Annex 6  Instructions on Listening Tests of Use of English and Chinese Language & Culture (Cantonese)

Note

◆ You should bring your own radio set equipped with earphones to take the test.
◆ If your radio has both the stereo and non-stereo modes, use the non-stereo mode in order to get a better reception.

◆ Frequencies used in the listening test

• There will be ample time for you to tune your radio to the best frequency before the test.

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<th>RTHK Radio 2 Frequency Chart</th>
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<td><strong>Channel</strong></td>
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<td>Happy Valley</td>
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<td>Central Wan Chai</td>
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<td>Kennedy Town Sai Ying Pun Quarry Bay Tai Koo Shing</td>
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<td>Mo Sing Leng Pok Fu Lam Aberdeen</td>
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<td>Kowloon</td>
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<td>Kowloon (East) Kwun Tong Ngau Tau Kok San Po Kong</td>
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• The above table shows a considerable variation in the frequencies in different areas. You should note that the best setting for your home environment may not be the most appropriate one for the examination centre.

• Centre Supervisors will indicate on the centre blackboard what the school considers to be the best frequency for that particular locality.

• The wires connecting the radio and the earphones act as an aerial. For this reason, the reception may vary slightly when you turn your head. Irrespective of the type of radio you are using, you may be able to slightly improve the reception by changing the position of the set on the desktop. If your reception is poor and you cannot improve the situation after several attempts, you should request to move to the “special room”.

• No compensation will be given to candidates who claim to have encountered reception problems in the examination room.

◆ Restrictions and requirements for radios

• Candidates may use Walkmans/Discmans equipped with an FM radio or radio-cassette players. Except for these, other electronic devices (including but not limited to MP3 players, Bluetooth devices, iPod) are not allowed.

• The radio must fit comfortably on an exam desktop together with a question-answer book. You are not permitted to use a radio greater than 46 cm x 15 cm x 15 cm (18” x 6” x 6”). Also, you are not allowed to place your radio on the floor. The antenna of your radio should not disturb other candidates or block the aisle.

• If you bring a radio to the examination centre which does not satisfy these requirements, you will not be allowed to use it. Instead you will be sent to a “special room” to take the test.

◆ Things to make sure of before the test

• Make sure that your radio functions properly. Equip your radio with new batteries. The examination centres will not carry a stock of spare batteries.

• If you are using a radio which you have borrowed or recently purchased, make sure you are familiar with its operation. (N.B. You are held responsible for bringing a radio that can function properly.)

• If you use a Walkman/radio-cassette or disc player, make sure that there is no cassette tape/disc inside.
Candidates are not allowed to leave the examination centre during the test.

◆ Procedures before the test

- During the first 40 minutes in the examination room, the invigilators will:
  - take the attendance and check admission forms;
  - give candidates plenty of time to tune their radios to the correct channel;
  - check that all candidates have earphones;
  - check that candidates’ radios are not oversized and their antenna are placed appropriately;
  - check that candidates’ Walkmans/Discmans/radio-cassette players do not contain tapes/discs.

◆ “Special Room”

- Candidates with the following problems will be sent to a special classroom:
  - not bringing a radio;
  - radio/earphones not working;
  - having forgotten or lost earphones/batteries;
  - bringing an oversized radio;
  - arriving 30 minutes or more after the reporting time;
  - unable to tune radios to the correct channel or radios with poor reception;
  - bringing an electronic device other than radios, walkmans or Discmans.

- This “special room” will be equipped with an ordinary radio. Candidates must listen to the radio broadcast without earphones and cannot use their own radio with earphones in the “special room”.

- Candidates who take the Listening Test in the “special room” will be required to fill in a Special Room Report.

- Mark penalty will be imposed on candidates who take the test in the “special room” because they:
  - do not bring a radio;
  - do not bring earphones or batteries;
  - arrive 30 minutes or more after the reporting time;
  - bring an electronic device other than radios, walkmans or Discmans;
  - use their own radio in the “special room”.

◆ Complaints about reception must be lodged with the centre supervisor at the examination centre on the day of examination.
Use of English Listening Test Procedures

- **9:15 am:** Candidates report to the centre.
- **9:30 am & 9:45 am:** RTHK Radio 2 will broadcast an announcement concerning the test to help candidates ensure that they have tuned to the correct channel.
- **9:55 am – 10:00 am:** RTHK will broadcast the English folk song “Greensleeves” to reassure all candidates that they are tuned to the correct channel. (The normal 10:00 am news broadcast will be cancelled on the day of the test.)
- **10:00 am:** The radio broadcast of the test will begin. You should follow the instructions given and write your personal details on the front cover of the question-answer book.

At the start of the Listening Test, you will hear this:

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Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination, Use of English Section A Listening Test 2010, Instructions to Candidates. You should have on your desk a Question-answer Book. Do not open it until you are told to do so. I repeat, do not open the Question-answer Book until you are told to do so. … …
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Next you will hear the introduction to the test. All instructions regarding reading time will be in the Question-answer Book and will also be announced over the radio.

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Now look at page 1 of your Question-answer Book. (Pause 5 seconds) Introduction. Situation. You ...
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At the end of Part 3, you will hear this:

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That's the end of Part 3. You will now have ten minutes to tidy up your answers. During this time you will hear The Blue Danube by Johann Strauss, played by the Orchestra of the Vienna Volksoper, conducted by Franz Bauer-Theussl. Keep your earphones on until you hear the announcement at the end of the ten minutes.
You should keep your earphones on until you are told to take them off.
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After ten minutes, you will hear the following announcement:

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That's the end of the test. Stop writing now and put down your pencil. Close your Question-answer Book and leave it on the desk in front of you for the invigilator to collect. Take off your earphones now and turn off your radio.
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After this, the invigilators will collect the Question-answer Books. You should wait quietly and leave only when instructed to do so.
◆ 中國語文及文化科（廣東話組）聆聽理解考試過程

- 上午 9 時 15 分：考生報到。
- 上午 9 時 30 分及 9 時 45 分：香港電台第二台將廣播一段有關聆聽理解考試的簡短通告，讓所有考生確認電台頻道。
- 上午 9 時 55 分至 10 時：香港電台將播出英國民謠 Greensleeves，讓所有考生再次確認電台頻道。（在考試當日，電台慣常的 10 時正新聞報告將會取消。）
- 上午 10 時正：電台廣播考試內容。考生須首先根據指示完成各有關事項。

2010 年香港高級程度會考中國語文及文化科試卷三聆聽理解考試。在考試開始前，請各位考生留意以下安排，並請依照指示完成各有關事項。...

- 接着的廣播會提示考生考試即將開始，試題答題簿上的指示及廣播均會提示考生閱讀試題的時間。

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- 考生應在整段考試時間戴上耳筒，直至考試結束，由電台廣播收聽到停筆指示後，方可將耳筒除下。

- 在廣播結尾時，考生將聽到下列指示：

  各位同學，時間已滿，請停筆。請除下耳筒，關上收音機，合上你的試題答題簿，放在桌子上，以便監考員收集。

- 監考員會在此時開始收集答卷，考生應靜候試場主任通知方可離開試場。