



Practice Papers for GCSE Edexcel Chinese

Paper 3: Reading (Foundation)

Traditional Character Version

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Teacher's Introduction

These practice papers for Edexcel GCSE Chinese (Paper 3, Foundation) are designed to help students excel in the reading examination. The texts and activities in this resource mirror the structure of the reading exam.

The topics covered in this pack are taken from the 2017 GCSE Edexcel specification, and are the following:

1. Who am I?
2. Daily life
3. Cultural life
4. Holidays
5. Travel and tourist transactions
6. Town, region and country
7. What school is like
8. School activities
9. Using languages beyond the classroom
10. Ambitions
11. Work
12. Bringing the world together
13. Environmental issues

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Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

This resource contains three Foundation practice papers using **traditional characters**. Full mark schemes are provided – these mirror the mark schemes provided by Edexcel.

The texts have been written to reflect the types of text used by Edexcel. They are followed by the types of activity that can be found in the reading exam, such as comprehension questions, fill in the blanks and multiple-choice questions. A wide range of question styles used by Edexcel can be found across the three practice papers.

Literary texts and translation tasks are also included to prepare students fully for the new Edexcel exams.

How to use this resource

Set the paper under exam conditions to give students an idea of what level they are working at. Go over the answers in class to identify strengths and weaknesses, and to practise strategies, such as:

- reading the questions and predicting plausible answers before reading the text
- applying a mixture of grammatical awareness and common sense to questions where you choose from a list of words (does the gap need a verb/noun/adjective?)
- using the context to aid intelligent guessing

Students should be encouraged to note down any new vocabulary from the questions they got wrong and learn it. The same paper could be used again a couple of months later and students could aim to improve their marks.

The papers can also be used in mock exams or for independent preparation.

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Chinese Practice Papers

Reading

Practice Paper A

Name	
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Time allowed

50 minutes

Instructions

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You should write your answers in black ink.

You must use a dictionary.

Information

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The total number of marks available for this paper is **50**.

The number of marks available for each question is shown in brackets. You are advised to be aware of this when allocating your time.

In Sections A and B, answer **all** the questions in English.

Spend around 10 minutes on the translation.

Before you write your answer, read each question and prompt very carefully.

Double-check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Section A

Answer all the questions.

School Subjects

1. Read the opinions about school subjects from a blog.

科目	科目
寧寧	我喜歡看小說，我最喜歡的課是英文。
大衛	我不喜歡運動，很不喜歡體育課。
莎莎	我每天都畫畫，所以最愛藝術課。
王力	我非常喜歡生物，老師很好。
美美	我想當醫生，但是我不喜歡化學。

What are the students' opinions about school subjects? Who says what? Write down the names of the students: Shasha, Wang Li or Meimei. You can use each name more than once.

Example: Meimei wants to be a doctor.

- likes Biology a lot.
- likes reading books.
- does not like PE.
- likes Art the most.
- does not like Chemistry.
- likes to study English.

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Travelling to Xi'an

2. Read the information from the train timetable below.

坐火車去西安

火車上午十點零五分離開北京站。火車站在天安門廣場的進站。火車上有廁所，有免費熱水，可以買食物和飲料。

Fill in the gaps in each sentence using a word from the box below. There are

south	toilets	east
north	10.05	drink
smoke	water	food

Example: The train departs at 10.05.

- a. The train station is located of Tiananmen Square.
- b. You should enter the station from the
- c. There is free provided on the train.
- d. You can buy on the train. [Name one]
- e. It is not permitted to on the train.

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Exchange student in Taiwan

3.1 Read the letter from James about studying in Taiwan.

在台灣留學

我是英國人，現在在台灣學習音樂。我非常喜歡這裡的陽光。我有很多臺灣朋友，他們都喜歡運動，週末我們常得很忙。我在臺灣已經三年了，還有一年畢業。

Answer each of the following questions **in English**. You do not have to write in Chinese.

a. Which subject is James studying in Taiwan?

