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Changes to this syllabus

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1 Why choose this syllabus?

Key benefits

Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds, although it can be taken by students of other ages. It is tried, tested and trusted.

Students can choose from 70 subjects in any combination – it is taught by over 4700 schools in 150 countries.

Our programmes balance a thorough knowledge and understanding of a subject and help to develop the skills learners need for their next steps in education or employment.

Cambridge IGCSE Mandarin Chinese develops a set of transferable skills for understanding and communicating in everyday situations in Chinese. Learners begin to develop cultural awareness of countries and communities where Chinese is spoken. They acquire the essential linguistic skills required for progression to further studies or employment.

Our approach in Cambridge IGCSE Mandarin Chinese encourages learners to be:

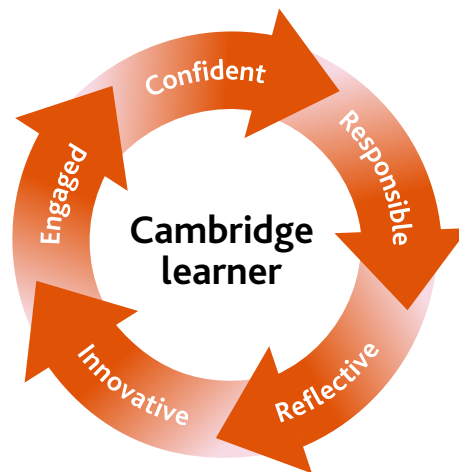
confident, using new and familiar structures and vocabulary to communicate with others in everyday situations

responsible, seeking opportunities to use and develop their language skills

reflective, considering how to communicate different ideas and attitudes

innovative, applying language to a variety of situations

engaged, developing learning strategies which help them to express their ideas and their understanding of other cultures.



'The strength of Cambridge IGCSE qualifications is internationally recognised and has provided an international pathway for our students to continue their studies around the world.'

Gary Tan, Head of Schools and CEO, Raffles International Group of Schools, Indonesia

International recognition and acceptance

Our expertise in curriculum, teaching and learning, and assessment is the basis for the recognition of our programmes and qualifications around the world. The combination of knowledge and skills in Cambridge IGCSE Mandarin Chinese gives learners a solid foundation for further study. Candidates who achieve grades A* to C are well prepared to follow a wide range of courses including Cambridge International AS & A Level Chinese.

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Cambridge IGCSE Mandarin Chinese has been designed to help candidates develop language proficiency to level A2 (Basic User) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Language: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR).

Assessment objectives, subject content, mark schemes and task types have been designed with reference to the CEFR to ensure that candidates have opportunities to demonstrate proficiency at the intended levels.

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Managing Director of British School in Egypt BSE

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- Schemes of work
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- Discussion forums
- Endorsed resources

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- Mark schemes
- Example candidate responses to understand what examiners are looking for at key grades
- Examiner reports to improve future teaching

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2 Syllabus overview

Aims

The aims describe the purposes of a course based on this syllabus.

The aims are to:

- develop the language proficiency required to communicate effectively in Mandarin Chinese at level A2 (CEFR Basic User)
- offer insights into the culture and society of countries and communities where Chinese is spoken
- develop awareness of the nature of language and language learning
- encourage positive attitudes towards speakers of other languages and a sympathetic approach to other cultures
- provide enjoyment and intellectual stimulation
- develop transferable skills (e.g. memorising, drawing of inferences) to complement other areas of the curriculum
- form a sound base of the skills, language and attitudes required for progression to work or further study, either in Chinese or another subject area.

Content overview

The subject content is organised in five broad topic areas (A–E below). These provide contexts for the acquisition of vocabulary and the study of grammar and structures. The study of these topic areas enables students to gain an insight into countries and communities where Chinese is spoken. The five topic areas listed below are described in more detail in section 3.

- A. Everyday activities
- B. Personal and social life
- C. The world around us
- D. The world of work
- E. The international world

The syllabus gives students opportunities to develop and apply a wide range of foreign language skills.

Candidates will be expected to read and understand a variety of written and spoken texts on familiar topics. Candidates will be required to demonstrate understanding of the main ideas, opinions and attitudes, as well as select and extract relevant details and deduce the meaning of occasional unknown words from context.

They will also have opportunities to write in Chinese on familiar, everyday topics, and to speak the language by taking part in everyday conversations.

Support for Cambridge IGCSE Mandarin Chinese



The School Support Hub is our secure online site for Cambridge teachers where you can find the resources you need to deliver our programmes, including schemes of work, past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports. You can also keep up to date with your subject and the global Cambridge community through our online discussion forums.

www.cambridgeinternational.org/support

Assessment overview

All candidates take all four papers. Candidates will be eligible for grades A* to G.

