Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence contained in this pack has achieved the following marks for the Higher Modern Languages assignment-writing coursework assessment task, Mandarin (Simplified).

Candidate 1: Learning

Assignment title: Do you think languages will have an impact on your future?

The candidate was awarded **12 marks** because……

Content
The title is addressed with focus on describing their home environment. The candidate expresses some ideas with an adequate sense of structure. Content largely discussed family life and future plans. There is not enough argument for and against home environment itself, for example "我住在苏格兰的爱丁堡","我的父母都是教师","在家里，我有时有帮助做家务","在将来，我希望去大学。"

Accuracy
The candidate demonstrates an adequate degree of grammatical accuracy corresponding to the level, although errors, which occasionally may be serious, detract from the overall impression, for example "他们都科学","喜欢","我觉得很重要的能力","打算". However, the candidate produces more correct language than incorrect.

Language Resource
The candidate attempts to use detailed, complex language. For example "介意","感激","不同口味","挑战自己提高自己的的做饭能力". There is also a range of structures employed, for example "因此","如果……会……","然而…….","比如……","并且……","当然……","虽然……但是……""我希望……""我打算……"

Candidate 2: Employability.

Assignment title: The advantages of taking a gap year outweigh the disadvantages, do you agree?

The candidate was awarded **20 marks** because…

Content
The title is addressed in a full and balanced way. Content is relevant, well organised and there is a wide range of ideas and opinions, for example: "我认为学习外语是一件非常重要的事情","工作面试时比普通人更有优胜的机率","不同的语言能给我们生活上带来许多方便与乐趣。"The candidate writes in a structured way and the language flows well.

Accuracy
The candidate demonstrates a very good degree of grammatical accuracy throughout. Spelling is very good with only a few minor errors, i.e. "旁边","当","带来".

Language resource
The candidate uses detailed and complex language throughout. For example, "交通发达的世界里","这么多的机会","只有学历没有特长的人"There is a wide range of structures e.g. "比如","这也说明了……","因为……就……"," 如果……就……","……而不是……"," 虽然……但……"," 当……的时候 "。

Candidate 3: Learning

Assignment title: Do you think it is important to learn a foreign language? Some people think there is no need to learn a foreign language now, what is your opinion? Why do you think so?

The candidate was awarded **20 marks** because…

Content
The title is addressed in a full and balanced way. Content is relevant, well organised and there is a wide range of ideas and opinions, for example: "一方面有些人觉得空档年非常好", "这对年轻人有益因为它培养职业精神", "话说回来，人们说如果学生休息一年，他们可能落在后面了。"The candidate writes in a structured way and the language flows well.

Accuracy
The candidate demonstrates a very good degree of grammatical accuracy throughout. Spelling is very good with only a few minor errors, i.e. "浪费", "贵", "社区".

Language resource
The candidate uses detailed and complex language throughout. For example, "对年轻人有益", "职业精神", "负面影响", "学生会筹集". There is a wide range of structures e.g. "一方面", "尽管如此……", "除了……", " 话说回来……", "总的来说……".

Candidate 4: Society.

Assignment title: My local surroundings

The candidate was awarded **12 marks** because……

Content
The candidate has addressed the title competently and the content is generally relevant. There are some ideas and opinions. The candidate attempts to present different viewpoints, but without success. There is some sense of structure but the impression is of a few simple ideas, which have not been fully developed.

Accuracy
The writing demonstrates an adequate degree of accuracy but there are a number of errors, some of which are serious and detract from the overall impression, for example "我觉得汉语我申请工作的会很有帮助", "因此提高我的西班牙语能", "并在说外语的变得更加自信", "所以现在我将学习很好".

Language resource
The candidate does attempt to use detailed and complex language, for example "当然"; "然而，我还是想……", "展望未来", "另人兴奋". There is a tendency to rely on listing and some repetition of structures and language, for example "我将出国留学", "我将能够", "我将学习很好".

Candidate 5: Culture

Assignment title: Discuss your home environment

The candidate was awarded **12 marks** because……

Content
The title is addressed with focus on local surroundings. Content is generally relevant but lack of argument, for example"我住在小城镇从爱丁堡去不远", "我的家也很靠近商店", "我的家附近有很多美的道路", "我们经常有不好的天气" . The candidate expresses some ideas with an adequate sense of structures.

Accuracy
The candidate demonstrates an adequate degree of grammatical accuracy corresponding to the level. There is also a good degree of accuracy in writing Chinese characters with a few minor errors, for example "家", "靠近", "喜欢", "然而"。

Language Resource
The candidate attempts to use detailed and complex language. There is a range of structures and verbs have been employed, for example "因此……", "比如", "以及", "总是", "比较喜欢", "然而", "而且", "并且", "常常忘记我", "不开心", "很孤独".

Candidate 6: Employability

Assignment title: What is your ideal job?

The candidate was awarded **12 marks** because……

Content
The candidate addresses the title competently and expresses some ideas, opinions and reasons with an adequate sense of structure. The candidate attempts to present different arguments and to draw a conclusion but not always successful. For example, "我打算当医生","我喜欢志愿义工帮助老人和年轻人","我也想当政府官员","医生是我的理想的工作"。 There are no enough argument for and against ideal job itself

Accuracy
Candidate demonstrates an adequate degree of grammatical accuracy corresponding to the level, although errors, which occasionally may be serious, detract from the overall impression, for example,"我希望在将来有机会去 做的如果可能我也想当政府官员","为了开始重视在将来". An adequate degree of accuracy in Chinese character writing is also demonstrated, for example, "人们","开始","成为","官员","不","必须","说话".

Language Resource
The candidate attempts to use detailed, complex language and a range of structures, for example, "我想我会是很好的医生","医生要求必须有乐观的态度","政府官员是让人尊敬的","然而在选择职业之前，我必须……".