

DESIGN BRIEFS

CHINESE SECOND LANGUAGE
WACE Examination design brief: Stage 2

Oral examination: 30 minutes (30%)

Examination section	Supporting information
Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes 	<p>The oral examination is no more than 30 minutes duration and consists of preparation time of 15 minutes and 15 minutes for the oral assessment, which has two parts, A and B.</p> <p>Preparation material Print dictionaries: one combined dictionary (Chinese/English and English/Chinese dictionary) or two separate dictionaries (one English/Chinese dictionary and one Chinese/English dictionary). No electronic dictionaries are allowed. No dictionaries to be used in the process of examination.</p>
Part A: Visual stimulus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of one from 5 items • Unrehearsed monologue response to stimulus • 5 minutes • 15% 	<p>The examiner has a bank of items to allow for rotation. Stimulus material is based on 2A/B unit descriptions and nationally required themes e.g. advertisements, street signs etc. Students are to produce an unrehearsed monologue based on the stimulus. Examiners may prompt if required. The students can make notes in preparation and refer to the notes in examination.</p>
Part B: Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation with prompts • 10 minutes • 15% 	<p>General conversation based on 2A/B unit description and nationally required themes. The type and number of questions are to be decided by examiners.</p>

Written examination: 150 minutes plus 10 minutes reading time (70%)

Examination section	Supporting information
Section One: Listening and responding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording (10minutes) • Recording repeated (10 minutes) • Questions based on each text (20 minutes) • 40 minutes • 20% 	<p>Listening to graded series of short texts and text types e.g. announcements, dialogues, with each text to be repeated once. Questions to be asked on each text. The numbers of questions depend on the texts. All questions asked and answered in English. 20 minutes for listening and 20 minutes for completing answers to questions.</p>
Section Two: Viewing, reading and responding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4–5 texts • Questions on each text • 30% • 60 minutes 	<p>Candidates are asked to read 4–5 texts and respond to each. Questions on each text are in English.</p> <p>Text types include diary entries, dialogues, stories, accounts, letters, essays, posters and advertisements.</p>
Section Three: Writing <p>Part A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short text from choice of 3 topics • 8% • Part B • Longer text (from choice of 3 topics) • 12% • 50 minutes 	<p>Part A: Candidates are required to write one text of approximately 60 characters. Part B: Candidates are required to write one text of approximately 100–120 characters. Text types required include letters, emails, narrative accounts, personal accounts, diary entries and reviews.</p>

CHINESE SECOND LANGUAGE
WACE Examination design brief: Stage 3

Oral examination: 30 minutes (30%)

Examination section	Supporting information
Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 minutes 	<p>The oral examination is no more than 30 minutes duration. It consists of preparation time of 15 minutes and 15 minutes for the oral assessment, which has two parts, A and B.</p> <p>Preparation material Print dictionaries: one combined dictionary (Chinese/English and English/Chinese dictionary) or two separate dictionaries (one English/Chinese dictionary and one Chinese/English dictionary) No electronic dictionaries are allowed. No dictionaries to be used in the process of examination.</p>
Part A: Visual stimulus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choice of one from 5 items Unrehearsed monologue response to stimulus 5 minute 15% Part B: Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversation with prompts 10 minutes 15% 	<p>The examiner has a bank of items to allow for rotation. Stimulus material is based on 3A/B unit descriptions and nationally required themes e.g. advertisements, street signs etc. Students are to produce an unrehearsed monologue based on the stimulus. Examiners may prompt if required. The students may make notes in preparation and refer to the notes in examination.</p> <p>General conversation based on 3A/B unit description and nationally required themes. Where possible, questions are open and prompts may be used by examiners.</p>

Written examination: 150 minutes plus 10 minutes reading time (70%)

Examination section	Supporting information
Section One: Listening and responding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording (10 minutes) Recording repeated (10 minutes) Questions based on each text (20 minutes) 40 minutes 20% 	<p>Listening to graded series of short texts and text types e.g. announcements, dialogues, with each text to be repeated once. Questions to be asked on each text. The numbers of questions depend on the texts. All questions asked and answered in English. 20 minutes for listening and 20 minutes for completing answers to questions.</p>
Section Two: Viewing, reading and responding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4–5 texts Questions on each text 60 minutes 25% 	<p>Candidates are asked to read 4–5 texts and respond to each in English. Questions are in English.</p> <p>Text types include diary entries, stories, dialogues, accounts, letters, essays, posters and advertisements.</p>
Section Three: Writing Part A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One short text from choice of 3 topics 10% Part B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One longer text (from choice of 3 topics) 15% 50 minutes 	<p>Part A: Candidates write one text of approximately 60 characters Part B: Candidates write one text of approximately 150 characters. Text types required include letters, emails, narrative accounts, personal accounts, diary entries and reviews.</p>