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## Midterm Exam

### Section I Listening Comprehension (30%)

You will hear two narratives. Listen, then answer the following questions in English.

#### Narrative A

1. What do you know from the passage about the speaker's lifestyle?

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2. What did the speaker and his roommate do for summer vacation, and where did they go?

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3. What method of transport did they use, and why this particular one?

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4. What did their parents think of their plans? Why?

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5. Did their parents' concern come true? What really happened to them on the trip?

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6. Because of his experience during this vacation, what does the speaker plan to do? Why?

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#### Narrative B

7. What issues mentioned in the passage do Chinese people face after the Reform and Opening-Up of China?

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8. What's the work situation for women?

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9. What's the situation at home for women?

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10. What does “男主外，女主内” mean in the passage?

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## Section II Reading Comprehension (30%)

Read each passage and answer the questions that follow it.

**Part A:** Read the paragraph below and decide whether the statements that follow it are true or false.

在北京的一条小街里有一家家常菜饭馆。这附近并没有什么旅游景点也不是热闹的商业区，可是这家饭馆的生意特别火。他们不接受预约，每天吃饭的时间外面等座的人就排起了队。这家餐馆看起来没什么特别，可是老板以诚信为本经营生意又为客人着想，饭菜的质量好、分量足，环境干净、整齐，有很多回头客。

1. (     ) This particular restaurant serves exotic cuisine.
2. (     ) The restaurant's business is good because it's close to tourist spots and commercial areas.
3. (     ) If you want to eat in the restaurant, you have to make a reservation in advance.
4. (     ) The restaurant owner runs his business based on honesty and consideration for his customers.
5. (     ) Most people who eat in the restaurant are tourists.

**Part B:** Read the paragraph below and answer the questions that follow it, paying attention to the specific instructions for each question.

除了中国大陆、台湾和一些亚洲国家以外，在西方很多城市的唐人街的华人和一些当地的居民也很重视庆祝中国的传统节日。他们吃节日特有的食品，还对每一个传统节日背后的故事了如指掌。

比如端午节的来历，屈原的故事感动了很多。屈原是战国时代楚国的臣子，有智慧、有胆识、口才好、又很会写文章、作诗。最重要的，他有满腔的爱国热忱，时时刻刻为国操心。楚国的臣子，看见才华洋溢的屈原，心中十分嫉妒，在楚王面前说尽屈原的坏话，楚王不能明辨是非，大怒之下，便把屈原赶出国去了。屈原看自己既不能报效国家，又找不到志同道合的人，活在这个世界上，还有什么意义呢？就悲痛的抱起大石头，往汨罗江一跳。附近居民听说屈原投江，赶忙划船来救，可惜太迟了。他们只有敲锣打鼓吓走鱼群。又用竹筒装米放入江中喂饱鱼虾，这样鱼虾就不会去吃屈原的身体了。

人们都非常敬重屈原爱国的精神，以后每年到了农历五月初五，都要去河边纪念他。当年划船敲锣打鼓的紧张情形，逐渐演变成今天端午节的划龙船比赛，竹筒装米也变成箬叶包粽子的习俗了。

1. Besides Chinese mainlanders and Taiwanese people, who else celebrates traditional Chinese holidays? (Answer in **English**.)  

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2. What does the phrase “了如指掌” (written in the first paragraph) mean? (Answer in **English**.)  

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3. Why do people eat “粽子” every year on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month of the lunar calendar? (Answer in **English**.)  

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4. Who is Qu Yuan? What happened to him? (Answer in **English**.)  

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5. What is your favorite traditional Chinese festival? How do people typically celebrate it? (Answer in **Chinese**.)  

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### Section III Writing (40%)

Translate the following two passages into Chinese.

#### Passage A

Some people like to travel alone, but others like to travel with friends or family. I prefer to have an outgoing friend to share the journey with, so I always try my best to find such a travel buddy. However, since everyone is already busy this summer, I have no choice but to visit China by myself.

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#### Passage B

A healthy lifestyle is important for one's quality of life. Many people don't smoke or drink alcohol. They don't stay up late at night. Besides doing those things, people also pay attention to their diet. They eat less meat, and more fruits and vegetables. Some people even become vegetarians. Exercising regularly is also important. According to most doctors, people should exercise at least three times a week to stay in shape.

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