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**Cantonese  
Reading**

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9:00 AM – 11:40 AM

**Total marks — 30**

Attempt ALL questions.

Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the Reading answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

You may use a Chinese dictionary.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

There is a separate question and answer booklet for Directed Writing. You must complete your answer for Directed Writing in the question and answer booklet for Directed Writing.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your Reading answer booklet and your Directed Writing question and answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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Read the whole article carefully and then answer, in English, ALL the questions that follow.

In this article, the writer discusses the recent changes to China's One Child Policy and young Chinese couples' opinions about these changes.

## 二胎政策來了，中國年輕人願意生兩個孩子嗎？

- 5 《中國青年報》的一篇文章指出中國一些城市的人口正在快速減少，每年出生的孩子越來越少，中國老人卻越來越多。二零一五年，二胎政策來了，每個家庭都可以生兩個孩子。問題是，二胎政策放開了，年輕人不一定願意生兩個孩子。據調查顯示，決定生第二個孩子的家庭並不多。

### 年輕夫婦面對的問題

目前在中國很多年輕夫婦不想生第二個孩子。他們面對的問題有很多，比如說，收入不高，工作忙，養孩子太貴，生活壓力大。

- 10 我最近採訪了一對年輕夫婦。馬先生告訴我：“我們一家人和父母住在一間小公寓，沒有什麼私人空間，但是我們買不起自己的房子。我們有一個十二歲的兒子，除了上學以外，我們還要花錢為他請英文和數學家教，他也要上音樂課，學習鋼琴，而且將來他要上大學，費用也很多。總之，我們目前的生活環境和工資都不適合生第二個孩子。”

- 15 馬太太也表示她不願意生二胎。馬太太說：“中國產假太短了，我的公司規定生一個孩子給兩個月的產假。我覺得如果產假可以延長到一年，會有更多人願意生第二個孩子。老實說，照顧孩子很辛苦，我的丈夫很少幫我一起帶孩子，我不想再讓自己那麼累。而且，現在孩子大了，我有了更多自己的時間，做我想做的事情。可能別人覺得我很自私，但是我很享受現在比較自由的生活。”

- 20 中國百分之七十的年輕人和馬先生、馬太太的觀點一樣，他們都不想生第二個孩子。現在大部分的年輕人和他們的父母有不一樣的夢想。因為他們有過更好的教育，所以想要有更高的生活水平。

### 中國可以學習別的國家的育兒政策

- 25 在蘇格蘭，新媽媽可以休至少六個月的產假，同時還可以領工資。新爸爸也可以休假在家照顧孩子。另外，在韓國，很多媽媽可以帶孩子一起上班，因為很多大型公司都會提供公司的幼兒園，這樣對上班的年輕媽媽有很大幫助。在日本，為了幫助新媽媽回去工作，政府還為低收入的家庭提供免費的幼兒園。

我支持中國的二胎政策，因為沒有下一代就沒有未來。但是我也  
30 可以理解為什麼今天的年輕夫婦不想生二胎。最後，中國政府應該怎麼鼓勵大家生第二個孩子，這還是一個問題。

**Word List:**

二胎	second child
政策	policy
延長	extend
育兒	childcare

**Questions**

**MARKS**

Re-read lines 1–5.

1. Changes have been made to China's One Child Policy.

(a) Why is this? Give **two** reasons.

**2**

(b) What has been the problem with the new policy?

**1**

Re-read lines 6–8.

2. According to the writer, what are the challenges faced by young couples in China? Give any **three** details.

**3**

Re-read lines 9–13.

3. Mr and Mrs Ma do not want to have any more children. What does Mr Ma say about:

(a) their present living conditions? State any **two** things.

**2**

(b) their son's education? State **three** things.

**3**

Re-read lines 14–19.

4. Why does Mrs Ma not want to have another child? Give any **three** reasons.

**3**

## Questions (continued)

Re-read lines 23–28.

5. According to the writer, China could learn from other countries' childcare provision. What does he say about arrangements in:

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| (a) Scotland?    | 2 |
| (b) South Korea? | 1 |
| (c) Japan?       | 1 |

Now consider the article as a whole.

6. Does the writer think that the recent changes to China's One Child Policy are a good idea? Justify your answer with reference to the text. 2

7. Translate into English

中國百分之七十的年輕人和馬先生、馬太太的觀點一樣，...所以想要有更高的生活水平。(lines 20–22) 10

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