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**GCSE  
CHINESE (MANDARIN)  
8673/RH**

**H**

Higher Tier Paper 3 Reading

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**Specimen Mark scheme**

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V1.0

Mark schemes are prepared by the Lead Assessment Writer and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. This mark scheme includes any amendments made at the standardisation events which all associates participate in and is the scheme which was used by them in this examination. The standardisation process ensures that the mark scheme covers the students' responses to questions and that every associate understands and applies it in the same correct way. As preparation for standardisation each associate analyses a number of students' scripts. Alternative answers not already covered by the mark scheme are discussed and legislated for. If, after the standardisation process, associates encounter unusual answers which have not been raised they are required to refer these to the Lead Assessment Writer.

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There is no requirement for grammatical accuracy in GCSE Chinese (Mandarin) Reading candidate responses.

Errors of grammar or spelling should not be penalised unless they impede comprehension of the key idea.

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## Section A

Qu	Accept	Mark
1.1	It's her favourite subject/ She likes it (History) the most.	1
1.2	Too strict	1
1.3	It's interesting/ fun	1
1.4	It is (a bit) hard to study (it)/(A bit) difficult	1

Qu	Accept	Mark
2.1	D	1
2.2	B	1
2.3	C	1
2.4	A	1

Qu	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
3.1	mum's/mother's car	by car/ mum took her/ mum gave her a lift	by train	1
3.2	on foot			1
3.3	by bus			1
3.4	Xiaohong			1

Qu	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
4.1	Taken part in a competition	Match		1
4.2	He loves swimming/Swimwear is cheap.			1
4.3	Not enough time			1

Qu	Accept	Reject	Mark
5.1	Eat fruit (every day)		1
5.2	Do exercise (every day) /running		1
5.3	(Have plenty of) sleep/sleep for eight hours per/each night	eight hours per night t.c.	1

Qu	Accept	Mark
6.1	6 <sup>th</sup> April	1
6.2	Scenery is most beautiful/likes the (red and yellow) leaves/autumn flowers look pretty (any one of above)	1
6.3	Summer	1
6.4	not (very) clean	1

Qu	Accept	Mark
7.1	last Sunday	1
7.2	volleyball	1
7.3	Italian	1
7.4	chocolate	1

Qu	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
8.1	sun/mountain(s) (one from two)			1
8.2	(Yellow) River/river			1
8.3	1000	one thousand		1
8.4	<b>B</b>			1

Qu	Accept	Mark
9.1	<b>L + M</b>	1
9.2	<b>L</b>	1
9.3	<b>M</b>	1
9.4	<b>L + M</b>	1
9.5	<b>M</b>	1
9.6	<b>C</b>	1

Qu	Accept	Mark
10.1	To earn pocket money	1
10.2	Fast-food restaurant/take-away restaurant/family business	1
10.3	Pet shop	1
10.4	(School) library	1

Qu	Key idea	Accept	Reject	Mark
11.1	<b>More than</b> two thousand (people)	More than 2000	2000	1
11.2	1 read the news (1) 2 download music (1) (any order)			2
11.3	<b>About</b> 30 (years old)		30	1
11.4	(Group) 3	Three		1

Qu	Accept	Reject	Mark
12.1	brothers		1
12.2	Hei Li		1
12.3	five years (older)		1
12.4	classmates/school mates/all attended the same school		1
12.5	no		1
12.6	modern/up-to-date		1

**Section B: Translation into English**

	Chinese	English	Mark
13	我常常跟朋友一起	I often (go) with my friends,	1
	在学校附近的公园	to a park near to school	1
	踢足球。	to play football.	1
	因为在那里总是有很多垃圾，	As there is a lot of litter/ rubbish there	1 1
	所以我们参加了环境保护小组。	(therefore) we took part/joined a 'Save/Protect the Environment' group.	1 1
	现在，我们的公园	Now, our park	1
	越来越漂亮了。	is more and more beautiful.	1

