5.3 Topic List

Candidates are required to show knowledge and understanding of the five Topic Areas listed below. For further guidance on these Topic Areas, please refer to the Mandarin Chinese *Defined Content Booklet*.

In the Speaking examination, candidates also have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of a topic of their own choice which might be outside the list below.

	Topic areas	Examination topics	
Area A	Everyday activities Home life and school Food, health and fitness	Home life School routine Eating and drinking Health and fitness	A1 A2 A3 A4
Area B	Personal and social life Self, family and personal relationships Holidays	Self, family, personal relationships, pets Everyday life Eating out Holidays	B1 B2 B3 B4
Area C	The world around us Home town and local area Natural and made environment People, places and customs	Home town and geographical surroundings Clothes Shopping Public services, customs, etc. Weather Finding the way Meeting and greeting phrases Travel and transport Famous sites and famous cities Animals	C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8 C9 C10
Area D	The world of work Continuing education Careers and employment	Further education and training Future career plans Employment	D1 D2 D3
Area E	The international world Tourism at home and abroad Life in other countries	Holiday travel and transport (see also C8) Geographical surroundings (see also C1) Weather (see also C5) Places and customs Food and drink (see also A3) Meeting people (see also C7)	E1 E2 E3 E4 E5 E6