All candidates take:

Paper 1 Approximately 35 minutes
Listening 25%
30 marks
Candidates listen to a number of recordings and answer multiple-choice and matching questions.
Externally assessed

and:

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.
Externally assessed

and:

Paper 3 Approximately 10 minutes
Speaking 25%
40 marks
Candidates complete one role play and conversations on two topics.
Internally assessed and externally moderated

and:

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.
Externally assessed

Information on availability is in the **Before you start** section.

Assessment objectives

The assessment objectives (AOs) are:

AO1 Listening

- L1: understand the main points and key information in simple everyday material
- L2: understand clear speech on a range of familiar topics
- L3: understand the description of events and expression of ideas, opinions and attitudes in simple texts
- L4: identify and select relevant information in predictable texts

AO2 Reading

- R1: understand the main points and key information in simple everyday material
- R2: understand authentic factual texts on a range of familiar topics
- R3: understand the description of events and expression of ideas, opinions and attitudes in simple texts
- R4: identify and select relevant information in predictable texts

AO3 Speaking

- S1: communicate clearly and effectively in a range of predictable everyday situations
- S2: engage in conversations on familiar topics, expressing opinions and feelings
- S3: use a range of structures and vocabulary with reasonable accuracy
- S4: demonstrate some ability to maintain interaction
- S5: show some control of pronunciation and intonation

AO4 Writing

- W1: communicate simple factual information clearly for everyday purposes
- W2: write simple phrases and sentences on a familiar topic
- W3: write simple connected texts describing events, experiences, opinions and hopes and ambitions
- W4: use a range of simple vocabulary and language structures reasonably accurately

Weighting for assessment objectives

The approximate weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives (AOs) are summarised below.

Assessment objectives as a percentage of the qualification

Assessment objective	Weighting in IGCSE %
AO1 Listening	25
AO2 Reading	25
AO3 Speaking	25
AO4 Writing	25
Total	100

Assessment objectives as a percentage of each component

Assessment objective	Weighting in components %			
	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4
AO1 Listening	100	0	0	0
AO2 Reading	0	100	0	0
AO3 Speaking	0	0	100	0
AO4 Writing	0	0	0	100
Total	100	100	100	100

3 Subject content

Skills

The skills covered in the syllabus are outlined below.

Listening

- Understand short recordings dealing with everyday needs (e.g. simple transactions in shops, simple directions or instructions).
- Understand factual information and ideas from a range of sources (e.g. announcements, phone messages, news items, interviews, dialogues) on familiar topics.
- Understand descriptions of events, opinions, emotions, hopes and ambitions in simple texts (e.g. in radio broadcasts, interviews, dialogues).
- Identify main points, specific information and details on everyday topics (e.g. personal and family information, shopping, local area, employment, school, leisure activities).
- Identify main points, themes, opinions, ideas, emotions and attitudes in predictable texts (e.g. news reports, conversations, interviews, simple monologues).
- Deduce the meaning of occasional unknown words and expressions from the context.

Reading

- Understand short, simple texts (e.g. signs and notices in public places, such as streets, restaurants and bus/railway stations and airports).
- Understand authentic texts on familiar topics and situations (e.g. newspaper/magazine articles, email messages, blogs and letters).
- Understand descriptions of events, opinions, emotions, hopes and ambitions in simple texts (e.g. in articles, interviews or personal messages).
- Identify main points, specific information and details in predictable texts (e.g. advertisements, brochures, menus, timetables, instructions, messages).
- Identify main points, themes, opinions, ideas, emotions and attitudes in predictable texts (e.g. newspaper/magazine articles, simple plots of films or books).
- Deduce the meaning of occasional unknown words and expressions from the context.

Speaking

- Participate in short social exchanges (e.g. greet people, make and respond to invitations, apologies) and communicate on familiar topics to meet simple needs (e.g. order food and drink, simple transactions in shops, use public transport, ask and give directions, request information).
- Participate in unprepared conversations on familiar topics of personal interest or relevant to everyday life (e.g. family, friends, home environment, hobbies and interests, education, work, travel).
- Describe past events and experiences, hopes and ambitions and give brief reasons for opinions and plans.
- Communicate with reasonable accuracy, using a range of structures, time frames and vocabulary relevant to the given situation.
- Use simple connectors (e.g. and, but, because, then) to link a series of shorter discrete elements into a connected sequence of points.
- Use appropriate strategies to maintain interaction.
- Use features of pronunciation and intonation to convey meaning and attitude.

