

Examination Scope: Mandarin Chinese

Year: 10

TERM 1 EXAM

Prepare:

You should use the time from now on productively by spending 30 mins or so a night (1 hours a day at the weekends) quietly in your room reading through your revision materials, making notes and revising.

During the exams, be ready, have the right equipment. Have the right amount of sleep (8 hours). The more preparation you do now means the less worry you will have later.

Revision:

- Mandarin IGCSE Folder;
- Revision worksheet;
- Quizlet.

Exam Materials:

- Write in dark blue or black pen.
- Do not use staples, paper clips and glue or correction fluid.
- Answer all questions.

Exam Date	Exam Type	Exam Length
Monday 13 th Nov	Listening	35mins
Tuesday 14 th Nov	Speaking	15mins/student
Monday 20 th Nov	Reading	60 mins
Tuesday 21 st Nov	Writing	60 mins

Topics:

- Daily Routine
- School Subjects
- School Facilities

Skills to Revise or Practice

- Listening-Use your ears

Listen and watch as much authentic content as you can. You need to immerse yourself in Mandarin. TV, YouTube, radio and subtitled films can all help.

- Speaking-Express yourself

Examiners want you to be able to express your opinion in Mandarin. Learn three different ways of expressing "I think that" or "in my opinion" in Mandarin and try to use them in your exam.

- Reading and Writing-Practice makes perfect

Work through the practice papers given by the teacher over the revision weeks. Time yourself when you do them and make sure to read the question twice. The context of your answer can often be extracted from the wording of the question.

Answers/Responses:

- Timing

Before you go into any exam, make sure that you've worked out the timings involved for each paper. This way you're less likely to panic, thus more likely to give better and clearer answers.

- Time Frame

In written and spoken answers, don't just use the present tense. Where appropriate show your knowledge of present, past and future tenses. This will not only make your answer sound more authentic, it will also show the examiner that you have learnt and understood a range of tenses.

- Variation of vocabulary

Show the variety in your use of vocabulary and grammar. Try to take your vocabulary further than "going to the cinema" or "eating chips" which everyone else will use.

If you describe something that you did (on holiday, for example) make sure you say whether you liked or disliked that activity, and why.

- Double check

Always allow 10 minutes at the end of the exam to check your answers carefully. No matter how good your grades were, you can always do better. When reading the question, make sure you read it properly. Re-read it, and make sure you've understood it. Pick out the key words and take a moment to think about your answer and make sure it is actually answering the question. Ensure that what you write is clear.