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MANDARIN CHINESE

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Paper 3 Writing and Usage

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2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Prescribed dictionary

INSTRUCTIONS

- Section 1: answer **all** questions.
- Section 2: answer **the** question.
- Section 3: answer **one** question.
- There are instructions about how to answer the questions above each item on the question paper.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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SECTION 1 (10 marks)

You are advised to spend 15 minutes on this section.

Exercise 1: Radical and stroke order skills

1 (a) Identify the **radical** in each of the following three characters.

Example:

Character: 街 Radical: 彳

(i) Character: 凉 Radical: [1]

(ii) Character: 然 Radical: [1]

(iii) Character: 顾 Radical: [1]

(b) Demonstrate **the stroke order** for the characters by completing them stroke by stroke.

Example:

丶 夕 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 彳 街 街

(i) 凉 [1]

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(ii) 然 [1]

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(iii) 顾 [1]

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[6 marks]

Exercise 2: Use of grammar markers, aspect markers, and measure words

- 2 Fill in the blanks (a)–(d) by choosing from the list of alternatives (i)–(viii) below. This passage is about a traditional cake shop in a small town and the hard-working family who try their best to pass on traditional cake-making skills.

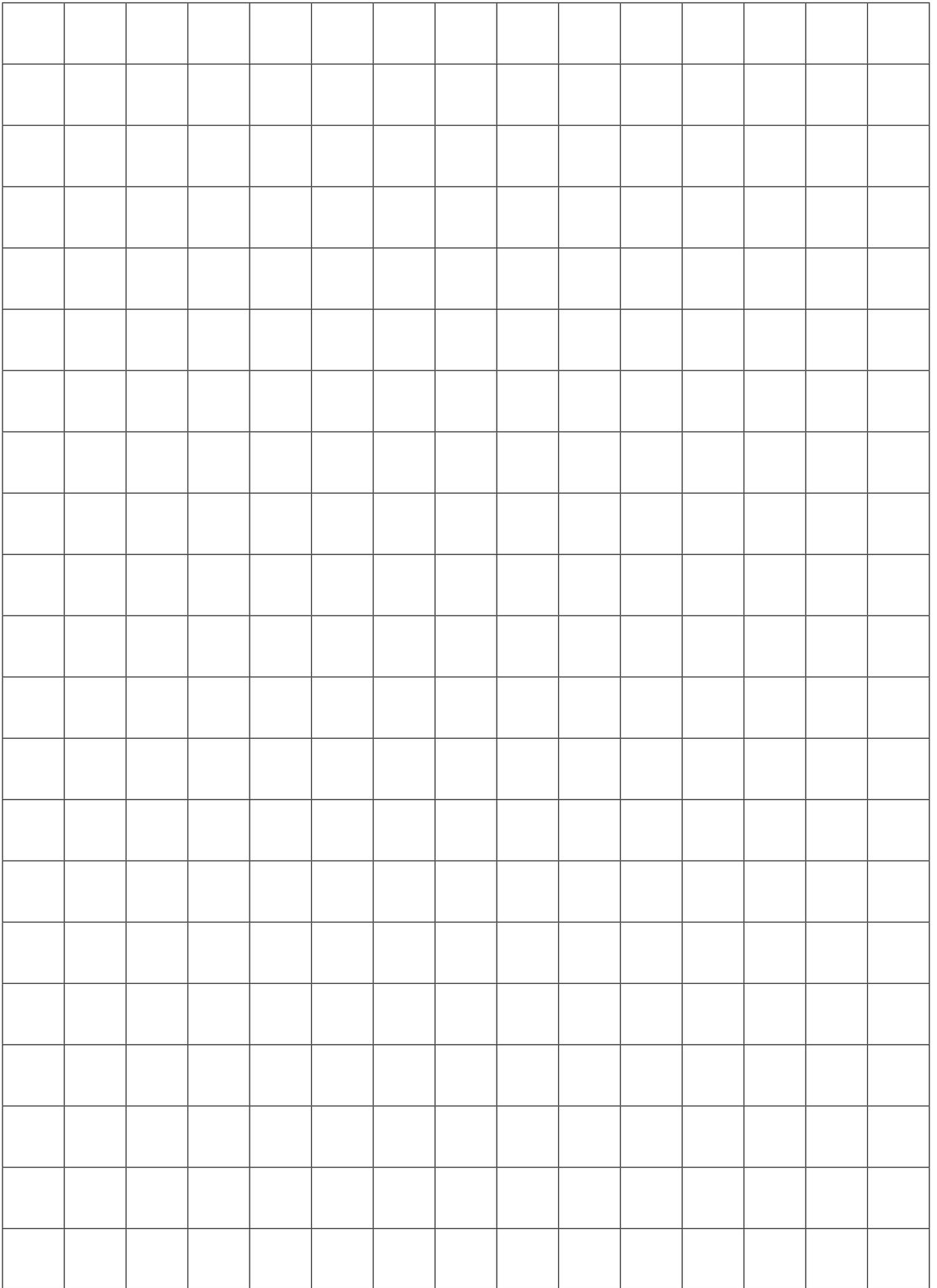
这家糕点店不是镇上最大的，也不是最盈利的，但顾客都说他们的糕点 (a)..... 世上所有糕点都好。

