



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
MANA TOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

General Information

Scholarship Performance Standard	Languages
Mode of Assessment	Written examination
For Year	2006

Specific Information

Resources or information supplied:

Examination question and answer booklet requiring candidates to listen to passage(s), then write text, read passage(s) then speak in the target language.

The examination will be marked out of a total of 32 marks. There will be 4 questions of 8 marks, 2 for each of the writing task and the speaking task.

The Listening /writing section will take 1 hour and 30 minutes, and the reading /speaking task will take one hour and 6 minutes for each candidate.

Special Notes:

The examination must be conducted in a way that ensures authenticity of oral evidence. This may require the use of a venue such as a language laboratory, or it may require the recording of the oral evidence be delivered by candidates in a room separate to that in which the written evidence is provided by candidates.

Content/Context details: All instructions will be in English, but all questions will be asked in the target language

1. The Listening resources will contain:
 - at least one and no more than three passages, linked around a common theme taking 30 in total.
 - approximately 400-450 words total for French, German and Spanish 1200 Japanese kanji and 300-400 Chinese characters,
 - be repeated three times with pauses after manageable sections of about 50 words.
2. The Writing will require:
 - candidates to write for approximately one hour
 - 2 responses each worth 8 marks, each of approximately 100-125 words for French, German and Spanish, or 100-125 characters with 20% pinyin for Chinese, or 250-300 kana for Japanese.
 - the first response will use questions to assess specific understanding of the text, the second response will be more challenging as it will contain questions which require candidates to go beyond the text, and to give their own views and ideas using their own language.
3. The Reading resources will contain:
 - at least one and no more than three passages, linked around a common theme
 - approximately 30 minutes duration of reading material
 - no more than 500 words for French, German and Spanish, or 1200 kana with kanji as appropriate or 400 characters for Chinese.
4. The Speaking will require:
 - 30 minutes for candidates to prepare to record their answers
 - 2 responses each worth 8 marks; the first response will use questions to assess specific understanding of the text, the second response will be more challenging as it will contain questions which require candidates to go beyond the text, and to give their own views and ideas using their own language
 - candidates to record a spoken response of between 3-4 minutes
 - that the tape run uninterrupted for 6 minutes for the recording of this response
 - the exam supervisor to operate the tape and state on the tape that the candidate has finished before turning off the tape.