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Text 1

You read an article about Hangzhou aimed at attracting international students to the city.



**歡迎來到杭州(Hangzhou)**

杭州在中國的東南部，是個又熱鬧又現代化的大城市。杭州離上海不遠，搭火車大約三十分鐘就到了。杭州有一個國際機場，你可以搭飛機去日本、德國、印度等國家。

**旅遊**

杭州很適合旅遊，喜歡歷史的人可以參觀博物館。這裡有各種各樣的商店，買禮物和紀念品非常方便。杭州菜很好吃，在市中心有很多餐廳。

**留學生**

每年都有很多不同國家的學生來杭州學習。他們說杭州有好的大學，交通很方便，人很友好，天氣也不太冷。另外，杭州人說的漢語很容易聽懂，能幫助外國學生提升他們的中文程度。

**Word List**

大約 roughly

適合 suitable

留學生 International students



**Questions**

- (a) What does the article say about Hangzhou? Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

**3**

	True	False
Hangzhou is bustling and modern.		
Hangzhou is approximately 30 mins away from Shanghai by train.		
There are mountains near the city.		

- (b) Which countries can you fly to from Hangzhou? State any **two** things.

**2**

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- (c) Why is Hangzhou a good city for tourists? Complete the following sentence.

**1**

There are all kinds of shops which makes it convenient to

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- (d) According to the article, where could you find lots of restaurants? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

**1**

	Tick (✓)
Around the lake	
In the city centre	
On every street corner	

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**Text 1 questions (continued)**

- (e) What do students say about Hangzhou? Complete the following sentence.

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They say that Hangzhou has good \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_.

- (f) According to the article, why is Hangzhou a good place for international students? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

1

	Tick (✓)
The way people from Hangzhou speak is easy to understand.	
There are many excellent language schools.	
Accommodation is affordable and comfortable.	



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## Text 2

You read an article about working from home.



現在,大多數的人選擇在家工作,因為  
很多人都可以上網,而且互聯網速度  
越來越快。

在家工作有很多好處:第一,你可以在  
你想工作的時候工作,很方便。第  
二,你可以安排最適合你和家人的時  
間表。不去辦公室上班就 會減少交  
通,省錢又省時。不開車,少開車可以  
保護環境。

想要成功在家工作,你要好好照顧自己。開始工作以前,你一定要吃  
早餐。工作時,不要在電腦前面吃飯。

在家工作不但讓你有更多自己的時間,而且讓你有比較多的時間和家  
人在一起,所以工作壓力也少了。對我來說,天天穿舒服的衣服工作,  
不吃在超市買的三明治,感覺特別好。

## Questions

- (a) Working from home is becoming more popular. What reason does the article  
give for this? State any **one** thing.

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- (b) The article describes the benefits of working from home.

- (i) What is the first advantage?

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Text 2 questions (continued)

(ii) What is the main benefit for workers with families?

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(iii) In what way can working from home benefit the environment?

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(c) The article goes on to suggest ways of working from home successfully. What does the writer say?

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(d) What should you do before you start work? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

1

	Tick (✓)
You should have breakfast.	
You should have regular breaks.	
You should have a morning coffee break.	

(e) What should you avoid doing whilst working?

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(f) In what way can working from home reduce stress? State any **one** thing.

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(g) The writer says it feels good to be working from home. What do they say? State **two** things.

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### Text 3

You read an article about Zhang Lun who talks about learning languages.

我叫張倫，今年十六歲，我出生在中國的山區。五歲的時候，我和爸爸媽媽搬到了英國的一個小城市。我在當地的一所小學學習了三年，學校裡沒有人會說中文。所以我必須學會用英文跟同學和老師溝通。我每天早上花一個半小時學習英文。



我媽媽對法語和法國的文化有趣，所以我們常常去那裡度假。我會用簡單的法文點菜和飲料。我媽媽會說三種外語：日語，德語和法語。她法語說得又快又好。我認為學習語言十分重要。只要多聽，多說，多寫，多練習，每個人都可以學好外語。

### Word List

張倫 Zhang Lun (name of a person)

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### Questions

- (a) What do we learn about Zhang Lun? Complete the following sentence. 2

Zhang Lun was born in \_\_\_\_\_ and when he was 5 years old, he moved to a \_\_\_\_\_ in the UK.

- (b) The article goes on to talk about his early life at primary school.

- (i) How long did he study there? 1

\_\_\_\_\_

- (ii) What does he tell you about the school? 1

\_\_\_\_\_

- (iii) What did he do every morning? 1

\_\_\_\_\_



Text 3 questions (continued)

- (c) Zhang Lun talks about using his language skills. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

2

	True	False
He is able to buy train tickets in French.		
He is able to order food and drink in French.		

- (d) Zhang Lun talks about language learning.

- (i) What does he think about language learning?

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- (ii) What advice does he give for learning another language successfully? State any **two** things.

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[END OF QUESTION PAPER]





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