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**Cantonese
Reading**

MONDAY, 1 JUNE
9:00 AM – 11:10 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.

The writer discusses different attitudes among young people to housing when they get married.

中國年輕人真有必要買房嗎？

無論是我們的父母，還是海外的年輕人，都沒有“結婚必須買房”的想法。為什麼現在的中國年輕人結婚，一定要買“婚房”呢？

中國年輕人買房的三個原因

- 5 調查顯示，在北京，買第一個房子的平均年齡只有二十七歲，而在英國是三十七歲，在德國和日本為四十二歲。中國年輕人急著買房，最主要的原因是想建立家庭；其次是“沒有自己的房子，沒有安全感”；第三是“租房太貴”。

“婚房”是怎麼來的？

- 10 在中國，八十年代，人們的“婚房”是工作單位給的；九十年代，人們結婚後，跟父母一起住，所以“婚房”也是父母的家；但是，二〇〇〇年後，年輕人結婚以前，一定要買自己的房子，沒有“婚房”是不結婚的。

房價總是上漲

- 15 很多年輕人擔心房價會越來越高，所以大家都希望早一點買房。其實如果看看其他發達的國家，三十歲以下的人，因為他們還沒工作很長時間，所以是不可能用自己的收入去買房的。可是在中國，因為有社會的壓力，大家都想去買房，甚至一些沒有足夠經濟能力的人也去買，這就是中國買房的年輕人比別的國家多的原因。

國外年輕人怎麼選擇？

- 20 其實，中國年輕人不應該有結婚就要買房的壓力，下面我們就來看看其它國家的年輕人都是怎麼看這個問題的。

美國：租房又方便、又省錢

- 25 在美國很多年輕人從上大學開始就在外面租房子。他們雖然沒有錢，但是希望自己獨立，畢業以後也不會跟父母住。因為租房比買房便宜，而且還可以省錢，所以是流行的時尚。

比利時：租房、買房都貴

很多年輕人和父母一起住，因為這裡的房價太貴。如果要租房，必須一年有五萬英鎊的收入才可以。

法國：年輕人對買房不感興趣

- 30 法國年輕人對買房子沒有熱情，除了房價太高，還有，他們也比較喜歡到世界旅遊，所以有了自己的房子會很麻煩。

日本：小夫妻租房或住宿舍

有些日本年輕人在結婚之後選擇租房子，或者住在宿舍。很多大公司或者政府機關都會為職員提供住宿設施，價錢比一般租房便宜。很多年輕人需要工作十年左右，才能買房。

應該不應該買房，並沒有一定的答案，要看你住的地點、生活環境等等各種因素。

Wordlist:

婚房	Newlyweds' first home
時尚	fashion; trend
比利時	Belgium
答案	answers
因素	factors

MARKS

Questions

Re-read lines 1–12 and then answer questions 1–2.

1. According to the survey, the average age of first time house buyers varies in different countries.
 - (a) What is the average age of first time house buyers in Germany? 1
 - (b) What are the **three** main reasons for young people buying houses? 3
2. In China, newlyweds over the years have had different arrangements for their first home.
 - (a) What was the most common arrangement in the 1980s? 1
 - (b) And in the 1990s? 1
 - (c) And from the year 2000 onwards? 1

Re-read lines 13–37 and then answer questions 3–4.

3. (a) Why are more young people buying their own houses in China, compared to other countries? 1
- (b) In what way is this a disadvantage for some young people? 1
4. Young people and newlywed couples make different choices in terms of housing throughout the world.
- (a) What are the main reasons for young Americans choosing to rent? State **three** reasons. 3
- (b) What condition is required if young people want to rent a house in Belgium? 1
- (c) Why are young French people not keen on buying houses? State any **two** reasons. 2
- (d) (i) What does the writer say about Japanese newlyweds? Give **two** details. 2
- (ii) When do they normally buy their own home? 1
5. Now consider the article as a whole.
- What are the writer’s views on young people buying their own home when they get married? Justify your answer with reference to the text. 2
6. Translate into English:
- “很多年輕人擔心房價會越來越高，... 所以是不可能用自己的收入去買房的。” (lines 14–16) 10

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