

EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT SAMPLE TASKS
MANDARIN

PRELIMINARY

Asset Languages

External Assessment Sample Tasks Preliminary Stage Listening and Reading

Mandarin

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INTRODUCTION

In this booklet, two sample tasks are provided for each of the skills of:

- Listening
- Reading

The two Listening and Reading Mandarin sample tasks in this booklet have been produced to give you a better idea of the style of Asset Languages Preliminary Stage External Assessment. These tasks are based on the sample external assessment materials in English on the website. Asset Languages live tests will contain tasks of the same format as the tasks provided here.

For more information on the content of the Preliminary external assessments, please refer to the Introductory Stage Guide which is available on the Asset Languages website. Language specifications are also available and these show the language purposes and functions that are in external tests for each language.

Asset Languages regularly receives feedback from centres and candidates as well as statistical information from candidates' live test responses. We take this information into account and, over time, tests may be adapted and new task types introduced.

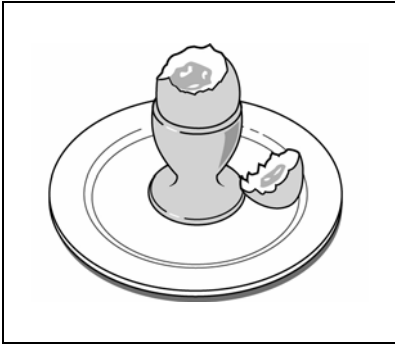
LISTENING SAMPLE TASK

Part 1

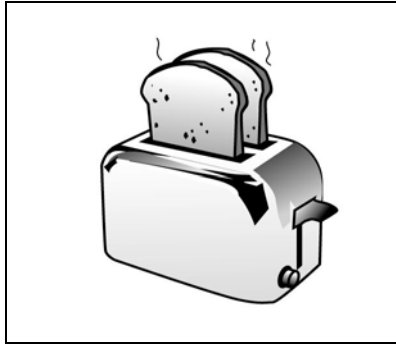
Questions 1–5

You will hear a girl called Ma Li talking about her day at school.
Listen to Ma Li and look at the questions.
Choose the correct answer, **A**, **B** or **C**. Put a tick (✓) in the box.

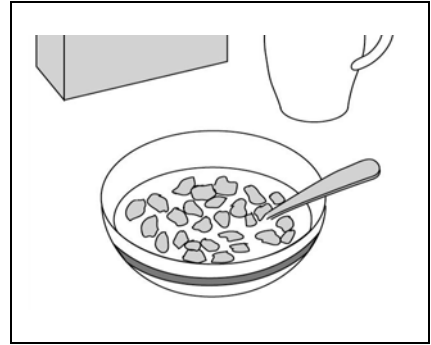
1 What does Ma Li usually have for breakfast?



A

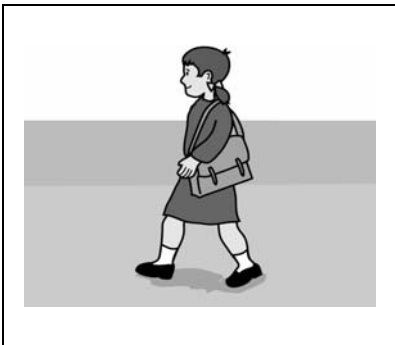


B



C

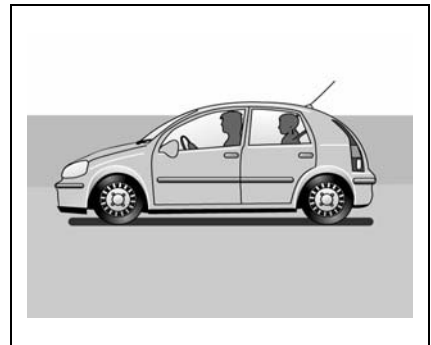
2 How does she get to school most days?



