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## Instructions

There are **two** sections in this paper.

Section A	Reading	80 marks
Answer <b>All</b> questions – Question 1, Question 2, Question 3 <b>AND</b> Question 4		
Section B	Writing	80 marks
Answer <b>TWO</b> questions – Question 5 (a) <b>or</b> (b) <b>or</b> (c) <b>AND</b> Questions 6 (a) <b>or</b> (b) <b>or</b> (c).		

**Where answers are required in Mandarin Chinese, simplified Chinese characters must be used.**

You may only use **blue or black pen** when writing your answers. **Do not use pencil.**

Write your examination number in the box on the front cover.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. There is space for extra work at the end of the booklet. **Label any such extra work clearly with the question number and part.**

This examination booklet will be scanned and your work will be presented to an examiner on screen. **Anything that you write outside of the answer areas might not be seen by the examiner.**

## Question 1

Read the following notice board at a train station. Answer the questions in **English**.

出口 A	出口 B	出口 C
出租车站 – A1	<u>地铁站</u> – B1	公共汽车站 – C1
中心公园 – A2	医院 – B2	大学 – C2
水果店 – A3	超市 – B3	饭店 – C3
游泳馆 – A4	篮球场 – B4	图书馆 – C4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 出口 B 晚上十点<u>关闭</u>。</li> <li>• 水果店星期六和星期天不开门。</li> </ul>		

Vocabulary: 关闭 = close, 地铁 = subway

(a) Fill out the table according to the notice board above.

Example: Which exit should one take for the park?	A2
(i) Which exit should one take for the bus?	
(ii) Which exit should one take for the hospital?	
(iii) Which exit should one take for the swimming pool?	
(iv) Which exit should one take for the library?	

**(b)** Indicate whether the following sentences are True or False by ticking (✓) the boxes.

		<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>
<b>(i)</b>	According to the notice board, one cannot go to the supermarket after 10pm.		
<b>(ii)</b>	One can go shopping at the fruit shop at weekends.		

## Question 2

Read the flyer about the zoo below. Answer the questions in **English**.

# 动物园

### 开门时间:

星期一到星期五: 早上九点到晚上六点

星期六和星期天: 早上八点到晚上八点

\* 每天最晚进入时间是晚上五点

### 活动:

1. 你想知道动物们吃什么吗? 星期三中午, 来看动物们吃午饭吧!
2. 这里的动物们叫什么名字? 它们的家在哪里? 它们喜欢什么天气? 它们喜欢做什么? 每天下午两点, 来动物园的学习中心, 我们告诉你!
3. 我们的动物园有很多宝藏。你能找到吗? 星期五下午三点, 到动物园的游乐场, 一起找宝藏!

### 门票:

#### 一天

大人 (十六岁以上):	20 元
儿童 (三岁到十五岁):	10 元
小孩 (三岁以下):	0 元
老人 / 学生:	8 元
一家人 (最多五人):	35 元

#### 一年 (十二个月)

大人:	180 元
老人 / 学生:	60 元
一家人 (最多五人):	350 元

Vocabulary: 动物园 = zoo, 进入 = to enter, 告诉 = to tell, 宝藏 = treasure, 找到 = to get

(a) Answer the following questions about the opening hours of the zoo.

(i) What is the earliest time one can enter the zoo on a Tuesday?

(ii) What is the latest time one can enter the zoo?

(b) Answer the following questions about the activities in the zoo.

(i) What day of the week can one see animals having their lunch?

(ii) There are four things tourists can learn about animals at the learning centre of the zoo. List **three** of them.

1.
2.
3.

(iii) Where in the zoo can tourists find the treasure? Answer this question in **Chinese**.

(c) Answer the following questions about the zoo tickets.

(i) What is the price of a student daily ticket?

(ii) A student wishes to visit the zoo with two of his adult family members. What is the cheapest daily ticket available for them?

(iii) How much is an annual zoo pass for a senior citizen?

### Question 3

Read the following poem. Answer the questions in **English**.