.....

b. What sports does James play at weekends?

.....

c. How long has James been in Taiwan?

.....

3.2 The letter continues.

台灣的水果也很新鮮，我特別愛喝台灣的奶茶。臺灣菜很好吃，但我不是太喜歡。我最愛吃的是三杯雞。

a. What does James like to drink?

.....

b. What does James not like to eat so much?

.....

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《記廣州花市》

4. Read the extract from a blog about Guangzhou's flower market.

去年五月，我去了廣州看看，朋友說一定要春節的時
參觀廣州的花市。在飛機上，我記得：廣州的花市是
歡花！

一到，朋友就來接我了。我說要去看花市，朋友
市有燈，但是晚上人多，只能看見人，要是想看花，
第二天是春節，我和朋友去了花市。花市人山人海，
色，我好像走進了春天。

'Remembering Guangzhou's Flower Market' (Bing Xin)

Select the correct answer by putting a cross (X) in the corresponding box.

Example: The author recommends going to the flower market during...

	A	Christmas
	B	Local Ethnic Festival
X	C	Chinese New Year
	D	National Day

- a. The author was met at the airport by...

	A	a friend
	B	his sister
	C	his mother
	D	a guide

- b. It is best to go to the flower market...

	A	at night-time
X	B	during weekends
	C	on Mondays
	D	during the day

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- c. At the market it was very...

	A	hot
	B	cold
	C	crowded
	D	boring

- d. At the market there were many...

	A	souvenirs
	B	different foods
	C	fresh flowers
	D	paintings

- e. The author was impressed by the flowers he saw because they were...

	A	colourful
	B	beautiful
	C	big
	D	unusual

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City environment

5. Read the following letter describing Ming Ming's views on the environment in Shanghai.

John,你好!

我到上海兩個星期了，上海是個大城市，我每天坐地鐵去公園學功夫，我爸爸也跟我一起學。不過，今天不能去，媽媽不準我出去。唉，都是因為上海的汽車太多。

你的朋友，

明明

Answer each of the following questions **in English**. You do not have to write in Chinese.

- a. Which method of transportation does Ming Ming usually use?

.....

- b. When does Ming Ming normally visit the park?

.....

- c. What does Ming Ming think is the reason for Shanghai's pollution?

.....



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Applying for a job

6. Read the following extract from a recruitment letter seeking a new waiter or waitress.

花都中餐館請服務員

我們是城裡最好的中國飯館之一。我們需要最好的服務員。

主要工作: 接電話, 照顧客人, 準備飲料, 打掃衛生, 推銷。

工作: 十八以上, 中學畢業。身體健康, 數學好, 有經驗者優先。
末工作。

日期: 八月十九日開始上班。

待遇: 每月工資五千元人民幣, 免費工作餐, 免費停車。

Select the correct answer by putting a cross (X) in the corresponding box.

Example: The tasks required include...

	A	cleaning toilets
X	B	taking care of customers
	C	receiving orders
	D	using computers

- a. Potential candidates need to be good at which subject?

	A	Maths
	B	English
	C	Chinese
	D	Cooking

- b. Candidates need to be over which age to apply?

	A	15
	B	16
	C	18
	D	28

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- c. Candidates need to have at least which level of education?

	A	Primary school
	B	Middle school
	C	University level
	D	Not mentioned

- d. The monthly income...

	A	500 yuan
	B	1,500 yuan
	C	3,000 yuan
	D	5,000 yuan

- e. Candidates need to be...

	A	tall
	B	polite
	C	pretty
	D	patient

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Mid-Autumn Festival

7. Fill in the gap in each sentence using a word from the box below. There are

我是小明。我家在中國廣州。我們一家人上個星期在家
我最喜歡的中國節日。我們全家一起吃了團圓飯，吃了
燈會了，聽音樂，看燈，賞月。
明年的中秋有7天假期，我和家人想一起去日本旅行。

week	Hong Kong	have a meal
Japan	Guangzhou	month
dumplings	moon cakes	the UK

Example: Xiaoming's home town is Guangzhou.