为了 (b)..... 祖传的手艺能够传下去，儿子放弃了在外就业的机会，回到父母身边。

传统糕点的制作程序 (c)..... 是用手工的：磨米、打糕、和馅儿、或蒸、或炸。一家三口人，每天清早，天还 (d)..... 亮就起床了，说不累是假话！

- (i) 了
- (ii) 都
- (iii) 个
- (iv) 的
- (v) 没
- (vi) 比
- (vii) 最
- (viii) 使

[4 marks]



SECTION 3: OPINION ESSAY (30 marks)

You are advised to spend 1 hour 15 minutes on this section.

4 Write an essay in **Chinese** on **ONE** of the following six questions.

You should write between 175 and 225 characters.

Your essay will be marked out of 30 with 20 marks for accuracy and linguistic range and 10 marks for development and organisation of ideas.

(a) **家庭 – Family**

严格的家长才能成为合格的家长。请讨论。

Only by being a strict parent can one be a good parent. Please discuss.

(b) **年轻人 – Young People**

年轻人特别容易受别人的影响和误导。请讨论。

Young people are too easily influenced and misled by others. Please discuss.

(c) **教育 – Education**

不上大学也同样可以学到很好的知识。请讨论。

One does not need to go to university in order to be knowledgeable. Please discuss.

(d) **媒体 – Media**

垃圾食品的广告应该受到严禁。请讨论。

Junk food advertising should be banned. Please discuss.

(e) **工作与休闲 – Work and Leisure**

当你对工作失去兴趣的时候就是你应该换工作的时候。请讨论。

When you lose interest in the work you do, it is time to change jobs. Please discuss.