昨天，小鸟飞在天上。

它看到白色的云。

晚上，小鸟做梦了。

它的梦是白色的。

今天，小鸟飞在树林里。

它看到绿色的树。

晚上，小鸟做梦了。

它的梦是绿色的。

明天，小鸟要飞到花园里。

花园里有红色的小花。

花园里有黄色的蜜蜂。

花园里有蓝色的小河。

晚上，小鸟会做梦吗？

它的梦是什么颜色？

是红色的？

是黄色的？

还是蓝色的？

Vocabulary: 云 = cloud, 梦 = dream, 蜜蜂 = bee



- (a) What was the colour of the little bird's dream yesterday? Why was the little bird's dream this colour?

Colour of the dream:
Reason:

- (b) What was the colour of the little bird's dream today? Why was the little bird's dream this colour?

Colour of the dream:
Reason:

- (c) According to the poem, what do you think the colour of the little bird's dream will be tomorrow? Give the reason for your answer.

Colour of the dream:
Reason:

- (d) The poem mentioned three locations. List **one** of them.

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(e) Fill in the blanks in the table below. You will find the characters for the first column in the poem above.

Character in the letter (Answer in <b>Chinese</b> )	Meaning of the character (Answer in <b>English</b> )	Radical of the character (Answer in <b>Chinese</b> )	Meaning of the radical (Answer in <b>English</b> )
元			
	Late/evening		
		丨	
			wood

#### Question 4

Read the following passage about the hot pot. Answer the questions in **English**.



北京火锅



重庆火锅



日本火锅



瑞士火锅

Hot Pot 的中文是火锅。人们喜欢吃火锅，因为火锅很有意思。吃火锅的时候，吃饭的人，也是做饭的人。自己想吃什么，火锅就煮什么。

中国的火锅有很多汤。在北京吃火锅，人们喜欢煮羊肉，特别是在冬天，因为天气很冷。北京的火锅先煮热水，然后煮羊肉，再煮一些蔬菜。重庆的火锅和北京的火锅不一样。人们喜欢吃辣的火锅。在重庆吃火锅，有牛肉和猪肉，可以吃很多蔬菜，也可以吃鱼。

日本有一种很有名的火锅，叫Sukiyaki。这种火锅有很少的汤。人们煮牛肉和蔬菜。煮好了，和生鸡蛋一起吃。瑞士有奶酪火锅，叫Fondue。这种火锅没有汤。人们煮酒和奶酪。吃火锅的时候，人们会吃面包。

Vocabulary: 煮 = to boil, 蔬菜 = vegetable, 辣 = spicy, 生鸡蛋 = raw egg, 奶酪 = cheese,

重庆 = Chongqing, a city in the southwest of China, 瑞士 = Switzerland

(a) The author found the hot pot interesting for two reasons. Name **one** reason.

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(b) What are the steps for making a hot pot in Beijing?

Step 1:
Step 2:
Step 3: add some vegetables to the soup

(c) Indicate whether the following sentences are True or False by ticking (✓) the boxes.

		True	False
(i)	Chinese hot pot has very little soup.		
(ii)	The winter in Beijing is very cold.		
(iii)	People in Chongqing like to eat spicy hot pot.		
(iv)	People in Chongqing eat hot pot without fish.		

(d) In which country, mentioned above, is the hot pot consumed with bread?

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**Question 5**

Answer part **(a)** OR **(b)** OR **(c)** in approximately **50 Chinese characters**.

**(a)** You left your watch at your friend Cian's place after a party. Write a short message asking him to bring it to school for you tomorrow. Include the following information.

- Where you think you left the watch
- What the watch looks like
- What Cian should do with the watch