- a. Xiaoming celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival last
b. Xiaoming and his family together.
c. During mid-autumn, Xiaoming and his family also eat
d. Xiaoming goes to look at the
e. Next year Xiaoming and his family want to go to

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A tale about teaching

8. Read the story about Miss Wang, a primary school teacher.

中文老師的小學故事

我的中文老師姓王，她告訴我們她上小學的故事。她在學校，走路要一個小時。

她的班裡有四十多個學生，她有五門課，中文，數學，音樂。美術就是畫畫，體育就是跑步，她沒有打過網球。

音樂就是老師帶著學生一起唱歌。她喜歡中文課，因為她說，學生很開心，因為從來沒有作業。

Answer each of the following questions **in English**. You do not have to write in Chinese.

- a. What does Miss Wang teach?

.....

- b. Where is the teacher's home located?

.....

- c. What does Miss Wang teach in PE class?

.....

- d. What does Miss Wang teach in Chinese class?

.....

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My family life

9. Read the email extracts, in which some people are introducing their families.

- 王力: 我的爺爺今年八十歲了, 他以前是工程師。我
電視。
- 美美: 我的妹妹七歲, 她對什麼都有興趣, 前年學
我, 所以今年想學什麼。
- 寧寧: 我有兩個哥哥, 他們同年同月同日生, 是雙
都熱愛踢足球。
- 張山: 我的姐姐是醫生, 工作非常忙, 常常上夜班
是睡覺。

Who is the correct person? Choose from Wang Li, Meimei, Ningning and Zhang Shan. Name more than once.

Example: Wang Li's grandfather is 80 years old.

- a. has a sister who studied kung fu last year.
- b. is a sister whose job is very busy.
- c. has twins in the family.
- d. has a relative who likes watching TV.
- e. has family members who really love sports.

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10. Translate this text into **English**.

我家在中國北京。我的愛好是看書。我每天看三個小時
後，我去了學校的圖書館。



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Chinese Practice Papers

Reading

Practice Paper B

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Section A

Answer all the questions.

Festivals in China

1. Read the information sheet about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and write the names of the cities in the parts of China.

北京: 北京人每年春節的時候都要吃餃子, 大家吃很多糖。

廣州: 廣州春節的傳統是去花市買花。還有, 過年一定要吃魚。

上海: 新年的第一天人們留在家裡。年夜飯要吃雞肉和鴨。

成都: 四川人春節的時候吃火鍋, 他們喜歡喝酒。

Which is the correct city? Choose from Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai and Chengdu. Write the city name more than once.

Example: People in Guangzhou like eating seafood.

- a. In people eat dumplings.
- b. In people go to look at flowers.
- c. In they like to drink alcohol.
- d. In people eat duck meat.
- e. In they do not go out on the first day.

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Doing business in China

2. Read the email from a company director in Shanghai.

大家好！

我是王明。我在上海的一家旅行社工作，已經兩年了。
有朋友介紹，留下來是因為這裡的工資非常高。

想：的朋友可以找我，我一定能幫你買到便宜的機票。

Fill in the gap in each sentence using an option from the box below. There are

more convenient	cheaper	travel
environment	Ming	salary
friend	estate	years

Example: Mr Wang's first name is Ming.

- a. Mr Wang's company is a agency.
- b. Mr Wang has already worked for company for two
- c. Mr Wang's company is located in
- d. Mr Wang's introduced him to the
- e. Another reason he likes his job is because of the
- f. Mr Wang can arrange tickets.

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New home

3.1 Read the letter from Hannah about her new home.

我的新家

我的家在市中心，不大不小，附近有很多商店，買東西很方便。我的房間有三把椅子和兩張床，因為我跟我奶奶住。我的大床靠窗，我的小床靠窗。

Answer each of the following questions **in English**. You do not have to write in Chinese.

a. Why is the area close to Hannah's house convenient?

