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MANDARIN CHINESE

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Paper 3 Writing and Usage

For examination from 2020

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Prescribed dictionary

INSTRUCTIONS

- Section 1: answer **all** questions.
- Section 2: answer **the** question.
- Section 3: answer **one** question.
- There are instructions about how to answer the questions above each item on the question paper.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This specimen paper has been updated for assessments from 2020. The specimen questions and mark schemes remain the same. The layout and wording of the front covers have been updated to reflect the new Cambridge International branding and to make instructions clearer for candidates.

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SECTION 1 (10 marks)

You are advised to spend 15 minutes on this section.

Exercise 1: Radical and stroke order skills

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

<i>Example:</i>	
Character: 街	Radical: 彳

(i) Character: 拙 Radical: [1]

(ii) Character: 军 Radical: [1]

(iii) Character: 智 Radical: [1]

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

<i>Example:</i>
丶 夕 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 街 街 街

(i) 拙 [1]

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(ii) 军 [1]

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(iii) 智 [1]

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[6 marks]

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

- 2 Read the following passage and fill in the blanks **(a)–(d)** by choosing from the list of alternatives, **(i)–(viii)**, below. The passage is about a ramshackle, temporary bridge on the way to school.

上学的路上，**(a)**..... 过一座简单的桥。夏天一下大雨，
一发大水，桥就会常常被冲坏。这时，上学就要走远路。路虽
然远了些，但路边的风景好多 **(b)**.....。我们会高高兴兴
(c)..... 走远路。多年过去了，河和桥早都没了。可是，我中心
中的河和桥 **(d)**..... 永远存在。

- (i) 所
- (ii) 了
- (iii) 把
- (iv) 张
- (v) 将
- (vi) 着
- (vii) 要
- (viii) 地

[4 marks]

SECTION 2: LETTER WRITING (20 marks)

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on this section.

- 3 You have heard that there will be a summer camp in Qingdao (青岛), China, next year.

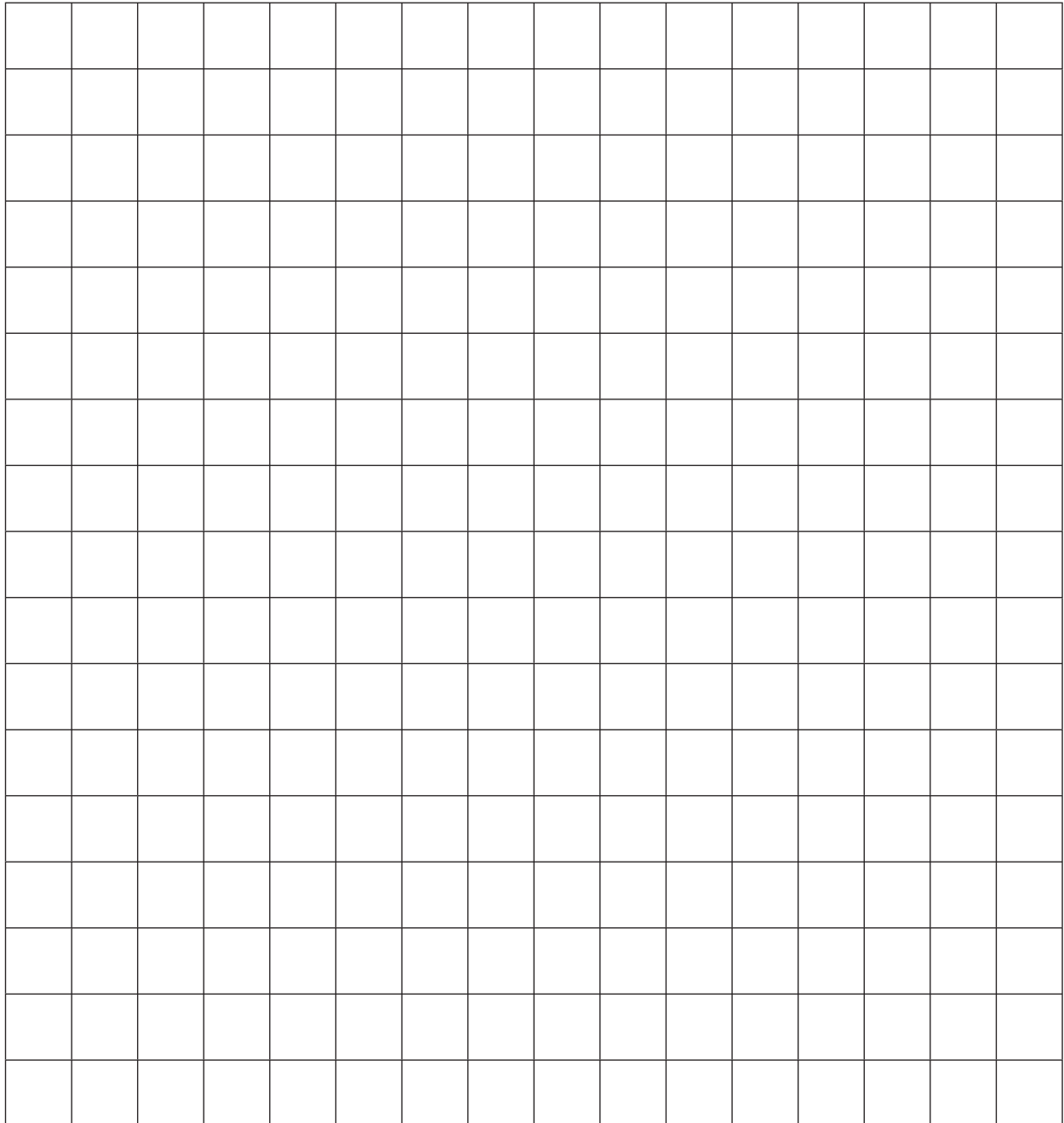
Write a letter **in Chinese** to find out more about this camp.