**OR**

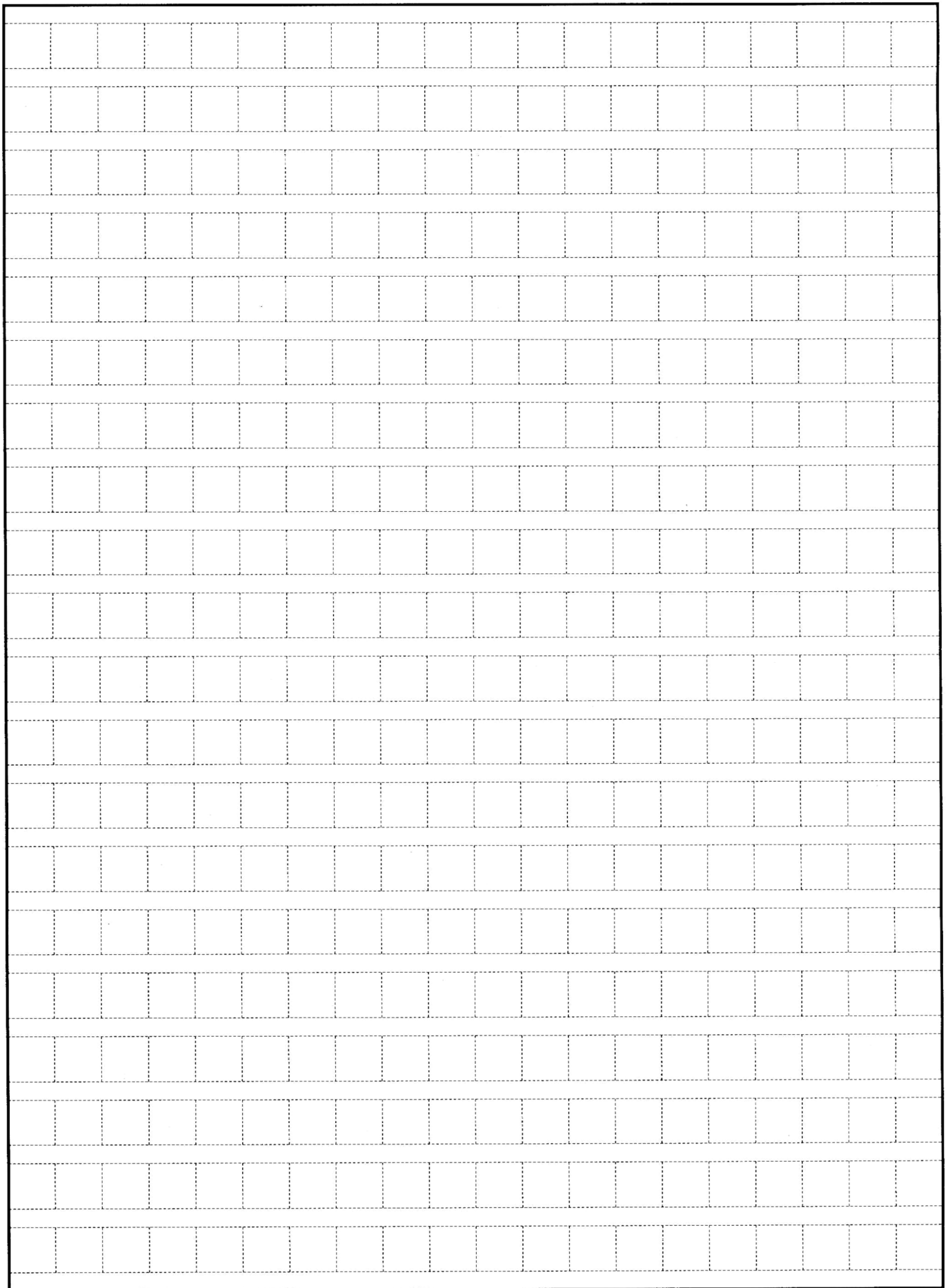
**(b)** There is something you don't understand after today's history class. Write a short text message to your teacher to make an appointment to meet him/her. Cover the following points.

- Say when you can meet the teacher
- Ask where you can meet him/her
- Ask what you should bring with you apart from the textbook

**OR**

**(c)** Write an email to book accommodation for your family trip. Include the following information.

- How many rooms you need
- How long you will stay in the accommodation
- What facilities you need



## Question 6

Answer part **(a)** OR **(b)** OR **(c)** in approximately **100 Chinese characters**.

**(a)** Write a short essay to describe your favourite food. Include answers to the following questions.

- When did you have the food for the first time?
- Where can you buy the food?
- Why do you like the food?