.....

b. What is there in Hannah's room? [Mention one item.]

.....

c. Where is Hannah's bed?

.....

3.2 The letter continues.

我爺爺和我奶奶一起住。他天天都在廚房裡，一邊忙著做飯，一邊和我奶奶聊天。他的時候，他會去找鄰居聊天。

a. What is Hannah's grandfather busy with?

.....

b. What else does Hannah's grandfather do? [Mention one activity.]

.....

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從百草園到三味書屋 (魯迅)

4. Read this extract about a garden from the story by the famous author Lu Xun

我家的後面有一個很大的花園，以前叫‘百草園’。給別人了。小的時候那裡是我的樂園，花園裡有綠色的菜畦，有金絲雀，還有許多不知名的小花，還有很多鳴叫的鳥。

百草園不好玩，不過，下雪的時候，就完全不同了，還可以捕鳥。

Select the correct answer by putting a cross (X) in the corresponding box.

Example: What can be found behind the house?

	A	A cinema
	B	A park
X	C	A garden
	D	Mountains

- a. The house and garden were...

	A	burnt down
	B	destroyed
	C	lost
	D	sold to other people

- b. In the garden there are...

	A	turtles
	B	green vegetables
	C	cabbages
	D	different types of food


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- c. The flowers in the garden are...

	A	red
	B	green
	C	blue
	D	purple

- d. In the garden you can see...

	A	chickens
	B	dogs
	C	cats
	D	birds

- e. The garden is very different when...

	A	summer arrives
	B	it is windy
	C	it rains
	D	it snows

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5. Read the extract from a student's article.

課外活動

我叫李強。我是十一年級的學生。我天天坐校車去上學。作業太多了。我們每天六點才下課，下課以後休息十五分鐘。

我最喜歡的活動是音樂。我從七歲開始學彈鋼琴。除了音樂，我對中國傳統文化很感興趣，每個星期三，我和同學去練習。我對中國傳統文化很感興趣，每個星期三，我和同學去練習。

週末我一般做作業。作業很多。我覺得最難的作業是英文作業。

- a. What does Li Qiang do first after class finishes at 6 p.m.?
.....
- b. How old was Li Qiang when he started playing the piano?
.....
- c. What homework does Li Qiang find the most difficult?
.....

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A happy family

6. Read this letter in which Li Na talks about her family.

今天我介紹我的家人。我的家非常傳統。我們家有五口人。有我爸爸媽媽，姐姐和奶奶。奶奶今年八十七歲了，還都打太極拳。

我們的家很漂亮，媽媽每個星期都買鮮花。我的臥室是雙層，還有我的玩具熊。

我們一家星期天常常去公園散步，打羽毛球。午飯我們吃中餐。我爸爸次次都要烤鴨，媽媽說他們的魚做得好過他們的麵條。

我有一個幸福的家。

Select the correct answer by putting a cross (X) in the corresponding box.

Example: In Li Na's family there are ... people.

	A	three
	B	four
X	C	five
	D	three

- a. Li Na has...

	A	a younger sister
	B	a younger brother
	C	an older sister
	D	an older brother

- b. Her grandmother can ...

	A	cooking
	B	cycling
	C	sports
	D	sleeping

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- c. Every week her mother buys fresh...

	A	flowers
	B	fruit
	C	cakes
	D	dumplings

- d. In Li Na's room there is...

	A	computer
	B	window
	C	chair
	D	bed

- e. The family often goes to the park to play...

	A	tennis
	B	badminton
	C	football
	D	basketball

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Visiting Xi'an

7. Read the extract about two students' experiences in Xi'an.

佩佩和麗莎上個學期到中國學習中文。他們在中國生
了北京，然後坐飛機到西安。到了西安就開始上課。有
語課，下午有一個小時文化課。她們很快交了很多新
家吃飯，中文進步很快。

Fill in the gap in each sentence using an option from the box below. There are

eat food	culture	Shanghai
Beijing	study Chinese	aeroplane
train	last year	Hong Kong

Example: Pei Pei and Li Sha went to China to study Chinese.

