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# GCSE CHINESE (MANDARIN) 8673/LF

Paper 1 Listening Foundation Tier

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**Mark scheme**

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No student should be disadvantaged on the basis of their gender identity and/or how they refer to the gender identity of others in their exam responses.

A consistent use of 'they/them' as a singular and pronouns beyond 'she/her' or 'he/him' will be credited in exam responses in line with existing mark scheme criteria.

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## Listening and Reading tests

### General principles of marking

#### Non-verbal answers

Follow the mark scheme as set out.

#### Verbal answers (English or target language)

1. The basic principle of assessment is that students should gain credit for what they know, understand and can do; provided their written response communicates the required message without ambiguity, it will get the mark. The following guidance should be borne in mind when marking.
  - (a) Credit should be given for all answers which convey the key idea required intelligibly and without ambiguity. This applies whether the answer is in English or target language. A separate assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar is not required because of the nature of the answers. However, these aspects are an integral part of assessing communication and marks cannot be awarded where errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar lead to a failure to communicate the required information **without ambiguity**.
  - (b) Where a student has given alternatives or additional information in an answer, the following criteria should be applied: – if the alternative/addition does not contradict the key idea/make it ambiguous, **accept** – if the alternative/addition contradicts the key idea or makes it ambiguous, **reject**.
  - (c) Where numbered lines are given within a question/section of a question, credit should be given for correct answers, no matter which line they appear on.
  - (d) Where a question has more than one **section (eg (i) and (ii))**, a candidate may include as part of the answer to one section the information required to answer another section. Eg, in Listening, information required to answer section (ii) might be given as part of the answer to section (i). In such cases, credit should be given for having answered section (ii), provided that no incorrect answer has been given for that section in the correct place on the question paper.
2. In questions where students are asked to give for example a list of three items, only the first three items they write down should be considered for assessment purposes.
3. No mark scheme can cover all possible answers. When in doubt, look for the key idea.
4. Where a student has crossed out an answer and what was underneath remains legible then it should be marked. When part of an answer is crossed out, then only what remains should be considered.
5. .../. means that these are acceptable alternative answers in the mark scheme. (.....) means that this information is not needed for full marks to be awarded.
6. In questions which are T/F/? or ✓/X/? in either Section A or Section B, a mix and match approach should be tolerated and credit given where it is clear and unambiguous (eg consistent use by the candidate). If candidates write 'True' instead of 'V' for Vrai in Section B, this should also be credited despite the wrong language being used.

Question	Accept	Mark
01	A (bread)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
02	A (chicken)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
03	E, F (in any order) E (sports hall) F (supermarket)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
04	B, G (in any order) B (cinema) G (train station)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
05	A, C (in any order) A (art gallery) C (park)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
06	<b>N, P (must be in this order)</b> N (negative) P (positive)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
07	<b>P, P + N (must be in this order)</b> P (positive) P + N (positive and negative)	2

Question	Accept	Mark
08	<b>A</b> (her brother)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
09	<b>B</b> (three hours)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
10	(a lot of) vegetables			1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
11	eat meat			1

Question	Accept			Mark
12	<b>Country: A</b> (America) <b>Job: 4</b> (scientist)			2

Question	Accept			Mark
13	<b>Country: D</b> (Germany) <b>Job: 1</b> (chef)			2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
14	six years old	6		1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
15	(his older) brother		younger brother	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
16	girls		children (on its own)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
17.1	D (drinks)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
17.2	B (books)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
17.3	E (gifts)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.1	B (geography)	1

Question	Accept	Mark
18.2	B (homework)	1

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beijing opera</li> <li>pop (songs) (in any order)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jing opera</li> </ul>		2

Question	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He studies/goes to school in the UK/England.</li> <li>His home/family is in Hong Kong.</li> </ul> <p>(in any order)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He's from Hong Kong.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He lives in the UK/England.</li> </ul>	2

Question	Accept	Mark
21	<p><b>A, C (in any order)</b>  <b>A</b> (cloudy)  <b>C</b> (rainy)</p>	2

Question	Accept	Mark
22	<p><b>E, F (in any order)</b>  <b>E</b> (sunny)  <b>F</b> (windy)</p>	2

Question	Accept	Mark
23	<p><b>B, C, F, H (in any order)</b>  <b>B</b> (dragon dancing)  <b>C</b> (eating dumplings)  <b>F</b> (giving red envelopes)  <b>H</b> (lion dancing)</p>	4

Total = 40 marks