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**MANDARIN CHINESE (PRINCIPAL)**

**9778/03**

Paper 3 Writing and Usage

**May/June 2018**

**2 hours**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Prescribed dictionary

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided. There are instructions about how to answer the questions above each item on the question paper.

**Section 1**

You are advised to spend 15 minutes on this section.

**Section 2: Letter writing**

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on this section.

Answer the question in **Chinese**.

You should write between 80 and 100 characters.

A maximum of 20 marks are available, of which 15 are for accuracy of language, and 5 are for communication of the required elements.

**Section 3: Opinion essay**

You are advised to spend 1 hour 15 minutes on this section.

Answer **one** question in **Chinese**.

You should write between 175 and 225 characters.

A maximum of 30 marks are available, of which 20 are for accuracy and linguistic range, and 10 are for development and organisation of ideas.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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## SECTION 1 (10 marks)

## Exercise 1: Radical and stroke order skills

1 (a) Identify the **radical** in the following three characters.

*Example:*

Character: 街      Radical: 彳

(i) Character: 刮      Radical: ..... [1]

(ii) Character: 第      Radical: ..... [1]

(iii) Character: 博      Radical: ..... [1]

(b) Demonstrate the **stroke order** for the characters by completing them stroke by stroke.

*Example:*

丶 夕 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 街 街 街

(i) 刮 [1]

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(ii) 第 [1]

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(iii) 博 [1]

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[6 marks]

**Exercise 2: Use of grammar markers, aspect markers, and measure words**

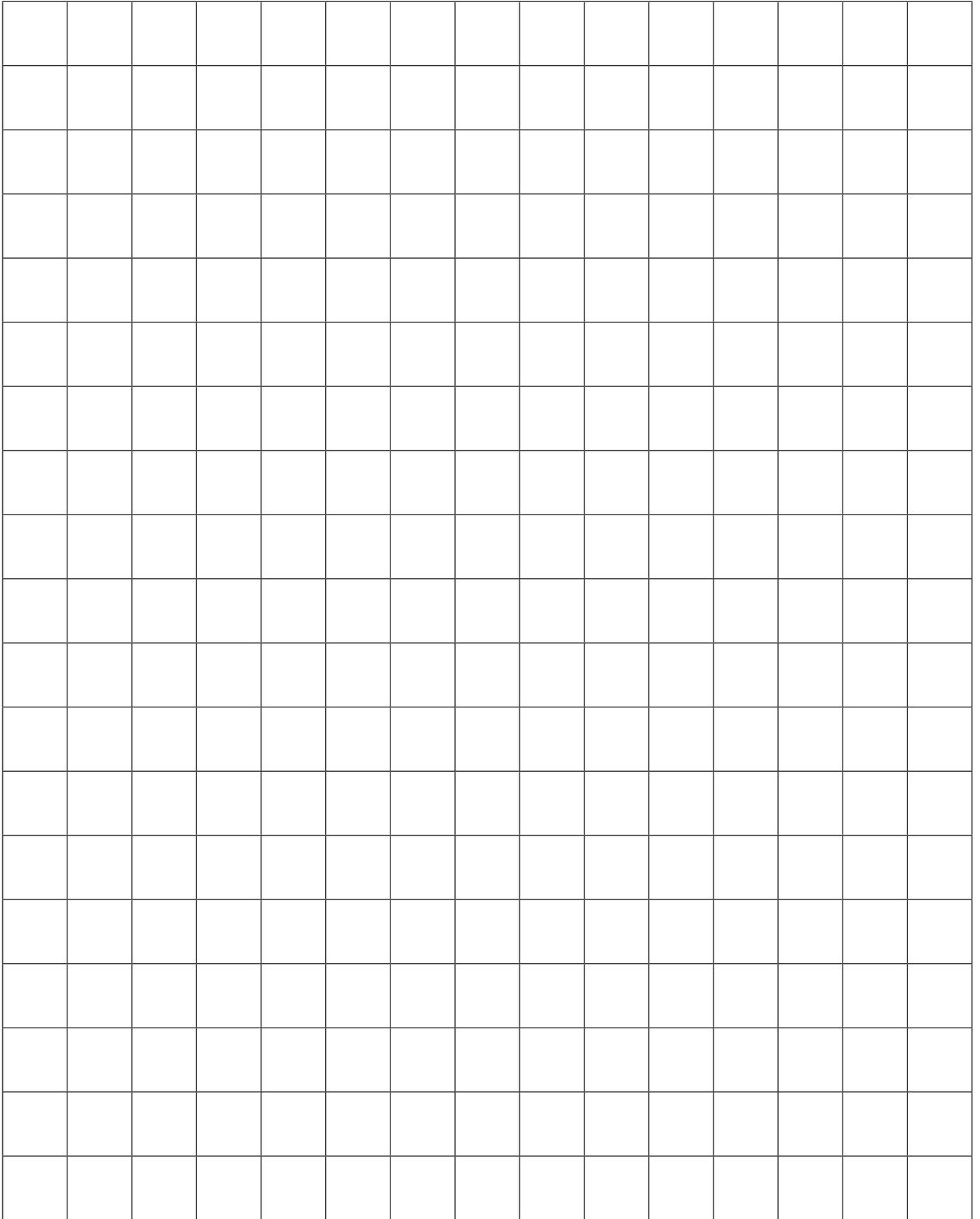
- 2 Fill in the blanks **(a)–(d)** by choosing from the list of alternatives **(i)–(viii)** below. This passage is about a thief unsuccessfully trying to steal money from a customer in a bank. Through a conversation between him and the people who caught him, one can clearly see the corrupting power of money.