A

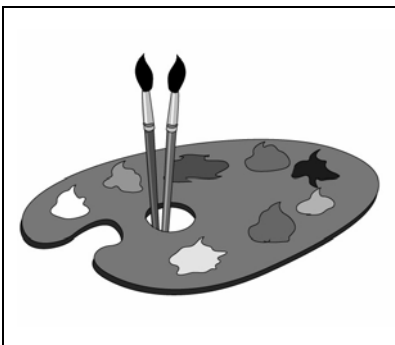


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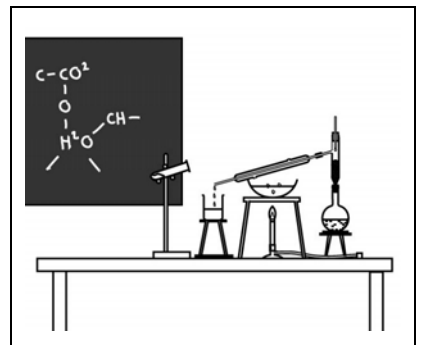
3 What subject does she like?



A



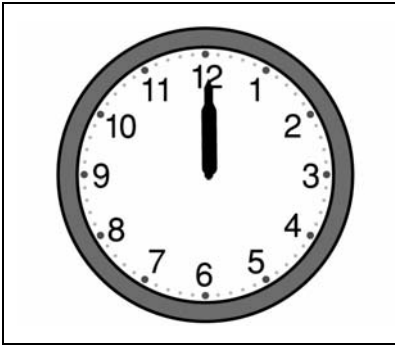
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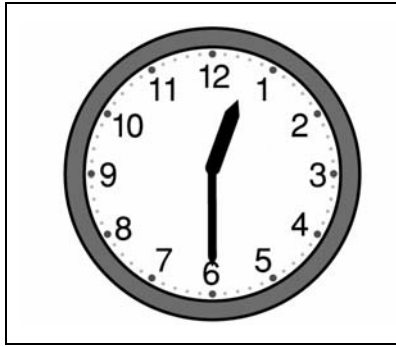
C

LISTENING SAMPLE TASK

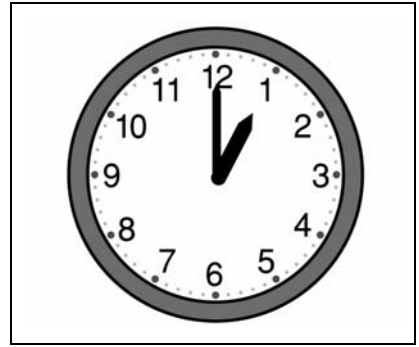
4 What time does Ma Li have lunch?



A

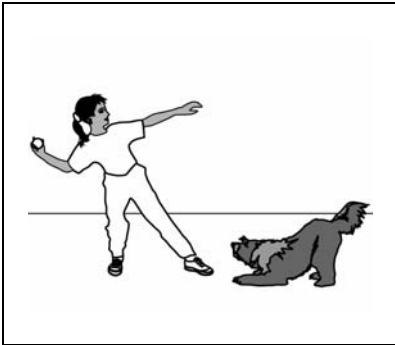


B



C

5 What does she do every day after school?



A



B



C

LISTENING SAMPLE TASK

Part 3

Questions 11–15

You will hear a phone message from Xiao Lin about a visit she is making to a friend. For questions 11–15 choose the correct answer, **A**, **B** or **C**. Put a tick (✓) in the box.

Xiao Lin's visit

16 Xiao Lin is arriving on

A Tuesday.

B Wednesday.

C Thursday.

17 Xiao Lin needs a hotel room for

A two nights.

B three nights.

C four nights.

18 Xiao Lin will go into town by

A taxi.

B bus.

C train.

19 Xiao Lin will be back in the office

A this afternoon.

B tomorrow.

C next week.

20 Xiao Lin's friend asked her to bring

A a map.

B a CD.

C a book.

LISTENING – TAPESCRIPTS

R This is the OCR Asset Languages Chinese Sample Preliminary Listening test.

There are five parts to the test. You will hear each part twice. For each part of the test, there will be time for you to look through the questions, and time for you to check your answers.

Write your answers on the question paper. You will have five minutes at the end of the test to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

The recording will now be stopped.

Please ask any questions now, because you must not speak during the test.

PAUSE 00'03''

R Now open your question paper and look at Part One.
You will hear a girl called Ma Li talking about her day at school.
Listen to Ma Li and look at the questions.
Choose the correct answer, A, B or C. Put a tick in the box.

PAUSE 00'03''

[REPEAT FROM HERE]

R One.

F 我每天早上吃面包，我不太喜欢面包，但是它很方便。

PAUSE 00'03''

R Two.