**OR**

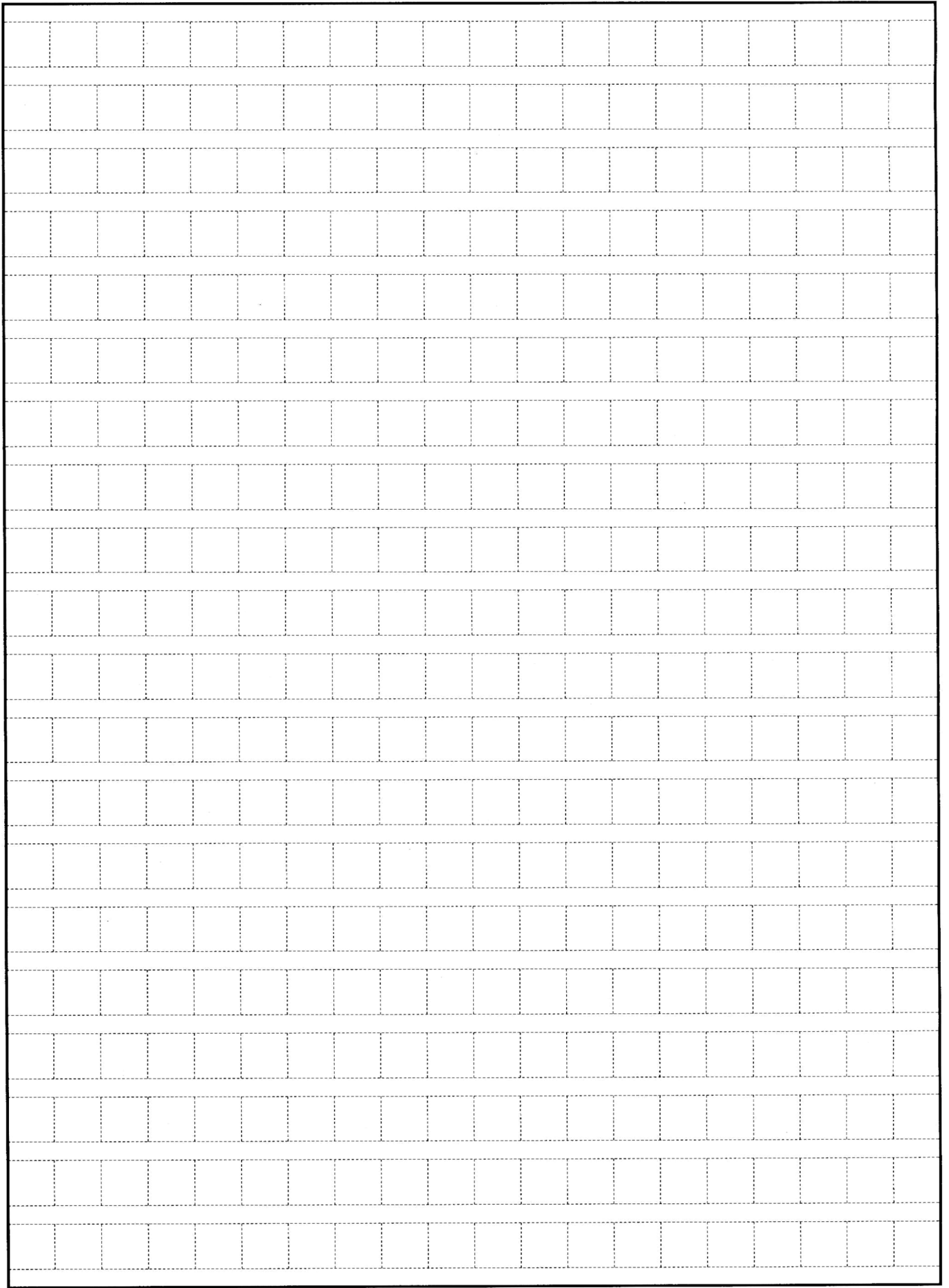
**(b)** Write a short essay to plan for your upcoming summer holiday. Include answers to the following questions.

- What do you want to do during the holiday?
- Who will you go on holiday with?
- How are you preparing for the holiday?

