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**Mandarin (Simplified)
Reading**

MONDAY, 29 APRIL

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.

You read an interview with a successful business woman, Chen Ping (陈萍). She talks about her background and education.

陈萍的故事

陈萍是一位成功的中国女商人。她二十五岁的时候就拥有三家公司，很多员工了。她和很多商人不一样，她从来没有上过大学，中学毕业以后就开始工作了。上个月我们有幸采访了她。

陈萍的学校生活

- 5 陈萍非常清楚地记得她上小学的第一天。她说：“我六岁上小学一年级的第一天，我妈妈给我买了一个新书包，我非常高兴地去上学了。我的班里有五十七个同学。我还记得第一节课，老师花了很长时间教我们怎么坐。”

- 10 陈萍还告诉我们，她是在农村长大的。那时，农村的学校里建了很多新的大楼，学校的运动场上有一面国旗。她说：“我有很多不同的老师，除了学习英语，数学，中文，我们还有音乐，体育，画画等等。我最喜欢的老师是数学老师。她很年轻，对我们也很严格，但是她非常有耐心。”

陈萍说：“我很喜欢我的学校，但是我之后没有上大学，因为我不想再花四年的时间在学校里，让父母为我花钱，我想快点开始工作。”

15 陈萍的第一份工作

陈萍的第一份工作是在一家国际公司的总部工作。在工作的第二天，她把整个公司的网络弄坏了，还把同事的邮件都丢了。她以为她会失去她的工作，但是她很幸运。因为她的老板知道她愿意学习新东西，所以送她去学习电脑课程。这对她后来开自己的公司很有帮助。

20 今天的陈萍

现在，陈萍的公司遍布世界各地，她除了去各个国家出差，她还会花一些时间去学校和学生分享她的创业经历。

- 25 陈萍最后说：“我从我的工作中学到了两个非常重要的道理。第一，你一定要努力工作才能成功。第二，重要的不是你知道了什么，而是你怎么使用这些知识。”同时，她也给年轻人提出了一些建议：年轻人要记住，每个人的生活中都有很多挑战，关键是你怎么面对这些挑战，你应该自己做出自己的选择，相信自己。

Questions

Re-read lines 1–8.

1. What does Chen Ping remember about her first day at school? Give any **three** details. 3

Re-read lines 9–11.

2. What was her school like? State any **two** things. 2

Re-read lines 11–12.

3. What does she say about her maths teacher? State any **two** things. 2

Re-read lines 13–14.

4. Why did Chen Ping not go to university? 3

Re-read lines 15–17.

5. (a) Where was her first job? 1

- (b) What happened on her second day at work? 2

Re-read lines 20–25.

6. What are the most important things she has learned? 2

Re-read lines 25–27.

7. What advice does she give to young people today? State any **three** things. 3

Now consider the text as a whole.

8. To what extent does the writer support the idea that there is more than one way to achieve success? Give details from the text to justify your answer. 2

9. Translate into English:

她以为她会失去她的工作， . . . 这对她后来开自己的公司很有帮助。(lines 17–19).

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