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## Level 1 Chinese (Mandarin) 2024

### 91954 Demonstrate understanding of written Chinese related to everyday contexts

Credits: Five

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of written Chinese related to everyday contexts.	Demonstrate sound understanding of written Chinese related to everyday contexts.	Demonstrate thorough understanding of written Chinese related to everyday contexts.

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**You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.**

Pull out Resource Booklet 91954R from the centre of this booklet.

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Check that this booklet has pages 2–7 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

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**Excellence**

**TOTAL 24**

## Page 1

Answer in your choice of English or te reo Māori.

Make sure you have the paper Resource Booklet 91954R.

### QUESTION ONE: 博客 (Blog post)

Read Text A on page 2 of the resource booklet.

How does Xiao Tian describe his eating habits and preferences in the different locations?

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Xiao Tian describes his eating habits as healthy and diverse in different locations, eating food to help him stay well and that he enjoys, the food he eats varying based on where he is and what the weather is like. His eating habits change depending on whether he is in New Zealand or China. He describes a lot of different foods in his blog, indicating his love for food and trying different things. His healthy eating habits are shown when he talks about how he likes eating noodles in China. Xiao Tian enjoys eating noodles with egg, chicken, and vegetables, which he describes as extremely healthy. It can be inferred that Xiao Tian enjoys eating food that keeps him healthy and well, further supported by in the second paragraph. He talks about eating dumplings in the cold winter in New Zealand and China, and that the hot dumplings make him feel better and help stop him from getting sick. In both China and New Zealand he aims to eat healthy food and stay well as shown by him eating dumplings in winter in both countries and how Xiao Tian eats healthy noodles in China. He is also shown to enjoy lots of different foods and change his preferences based off of what is convenient depending on where he is. In China he'd eat noodles for lunch and sometimes eat pork or beef buns, but in New Zealand he comments on how people eat pork or beef sandwiches and that at school it is the most convenient to eat them. This shows that Xiao Tian is open to and eats a lot of diverse foods from different cultures, and is open to having different preferences depending on the situation. Being from Beijing may mean he is not as open or likes to eat Western food, but he enjoys food in New Zealand and still eats Chinese food too. Overall, Xiao Tian enjoys staying healthy and eating different foods, and isn't afraid to change it up for what's best for him in moment.

## Page 2

### QUESTION TWO: 邮件 (Email)

Read Text B on page 3 of the resource booklet.

(a) Is Xiao Mei enjoying life in New Zealand? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

B I U

Xiao Mei is enjoying life in New Zealand. This is shown in how she's doing at school and her newfound appreciation for the different landscape and skiing/snowboarding. Since coming to New Zealand, she has had a lot less homework than she had in China, which allows her more free time to pursue her interest music and singing, and it gives her the opportunity to improve and enjoy herself. She says that her favourite class everyday is music class, which shows she enjoys living in New Zealand to be able to learn and practice music. She also enjoys her English class and is enthusiastic about learning, shown by her describing how she used to not understand her teacher but since then she has progressed and improved to a level where she can consume English media and understand a bit of English. This love for learning and her eagerness to improve herself being fulfilled by her school in New Zealand shows how much she enjoys living there. Another reason she enjoys life in New Zealand is new experiences she has gotten from the mountains in the south island where she lives. Before arriving in New Zealand, she had never seen snow before but because the winters in the South Island get so cold, it often snows onto the mountains. Xiao Mei describes the snow and the snowy peaks as beautiful and she was so happy to experience the snow. She also tried skiing/snowboarding, and even though she doesn't like sports, she still gave it a try and enjoyed it, shown by her skiing/snowboarding for 3 days and improving so much her friend comments on her ability. This shows that she is enjoying life in New Zealand because of all the new things she gets to see and try. Overall, Xiao Mei enjoys life in New Zealand because of new experiences and learning in school and on the mountains.

(b) What changes has Xiao Mei made during her time in New Zealand?

