

IGCSE CHINESE EXAM TIPS (0547)

Syllabus: <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/554588-2022-2024-syllabus.pdf>

Assessment overview:

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| Paper 1: Approximately 40 minutes Listening 25% 30 marks Candidates listen to a number of recordings and answer multiple-choice and matching questions. | Paper 2: 1 hour 15 minutes Reading 25% 40 marks Candidates read a number of texts and answer multiple-choice and matching questions as well as questions requiring short answers. |
| Paper 3: Approximately 10 minutes Speaking 25% 40 marks Candidates complete one role play and conversations on two topics. | Paper 4: 1 hour 15 minutes Writing 25% 45 marks Candidates complete one form-filling task, one directed writing task and one task in the format of an email/letter or article/blog. |

Exam tips:

Writing paper:

1. Use flashcards to memorise your hanzis effectively! (Preferably memorise HSK 1-3 hanzis thus you will have enough vocabulary to write your essay)
2. Use conjunction phrases in your writing paper 4 to achieve higher marks.(These phrases are in the syllabus above)

Listening paper:

3. Familiarise yourself with the paper format.
4. Actively listen for key information while practising. Try to understand the main idea, specific details, and context of the conversation.
5. Take notes so that you can remember details afterwards.
6. Highlight the main keywords and try to detect those words while listening!

Reading paper:

7. In my opinion, reading paper is the easiest and if you memorise your hanzis it will be much easier!

Speaking paper:

8. The most complicated part of the whole exam. In this exam, your teacher will be getting the speaking test and one thing that might panic you is that you will have to sit in the corner of the exam room while another student is giving the speaking test. So try to stay calm and listen to every word that the teacher is saying!
9. Try to answer the question using grammatical phrases and as long as possible by providing examples to gain higher marks.

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- Our chinese teachers are very skilled so pay attention to their classes and memorise what they give you.

Additional resources:

Notes: <https://znotes.org/caie/igcse/mandarin-chinese-0547/listening-reading-speaking-and-writing/grammar/>

Vocabulary:

<https://quizlet.com/gb/468810416/igcse-mandarin-chinese-flash-cards/>

Past papers:

<https://pastpapers.co/cie/?dir=IGCSE/Chinese-Mandarin-Foreign-Language-0547>

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