You must incorporate the following points in your letter:

- (i) how you found out about the camp;
- (ii) why you would like to attend the camp;
- (iii) what activities you would like to take part in; **and**
- (iv) ask one question about the food at the camp.

You should begin and end the letter in an appropriate formal register. You should write between 80 and 100 characters.

Your letter will be marked out of 20, with 15 marks for accuracy of language and 5 marks for communication of required elements.



SECTION 3: OPINION ESSAY (30 marks)

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

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**

传统上，中国家庭重男轻女。请讨论。

Traditionally, Chinese families prefer boys to girls. Please discuss.

(b) **年轻人 – Young people**

现在的年轻人比上一代人生活好。请讨论。

The life of young people today is better than that of the previous generation. Please discuss.

(c) **教育 – Education**

没能上好中学，就没有希望上好大学。对吗？请讨论。

If you have not been to a good secondary school, then there is no hope of getting into a good university. Is this the case? Please discuss.

(d) **旅游 – Tourism**

和朋友旅游比和家人旅游好玩。你同意吗？为什么？

It is more fun going on holiday with one's friends than with family. Do you agree? Why?/Why not?

(e) **城市和乡村 – Urban and rural life**

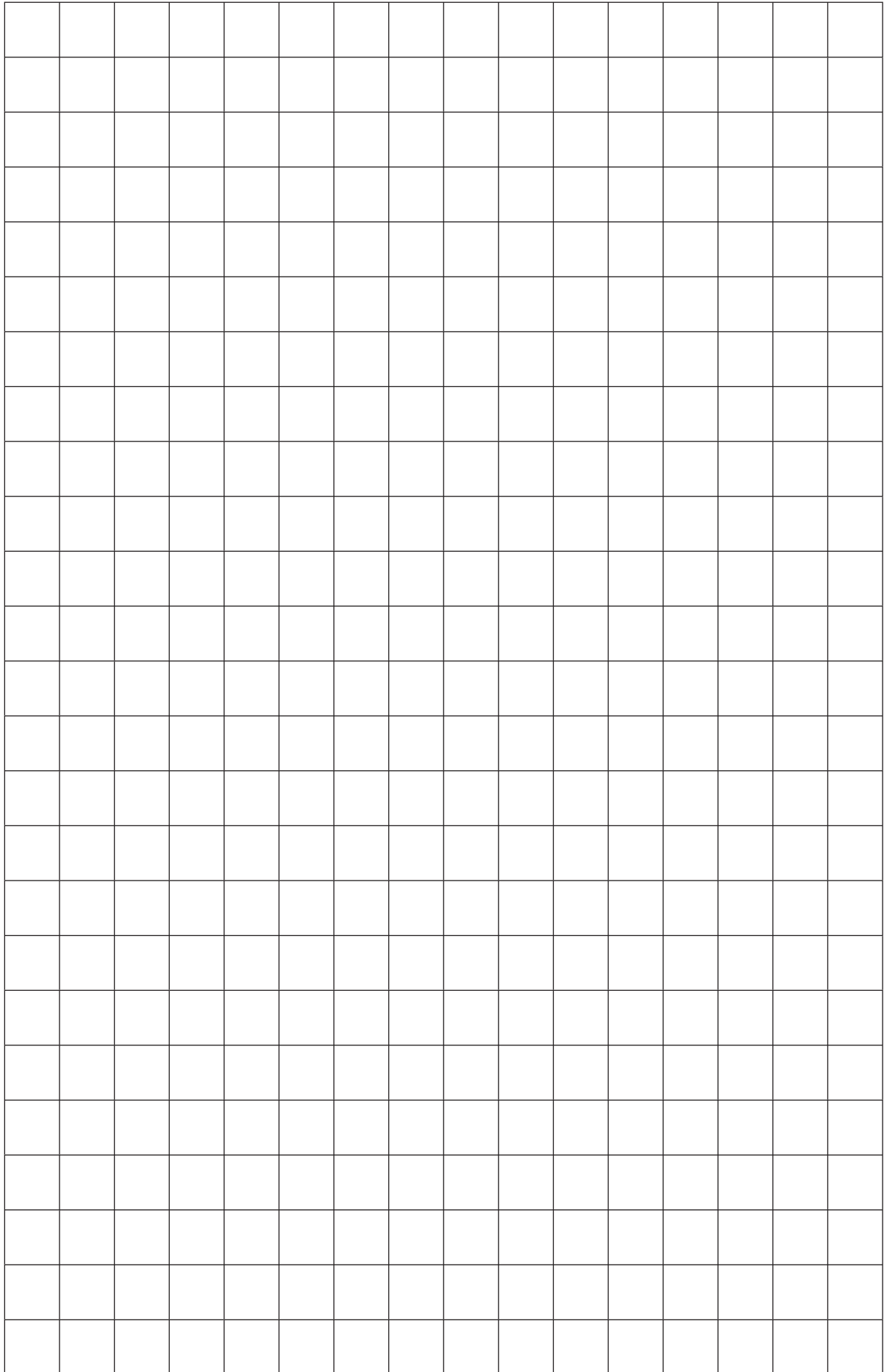
在城市生活久了，就会想去乡村生活。是吗？请讨论。

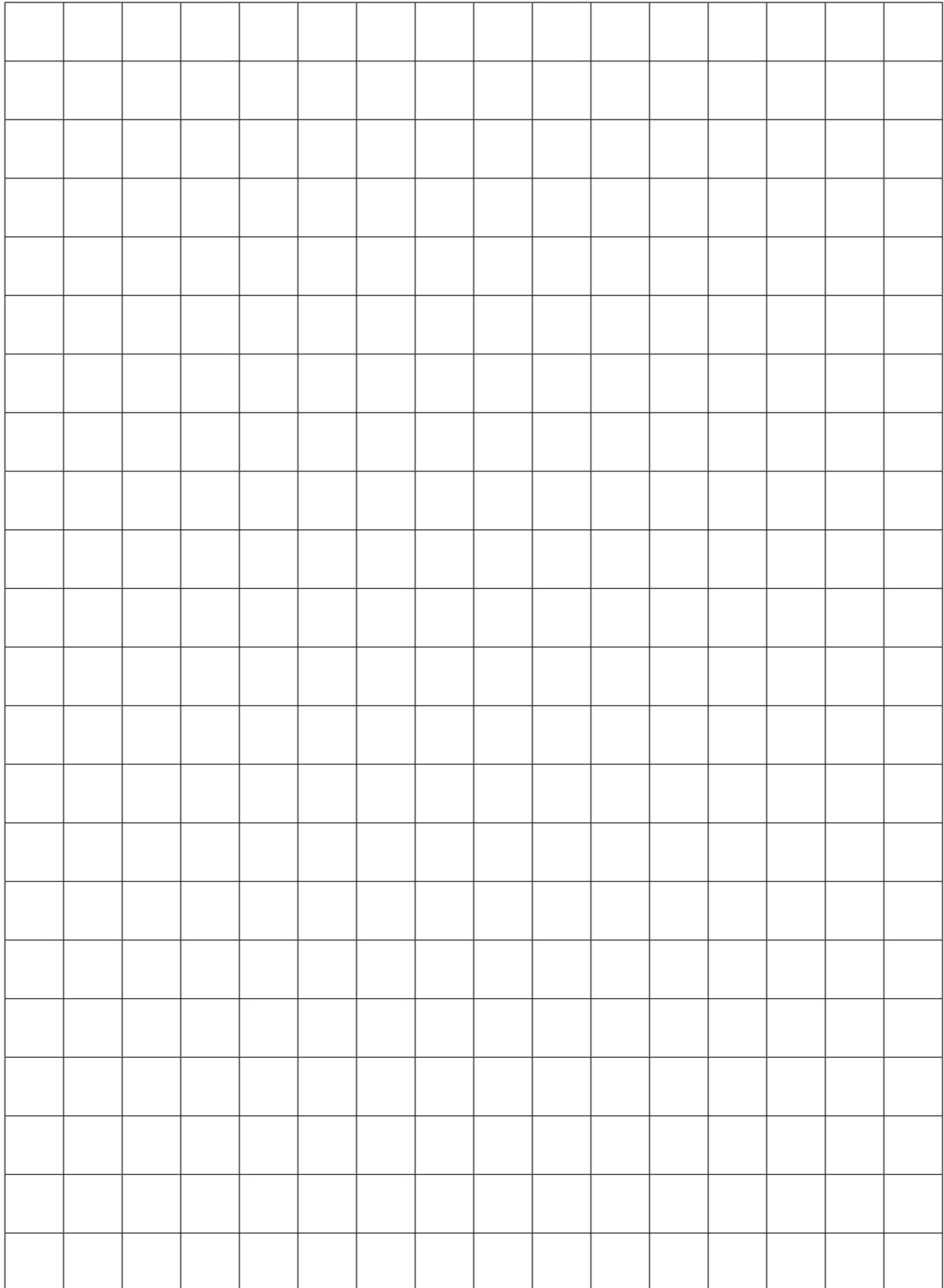
If you live in a city long enough, then you are bound to yearn to move to the countryside. Is this the case? Please discuss.

(f) **环境 – The environment**

我们生活的环境变得越来越坏了。你同意吗？为什么？

The state of our environment is deteriorating. Do you agree? Why?/Why not?





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