一天早上有个小偷来到街上找机会偷东西。在一家银行看 **(a)**..... 银行职员正交给一个顾客一大笔现金，他竟然走 **(b)**..... 去拿了钱就跑。很多人看见了，立刻围住他，不让他走掉，然后叫了警察。“有这么多人在，你怎么敢偷钱？”大家问他。“偷钱 **(c)**..... 时候，我的眼睛只看钱，看 **(d)**..... 见人。”他说。

- (i) 过
- (ii) 不
- (iii) 从
- (iv) 没
- (v) 到
- (vi) 地
- (vii) 在
- (viii) 的

[4 marks]





**SECTION 3: OPINION ESSAY (30 marks)**

4 Write an essay **in Chinese** on **ONE** of the following six questions.

You should write between 175 and 225 characters.

Your essay will be marked out of 30 with 20 marks for accuracy and linguistic range and 10 marks for development and organisation of ideas.

(a) **家庭 – Family**

对一个家庭的幸福来说，爱比钱更重要。请讨论。

Love is more important to the happiness of a family than money. Please discuss.

(b) **年轻人 – Young People**

年轻人越来越重视自由的生活，而推迟结婚生孩子。请讨论。

As young people focus more on enjoying life without commitment, they are putting off getting married and having children. Please discuss.

(c) **教育 – Education**

要想真正了解世界各国不同的文化，就一定要出国留学。请讨论。

To gain a true understanding of different cultures around the world, one must study abroad. Please discuss.

(d) **媒体 – Media**

在网上找朋友是最不可靠的交际方式。请讨论。

Searching online is the most unreliable way of finding friends. Please discuss.