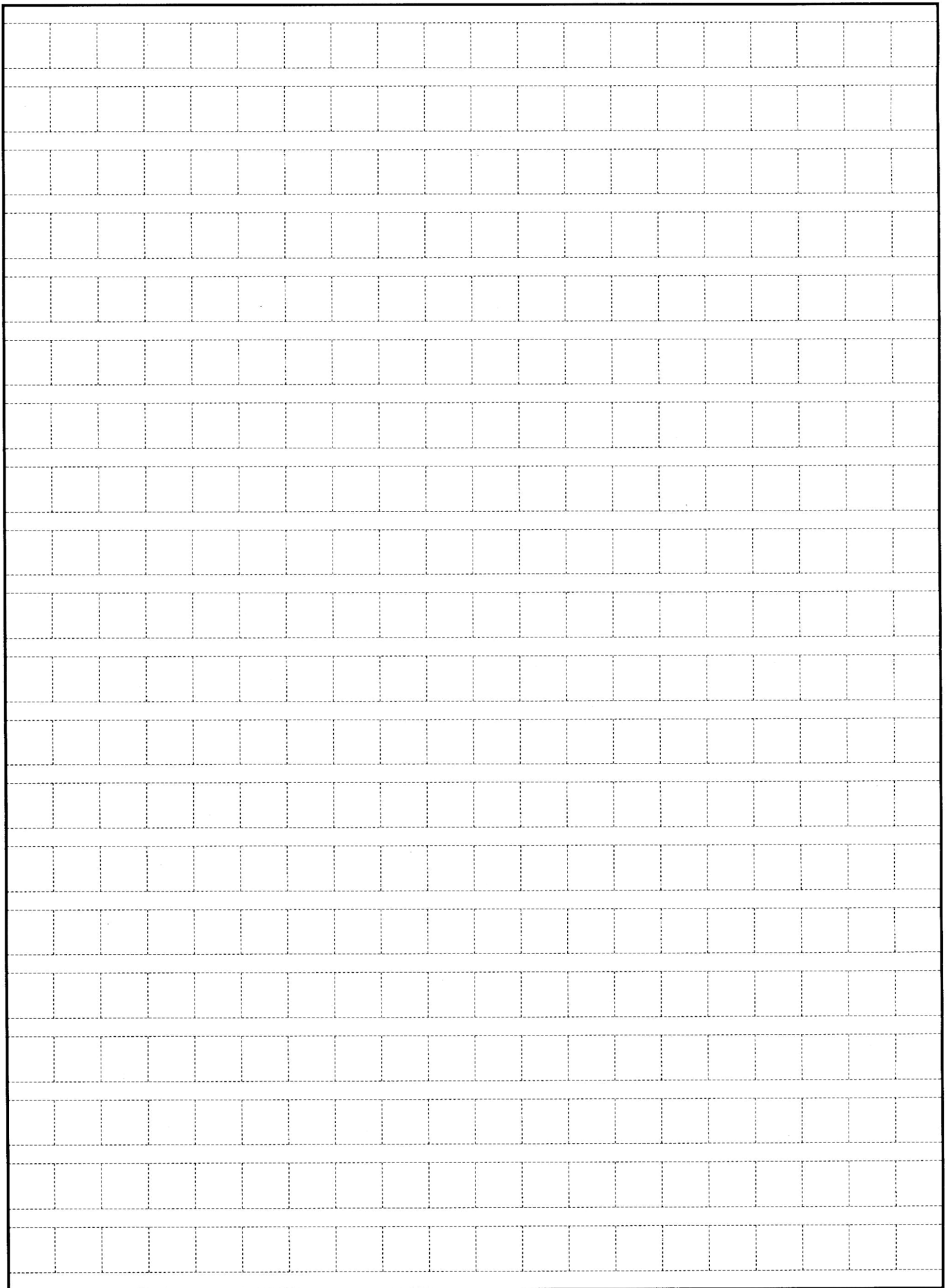
**OR**

**(c)** Write a short essay to introduce your favourite teacher. Include answers to the following questions.

- What does the teacher look like?
- What subject/s does the teacher teach?
- Why do you like the teacher?









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