



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	2007

Specific Information

Resources or information supplied:

Examination question and answer booklet requiring candidates to listen to then write text, and read text 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. Each of the 4 questions may have parts to them.

The Listening /writing section will take 1 hour and 30 minutes, and the reading /speaking task will take one hour and 5 minutes for each candidate.

Special Notes:

The examination must be conducted in a way that ensures authenticity of oral evidence. This will require that the oral evidence delivered by candidates be recorded 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, which will take 30 minutes in total.
 - approximately 400-450 words total for French, German and Spanish 1200 Japanese kanji and 450-500 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 to provide responses to each of the 2 questions
 - the responses to each of the 2 questions will be worth 8 marks, and should be of approximately 100-150 words for French, German and Spanish, or 100-150 characters with 20% pinyin for Chinese, or 300-400 kana for Japanese.
 - the first response will provide evidence of specific understanding of the text, and provide the opportunity for the candidate to offer their own point of view.
 - the second response will be more challenging as it will require candidates to go beyond the text, and to give their own views and ideas using their own language on a topic related to that of the text.
3. The Reading resources will contain:
 - at least one and no more than three passages, linked around a common theme
 - approximately 30 minutes 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:
 - candidates to spend 30 minutes reading the text and making notes under the headings provided in the answer booklet
 - candidates to spend 30 preparing their answers to the 2 questions (each of which may have parts, and is worth 8 marks)
 - the first response will provide evidence of specific understanding of the text, and provide the opportunity for the candidate to offer their own point of view.
 - the second response will be more challenging as it will require candidates to go beyond the text, and to give their own views and ideas using their own language on a topic related to that of the text.
 - candidates will have their spoken responses recorded on audio tape
 - it is suggested that candidates speak for 3-4 minutes when giving their responses to the 2 questions
 - the tape run uninterrupted for 5 minutes once the candidate has begun speaking

NB: The candidate is NOT permitted to operate the tape recorder.