- a. Pei Pei and Li Sha went to China
- b. First they went to
- c. They travelled to Xi'an by
- d. As well as Chinese language they attended a class in
- e. They often went to their friends' houses to

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Jealous neighbours

8. Read this extract about free-time activity customs in the past.

我上中學的時候，家裡買了一個電視機。電視不大，是黑視的人很少，所以每個星期六，我們的鄰居，朋友，都會們一起看節目，吃東西，說話，每個人都很高興。晚上十點以後就沒有電視節目可以看了。

現在不一樣了，家家都有電視，什麼時候都有節目可以看了。

Answer each of the following questions **in English**. You do not have to write

- a. What new item did this family buy?

.....

- b. Where did all the neighbours go?

.....

- c. What happened after 10pm?

.....

- d. What is the difference between when the author was at school and now?

.....

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Sports and activities

9. Read the blog extracts, in which some people are introducing their favourite

王力: 我特別喜歡跳舞。最近我參加了春節的舞獅表演。
美美: 我喜歡水。夏天去海邊, 可以游泳, 也可以曬太陽。
寧寧: 我對電腦非常感興趣, 常常下載各種各樣的音樂。
張麗: 我最喜歡的活動是唱歌, 聽音樂。每個週末我

Who is the correct person? Choose from Wang Li, Meimei, Ningning and Zhang Li more than once.

Example: Wang Li likes to dance.

- a. sings a lot.
- b. took part in a lion dance activity.
- c. likes downloading music.
- d. enjoys going to the seaside.
- e. is interested in computers.

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10. Translate this text into **English**.

我的媽媽是醫生, 在北京工作, 她每天坐地鐵上下班。
和妹妹
去博物館, 定期我們全家坐飛機出國旅行。



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Practice Paper C

Question 1	Accept
a	October
b	July
c	April
d	October
E	April
f	January

Question 2	Accept
a	work
b	languages
c	China
d	the USA
f	shopping

Question 3.1	Accept	Reject
a	he likes big cities, the transportation is good	-
b	the park	-
c	fast food	-

Question 3.2	Accept	Reject
a	cultural events, watching films, concerts, museums	-
b	(it is) cold (in winter)	-

Question 4	Accept
a	B
b	A
c	D
d	C
f	B

Question 5	Accept	Reject
a	calligraphy	-
b	she likes it (a lot)	-
c	Wednesday(s)	-

Question 6	Accept	Reject
a	D	
b	D	
c	A	
d	D	C
e	A	

Question 7	Accept
a	three
b	pretty
c	listening to music
d	bed
e	wallet

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Question 8	Accept
a	(black) birds
b	an hour away (by car)
c	pasta, salad
d	(a big, beautiful) garden

Question 9	Accept
a	Li Jing Li
b	Meimei
c	Zhang Li
d	Meimei
e	Ningning

Question 10	Indicative content
Accept any other reasonable alternatives.	My favourite friend (the friend I like [the] most) is English.
	Her birthday is 17 th February, (and) there are many books in her home.
	After (finishing) class, I go to her house to do homework.
	Together we surf the Web and read the news.

Question 10	Mark scheme
7 marks	The candidate has fully conveyed the meaning of the text. If there are mistakes, they do not affect the overall accuracy of the translation.
5–6 marks	The candidate has mostly conveyed the meaning of the text. There are occasional mistakes that hinder clarity, such as inexact words or the use of inaccurate syntax.
3–4 marks	The candidate has partially conveyed the meaning of the text. There are some mistakes that hinder communication, such as the frequent absence of some sentences/expressions or the use of incorrect tenses.
1–2 marks	The candidate has translated only parts of sentences or isolated sentences. There are frequent mistakes that hinder communication of meaning.
0 marks	The candidate has not answered / the answer is incomprehensible.

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