



Syllabus update: Cambridge IGCSE® Chinese as a Second Language (0523) for examination in 2017, 2018 and 2019

We have updated this syllabus. The latest syllabus is version 2, published March 2017.

What has changed?		Detail
	Changes to syllabus	6.2 Paper 2 Speaking (page 13). Clarification: The speaking test will be conducted and assessed in Mandarin Chinese .
	Changes to syllabus	8.2.5 Recording of candidates (page 24) Paragraphs 2 and 3 have been updated and clarified: It is preferable for the tests to be recorded in .mp3 format using a suitable digital voice recorder or sound recording program on a computer. Each candidate's file must be saved individually. The Speaking tests selected to be part of the sample to send to Cambridge for external moderation should then be transferred to a standard-format CD. The Centre is responsible for supplying CDs for the recording of its sample for external moderation: these will not be supplied by Cambridge. All recording equipment and CDs must be of as high a standard as possible and care should be taken to ensure that recording quality is good. The recording equipment must be tested in advance, and new, unrecorded CDs used. The recording level should be tested before the start of the tests. Where possible, the recording equipment should have external microphones so that separate microphones can be used for the candidate and the examiner. If only one microphone is being used, it should be placed facing the candidate. If the candidate is softly-spoken, the microphone should be placed nearer to the candidate before the start of the test.

We have not updated the specimen materials for this syllabus.

Please check the updated syllabus for further information

The syllabus has been updated. You are strongly advised to read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme.

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