(e) **工作与休闲 – Work and Leisure**

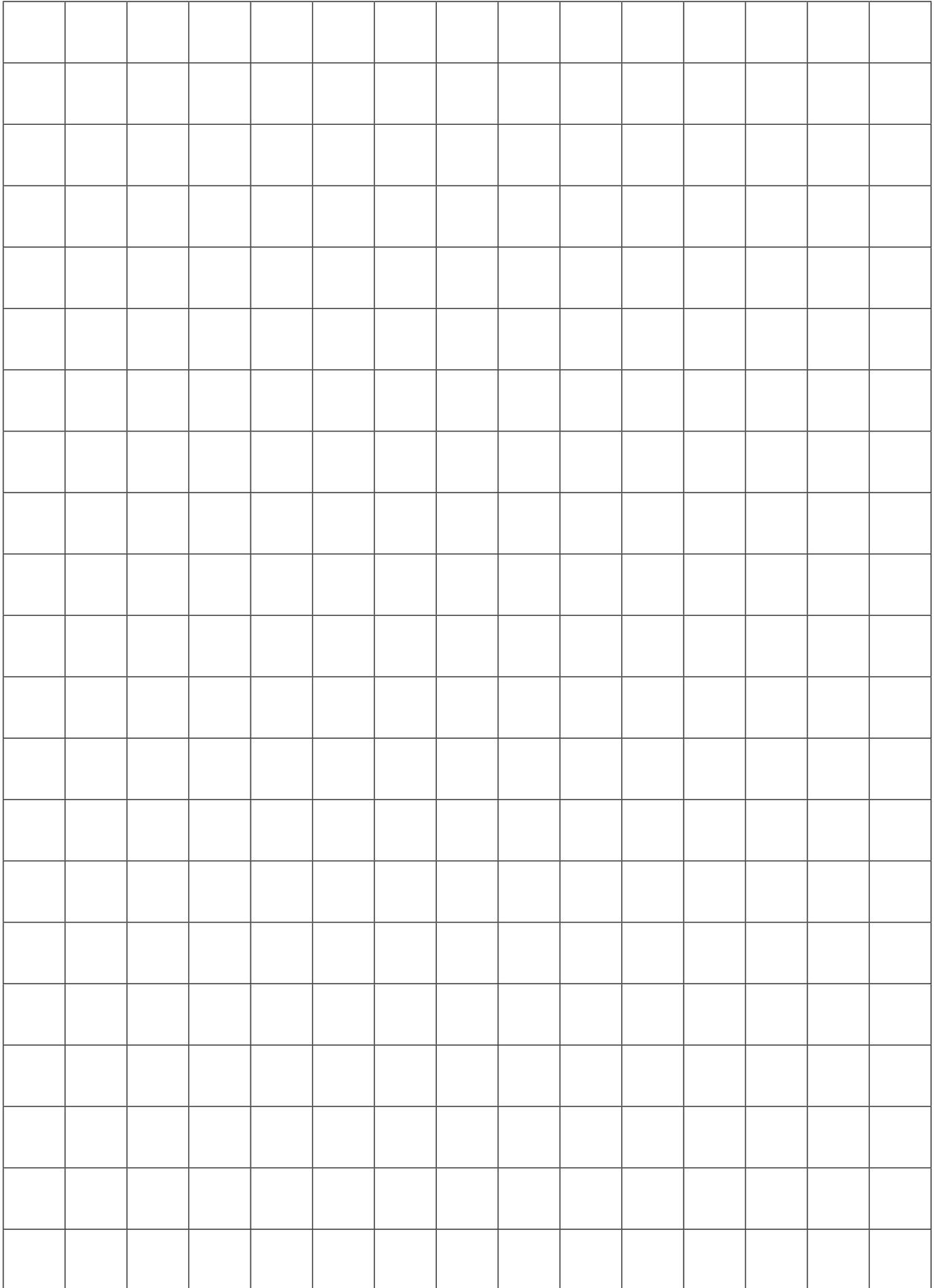
每周工作日减少到四天是最有效的工作制度。请讨论。

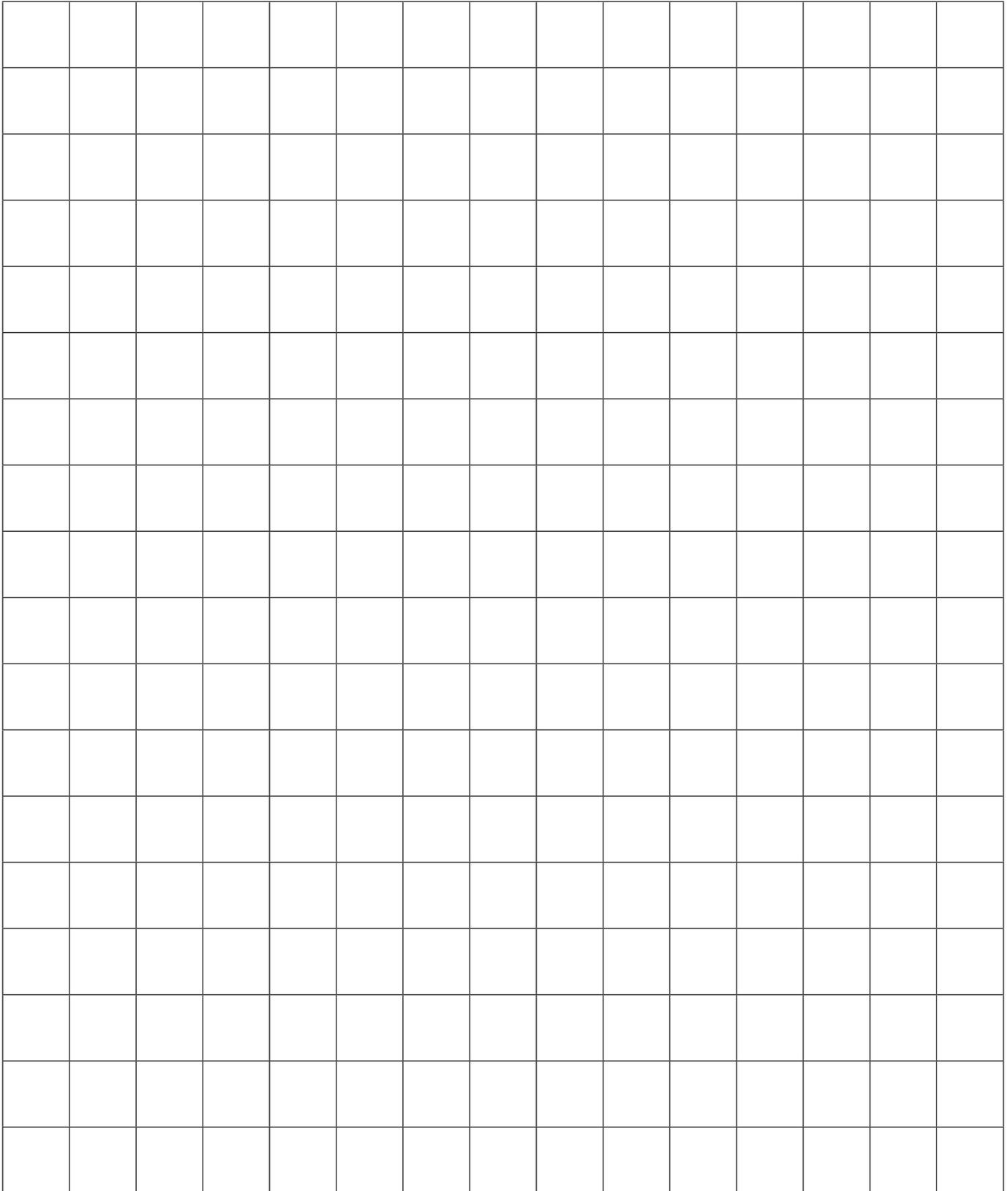
Reducing the working week to four days is the most efficient way of working. Please discuss.

(f) **环境 – Environment**

骑自行车是最环保的交通方式，所以我们去哪儿都应该骑自行车。请讨论。

Riding a bicycle is the most environmentally-friendly mode of transport, so we should cycle everywhere. Please discuss.





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