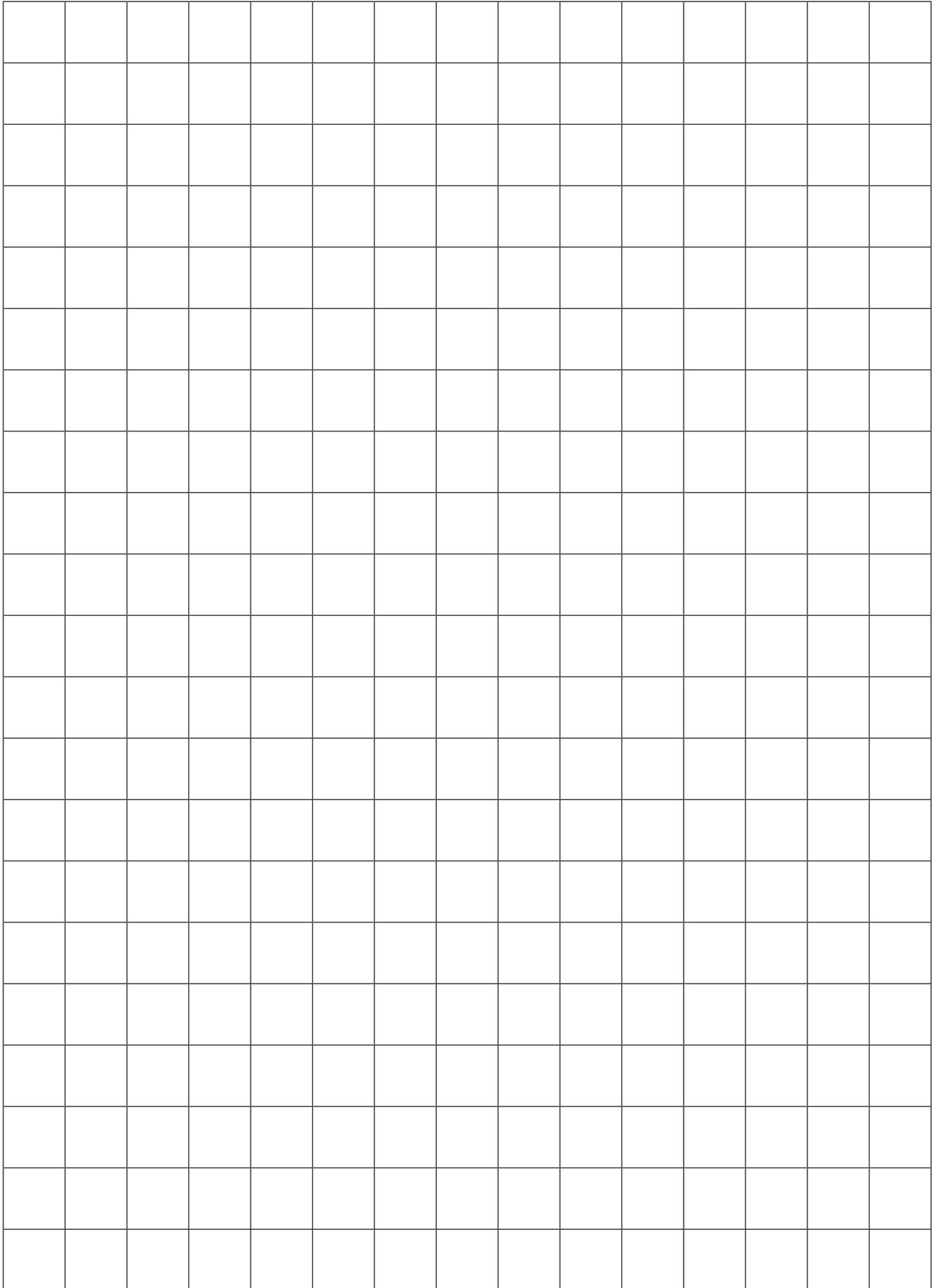
(f) **机会平等 – Equality of Opportunity**

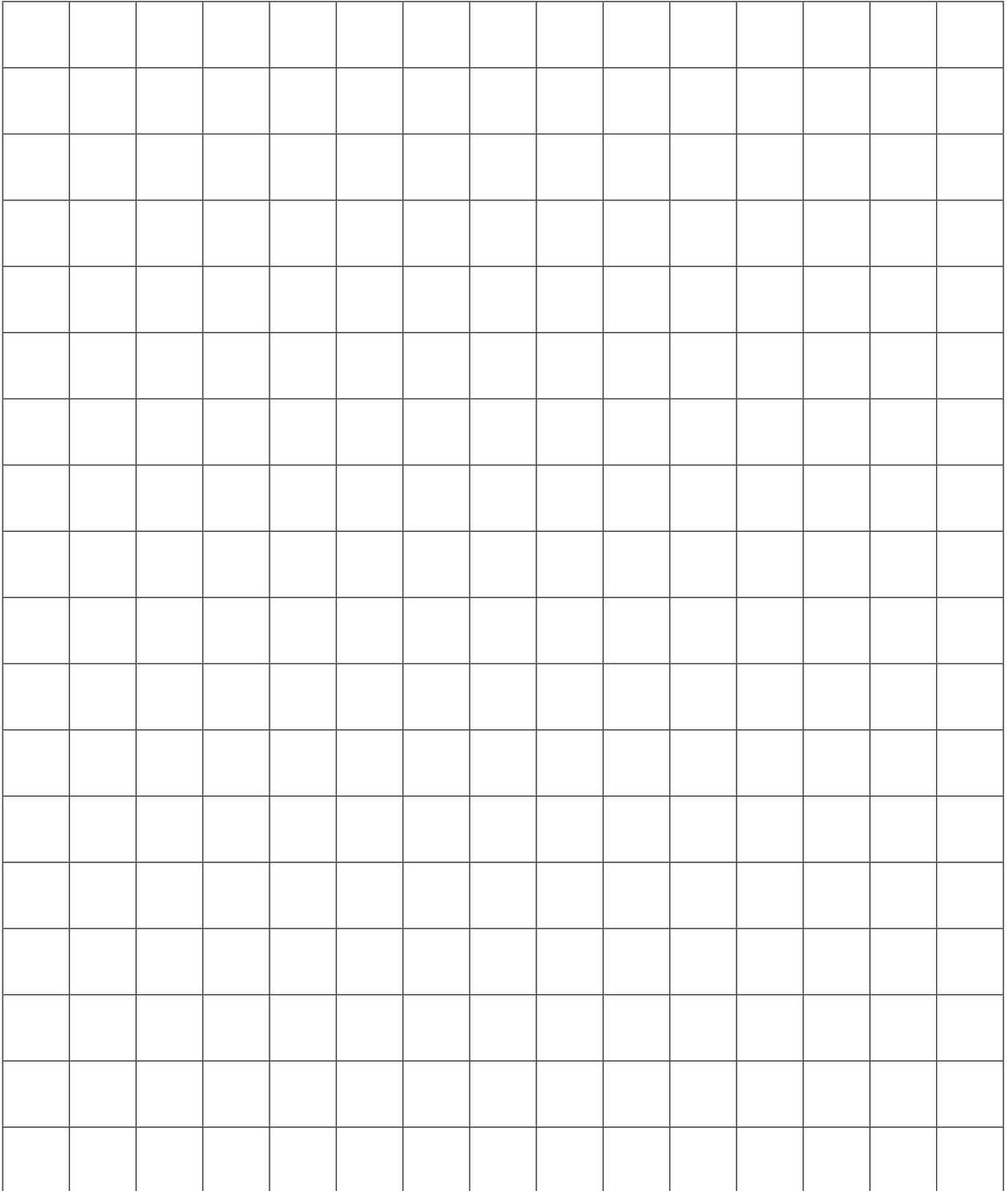
同时在家庭和事业上取得成功对普通女性来说是不可能的。请讨论。

It is impossible for the average woman to successfully bring up a family and have a career at the same time. Please discuss.

Glossary:

垃圾 (lā jī) = junk, rubbish





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