B I U

Xiao Mei has made some changes to her lifestyle because of how different life is in New Zealand than China. She puts more time into her interests and hobbies such as singing and practicing because originally she had too much homework to practice. As well as that Xiao Mei is more open to trying new things, shown how she told herself that she should learn skiing/snowboarding, although disliking sports. This shows that she has changed the way she lives because of how her life is in New Zealand, adapting to new routines and new experiences.

## Page 3

### QUESTION THREE: 海报 (Poster)

Read Text C on page 4 of the resource booklet.

(a) Who is the target audience for this poster?

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The target audience are people who enjoy dancing, people who want to learn about new cultures, and people who want to make new friends, as stated in the opening hook for the poster.

(b) Would this club be suitable for Amy? Refer to her profile in your answer.

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I think this club would be suitable for Amy. This is because in her profile, she fits all the criteria for the target audience and it appears she would enjoy being in the club. Amy is described as liking Chinese culture, interested in learning Chinese dance, but she doesn't have a friend to bring nor does she like competitions. However, this is not a problem because the club doesn't need her to bring anybody with her, it's just recommended as a way to get more people to go. The club advertises itself as a friendly place with lots of friendly teachers which is a great environment to make friends, something that they want to make for people joining the club as shown in the hook. If Amy joins the club, not only will she learn about Chinese culture and dance, she could also make a new friend in the club to experience it with. Even if she doesn't make a friend, the teachers are friendly and skilled as shown as the teacher Scarlett is mentioned to have won first place at a dan dance competition last year. Amy also doesn't like competitions, and the poster states there's a fan dance competition next year and everybody can go. It's likely that Amy could find a way out of it, the poster doesn't state that participating is absolutely mandatory and that she had to go if she joined. Also, the competition is next year, long enough for Amy to get engrossed in the club and to learn and practice a lot, so much so that she may change her mind and wish to represent Chinese culture and her skills as she is really interested in Chinese culture and dancing. Another issue Amy's profile brings up is her schedule. She is unable to go to the Saturday rehearsals between 10am to 11am because of work, but is able to attend the Monday to Friday rehearsals from 4pm to 5pm. This is not a big deal as she is only missing 1 out of 6 hours a week, and based on her interests, she is eager to learn and may be able to catch up or learn fast enough within those 5 hours. All in all, the club is suitable for Amy. She enjoys Chinese culture, dancing and maybe would like to make new friends and the club is the perfect place for her and her interests.

## Excellence

**Subject:** Chinese (Mandarin)

**Standard:** 91954

**Total score:** 24

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	E8	The candidate demonstrated thorough understanding of the text’s meaning while fully explaining their answers using relevant textual evidence. A key quality from the candidate’s response included explaining Xiao Tian’s healthy and diverse eating habits in different locations. ‘This shows that Xiao Tian is open to and eats a lot of diverse foods... open to having different preferences...’ Another strong element of the response was the strong concluding statements that linked back to the question.
Two	E8	The candidate demonstrated thorough understanding of the text’s meaning while fully explaining their answers using relevant textual evidence. A key quality from the candidate’s response included the explanation of how being in New Zealand freed up her time to pursue her interest in music and singing. They explained Xiao Mei is an enthusiastic learner because of how she made an effort to improve her English. They also compared Xiao Mei’s life in New Zealand to her life in China to explain the changes she made.
Three	E8	<p>The candidate demonstrated thorough understanding of the text’s meaning. While the candidate did not include textual evidence in part (a) to support their answer, they did so in part (b) and still showed their overall understanding of the text’s meaning. Key qualities from the candidate’s response included their explanation of how not having a friend is not a problem or a requirement to join the club, their explanation that the club is advertised as a friendly place, so Amy can make friends there and feel comfortable, their explanation that although Amy doesn’t want to take part in the competition, she has enough time to learn and practice (and may change her mind), and their explanation that Amy will only miss one out of six hours due to her Saturday job, which is a minor problem on the whole.</p> <p>The answer was detailed and thorough. Explanations were well supported by evidence and vice versa. The meaning of the text was interpreted with attention to the writer’s choice of language.</p>