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International General Certificate of Secondary Education

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2006 question paper

0547 MANDARIN CHINESE (FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

0547/04

Paper 4, maximum raw mark 50

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Each essay is marked out of 25, making a total of 50 marks awarded for the paper.

Marks for each essay are awarded under the following headings

RELEVANT COMMUNICATION

For each question, 5 marks are available for Relevant Communication:

- Q1 (a) Letter to new penfriend about family:** ticks will be awarded in the righthand margin up to a maximum of 5. 1 tick available for each of the 3 guidelines in the question, 1 for an appropriate beginning and ending to the letter and 1 left over for a particularly good elaboration of one of the guidelines.
- (b) Letter to express thoughts on school uniform:** ticks will be awarded in the righthand margin up to a maximum of 5. 1 tick available for each of the 3 guidelines in the question, 1 to be awarded for an appropriate beginning and ending to the letter, and then 1 left over to be awarded for a good elaboration of one of the guidelines.
- Q2** This composition allows candidates to use their imagination. Ticks will be awarded in the righthand margin, up to a maximum of 5, for each point relevant to the development of what happened during the 3 days that the parents were away.

ACCURACY

The 15 marks for accuracy will be divided into:

Accuracy of Characters: 5 marks

5 marks	Highly accurate, with a wide range of characters including some more difficult or unusual ones correctly written, with occasional minor slips.
4 marks	Not as consistently accurate nor as wide a range as the highest level, but a good range of characters attempted with easy and moderately easy characters correctly written.
3 marks	A more limited range with most easy characters correctly written.
2 marks	Substantially inaccurate despite several examples of correctly written characters.
1 mark	Substantially inaccurate, with only isolated examples of correctly written characters.

Accuracy of Grammar and Structures: 10 marks

10/9 marks	Highly accurate including use of more complex structures, but with occasional minor slips.
8/7 marks	Accurate in use of simpler structures, except for occasional more serious errors/more frequent slips.
6/5 marks	Generally accurate, but with increased incidence of more serious errors (or an extremely limited range of structures).
4/3 marks	Substantially inaccurate, despite several examples of accurate usage.
2/1 marks	Substantially inaccurate, with only isolated examples of accurate usage.

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IMPRESSION

The good candidate will be further rewarded for the use of 'extended' language in making the points of relevant communication, ie by using a range of vocabulary and structure or idioms to clarify or define further the points made. 5 marks are available for impression.

The Examiner has to decide whether the candidate has used vocabulary and structures which go beyond the minimum required to convey adequately the thought involved and has so given him/herself greater flexibility or self-expression.

5 marks	Comprehensive range of vocabulary and idiom with more complex language predominant.
4 marks	Considerable variety of vocabulary and idiom with more complex language clearly in evidence.
3 marks	Some variety of vocabulary and idiom with several items of more complex language.
2 marks	Limited variety of vocabulary and idiom with occasional more complex language.
1 mark	Only isolated examples of variety of vocabulary and idiom and more complex language.
0	No examples of variety of vocabulary or more complex language.