F 我在公园和朋友们见面，然后一起骑自行车去上学。

PAUSE 00'03''

R Three.

F 我不喜欢星期二上午，我喜欢星期二下午，因为午饭以后有我喜欢的化学课。

PAUSE 00'03''

R Four.

F 我十二点半在学校食堂吃午饭，我吃得很快，因为一点半上课。

PAUSE 00'03''

R Five.

F 每天放学后，我和我的狗玩，有时候我也弹钢琴，但我不太喜欢弹琴。

PAUSE 00'03''

R Now listen to Part One again.

PAUSE 00'03''

LISTENING – TAPESCRIPTS

[REPEAT PART ONE]

R That is the end of Part One.

PAUSE 00'05''

LISTENING – TAPESCRIPITS

Part 3

R Part Three.
You will hear a phone message from Xiao Lin about a visit she is making to a friend. For questions 11 to 15 choose the correct answer, A, B or C. Put a tick in the box.

PAUSE 00'05''

F 你好。我可以给李朋朋留言吗？

我叫小琳。我星期二上午到，请问他能帮我订一个房间吗？我要住三个晚上，不是两个晚上。

他不用来机场接我，我会坐出租车来。噢，差点忘了，我今天不在办公室。但是我明天会在办公室，所以他可以明天给我打电话。他知道我的电话。哦，还有，请告诉他，我有他要的书。

非常感谢，再见！

PAUSE 00'03''

R Now listen to Part Three again.

[REPEAT PART THREE]

PAUSE 00'03''

R That is the end of Part Three.

PAUSE 00'05''

LISTENING – ANSWER KEY

Answer Key

Part 1	
1	B
2	B
3	C
4	B
5	A
Part 3	
11	A
12	B
13	A
14	B
15	C

READING SAMPLE PAPER

Part 1

Questions 1–5

Which notice (A–F) says this (1–5)?

For questions 1–5 mark the correct letter A–F on your answer sheet.

There is one extra letter you do not need to use.

1 You mustn't leave your taxi here.

A

下午2点：最新美国电影

2 You can get some exercise here in the morning.

3 You have to write your homework by hand.

B

下午7点道路开放

4 You can watch a film here today.

C

不能使用手机
这里正在开会

5 You must use your mobile phone somewhere else.

D

早上7点游泳馆开门

E

这里不能停出租车
公共汽车可以

F

做作业电脑坏了

READING SAMPLE TASK

Part 4

Questions 16–20

Read the article about a young couple's first home.

Are sentences **16–20** 'Right' (**A**) or 'Wrong' (**B**)?

If there is not enough information to answer 'Right' (**A**) or 'Wrong' (**B**), choose 'Not in text' (**C**). For questions **16–20** mark **A**, **B** or **C** on your answer sheet.

我们的第一个家

大龙、美丽和大龙的爸妈住在一起。他们很想有自己的家，但是他们没有钱。有一天，美丽看到有房子出租*，房子在一层，很小，但是一星期只有250元，他们很想住这个房子。

还有很多人也喜欢这个房子，出租房子的人可以选*他喜欢的人来住。最后，他选了大龙和美丽，因为他们都有好工作。美丽的爸妈给了他们一张床、一张桌子和两把椅子。他们用很少的钱买了些东西和一些茶杯。

每天，美丽在回家的路上买一些鸡蛋、肉和青菜，做中国菜给大龙吃。大龙常常说她的菜很好吃。美丽知道大龙说的不全都是真的，但她还是很高兴。

*

出租: chū zū rent

选: xuǎn choose

READING SAMPLE TASK

16 Dalong and Meili were surprised at how low the rent on the flat was.

A Right **B** Wrong **C** Not in text

17 The owner of the flat lived in the same block.

A Right **B** Wrong **C** Not in text

18 They bought all the furniture for the flat themselves.

A Right **B** Wrong **C** Not in text

19 They paid a lot for the tea cups.

A Right **B** Wrong **C** Not in text

20 Some of the meals Meili cooked were successful.

A Right **B** Wrong **C** Not in text

READING – ANSWER KEY

Answer Key

Part 1	
1	E
2	D
3	F
4	A
5	C
Part 4	
16	C
17	C
18	B
19	B
20	A