



2012 HSC Chinese Beginners 'Sample Answers'

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Section I — Listening

Question 1

Sample answer:

To give the date of the Spring Festival.

Question 2

Sample answer:

Order form	
<i>Food</i>	Tick the order Fried rice <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken rice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beef rice <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Customer phone number</i>	088- 5413

Question 3

Sample answer:

She was looking forward to seeing her boyfriend tonight, but her parents are not at home and she needs to cook for her younger brother so she cannot go out.

Question 4

Sample answer:

Period \ Day	Monday	Wednesday
Period 1	English	Chinese
Period 2	Music	Computing

Bold part is the answer.

Question 5 (a)***Sample answer:***

He should move on.

Question 5 (b)***Answers could include:***

- Buy some new clothes
- Get a new haircut – you will look better
- Attend some fun activities – you can make a lot of new friends

Question 6***Answers could include:***

- Year 11 organised the party for Year 12
- Year 12's last day of school
- To farewell their Chinese teacher

Question 7***Answers could include:***

To inform that:

- Ten fantastic new books have arrived in the library
- The famous writer will be at our school library during lunch to meet everyone
- Everyone come to the library at 12:30 pm, because he is leaving at 1 pm

Question 8***Sample answer:***

Her father is 60 and often gets sick. She has to confront him with the fact that they don't spend quality time together and he is working too hard. He refuses to rest and stay at home. He is not willing to interact with her.

Question 9

Answers could include:

- Getting to know about school events
- He has mentioned all the positive experiences of being involved with the school such as making lots of new friends.
- He has improved his relationship with his son
- His son studies well.

Question 10

Answers could include:

- Proud: The mother is proud of her son's marks in Year 12.
- Angry: The mother is angry that her son didn't go to school. Instead of going to school, he went shopping with Jimmy.
- Confused: The mother is very confused because her son doesn't have a girlfriend but he bought girls' clothes.
- Relieved: The girl is Jimmy's girlfriend so the mother is relieved.
- Suspicious: The mother will go home and ask her son why he didn't go to school but went shopping.

Section II — Reading

Question 11 (a)

Sample answer:

A new fish shop is opening.

Question 11 (b)

Answers could include:

- Special offer
- Uses health benefit to engage people to buy
- Encourages people to act quickly
- Fresh and cheap

Question 12 (a)

Sample answer:

To confirm that Tony's older brother's birthday is tomorrow.

Question 12 (b)

Answers could include:

- Tony – disappointed
- Shan – excited/happy
- Tony thought Shan wants to visit him but actually Shan is using him as an excuse to visit his brother.

Question 13 (a)

Sample answer:

Bobby didn't know what to do during the holiday and wants to find someone to spend the holiday with.

Question 13 (b)

Answers could include:

- Liz's younger brother was sick and hospitalised when he was little. The family has received a lot of help from other people.
- Liz and her little brother saw a lot of other sick children while they were in the hospital and they were all unhappy.
- The hospital needs someone who can speak Chinese.

Question 14 (a)

Sample answer:

She was not interested in Italy, she only liked playing on the computer.

Question 14 (b)

Answers could include:

- Stop wasting time on computer games.
- She needs to go to university and study Italian.
- She needs to get a part-time job and save money.

Question 15 (a)

Sample answer:

The grandfather tries to encourage his grandson to take over the family business.

Question 15 (b)

Answers could include:

- Sensitive: She easily gets upset.
- Ambitious: She thinks she is better suited to the job.
- Manipulative: She tells her brother that he should be a teacher rather than take over the business. She asks her brother to lie to their grandfather.

Question 15 (c)***Answers could include:***

- He won't take grandfather's job offer.
- He wants to be a teacher.
- He wants Huahua to apply for this job.
- He follows Huahua's suggestion, having dinner with grandfather and telling him he has a job already.