious and considerate for all.

The parent's opinion is more self-focused. This particular parent's concerns are on time and money. He thinks that it should be the responsibility of the school to educate the young people on driving safety.

Question 10 (a)***Sample answer:***

The author wanted to invite Martin to his party. He wanted to ask Martin in private to avoid embarrassment.

Question 10 (b)***Sample answer:***

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Question 10 (c)***Sample answer:***

Mum is very authoritative. One shall listen to her when she makes up her mind. She is a grateful person who appreciates that Martin invited her son to his birthday party. She is very genuine, even a bit naive in terms of understanding the social situation in school.

Question 10 (d)***Sample answer:***

The author is a new arrival student from China eager to be accepted and make friends in his new school. He is shy and lacks self-confidence and is afraid of rejection. He likes playing and watching basketball games. He is an obedient son who follows his mother's instructions.

Question 10 (e)***Sample answer:***

The basketball is a precious item because it was signed by Yao Ming. The basketball represents a form of communication that doesn't require language. When the author had the ball at the beginning of the story, it was used as his confidence and support — it's so special to him that he never lets anyone play with it. When it was rolled on the ground, it symbolised surprise and happiness; when it was tossed at the end of the story, it was used as a symbol of friendship. By letting Martin playing with it, signifies the acceptance of his friendship.

Section II — Reading and Responding

Part B

Question 11

The best responses would include:

You have to show that you're highly interested in the job. You are worried about lacking of experiences and working hours. You need to mention your other special skills. You are willing to change your holiday travel time around this job.