Writing

- Fill in forms providing simple details.
- Communicate simple factual information in writing using everyday vocabulary and expressions.
- Write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors, relating to personal life, immediate environment and everyday topics (e.g. writing about a holiday).
- Write simple connected texts (e.g. email messages, articles) on familiar topics (e.g. plans and arrangements, likes and dislikes, family, home environment, hobbies and interests, education, work and travel).
- Describe past events and experiences, opinions, hopes and ambitions and give brief reasons for opinions and plans.
- Communicate with reasonable accuracy, using a range of structures, time frames and vocabulary relevant to the given situation.
- Use simple connectors (e.g. and, but, because, then) to link a series of shorter discrete elements into a connected sequence of points.

Topic areas

Candidates will be required to show knowledge and understanding of the broad topic areas listed below. These provide contexts for the acquisition of vocabulary and the study of grammar and structures. Through the study of these broad topic areas, candidates gain insight into the cultures of countries and communities where Chinese is spoken.

The sub-topics listed are provided as examples of what teachers may choose to focus on. They are examples only and are not intended to be prescriptive or exhaustive.

Area	Topic Areas	Sub-topics
A	Everyday activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time expressions (e.g. telling the time, days, days of the week, months, seasons) • Food and drink (e.g. meals, fruit and vegetables, meat, fish and seafood, snacks, drinks, cutlery and utensils) • The human body and health (e.g. parts of the body, health and illness) • Travel and transport (e.g. finding the way)
B	Personal and social life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self, family and friends (e.g. family and relationships, describing physical appearance, character and mood) • Home life (e.g. housing and locations, rooms and furniture, household appliances) • Colours • Clothes and accessories • Leisure time (e.g. things to do, hobbies, sport)
C	The world around us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People and places (e.g. continents, countries and nationalities, compass points) • The natural world, the environment, the climate and the weather • Communications and technology (e.g. the digital world, documents and texts) • The built environment (e.g. buildings and services, shopping) • Measurements (e.g. units of length and mass, units of money)
D	The world of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education (e.g. learning institutions, places and people in school, the classroom, subjects and learning) • Work (e.g. jobs and careers, the workplace)
E	The international world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries, nationalities and languages • Culture (e.g. customs, faiths and celebrations, famous sites and cities)

Relationship between content and question papers

In addition to the topic areas, a list of vocabulary and a list of grammar and structures are provided in this syllabus to guide teachers and candidates preparing for this examination. The complete lists can be found in section 4. The table below summarises the relationship between the content and the question papers.

Paper	Questions	Topic areas	Vocabulary list to be tested*	Grammar and structures expected to learn
Paper 1	1–10	A, B, C	✓	Part 1
	11–20	A, B, C, D, E	✓	Part 1
	21–30	A, B, C, D, E		Parts 1 and 2
Paper 2	1–7	A, B, C	✓	Part 1
	8–9	A, B, C, D, E	✓	Part 1
	10–11	A, B, C, D, E		Parts 1 and 2
Paper 3	Role play	A, B, C, D, E	✓	Part 1
	Topic conversations	A, B, C, D, E		Parts 1 and 2
Paper 4	1	A, B, C, D, E	✓	Part 1
	2–3	A, B, C, D, E		Parts 1 and 2

* '✓' in this column indicates the assessment tasks will be based on the Vocabulary list and only vocabulary from the list will be tested.

4 Details of the assessment

All questions requiring written responses are to be answered in Chinese.

Dictionaries are not allowed in the examination.

Paper 1 – Listening

Approximately 35 minutes, 30 marks

This paper consists of 30 multiple-choice and matching questions. Candidates answer all questions by selecting the correct option.

Each question tests comprehension of recorded texts (e.g. dialogues, announcements, conversations). Candidates hear each recorded text twice.

The audio material for this examination is provided on a CD. Teachers/invigilators should consult the relevant sections of the *Cambridge Handbook* about the conduct of listening tests and for details about rooms, equipment, guidance on acoustics and checking the CDs in advance.

Description of questions

Questions 1–5

<i>Assessment objective</i>	L1
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to short texts and answer five multiple-choice questions with four options.
<i>Text types</i>	Announcements, phone messages, or statements
<i>Total marks</i>	5

Questions 6–10

<i>Assessment objective</i>	L1, L2
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to a monologue or dialogue containing factual information and answer five multiple-choice questions with four options.
<i>Text types</i>	Short monologue or dialogue
<i>Total marks</i>	5

Questions 11–15

<i>Assessment objective</i>	L1, L2, L4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to five short monologues and match the names of people with the correct pictures.
<i>Text types</i>	Short monologues
<i>Total marks</i>	5

Description of questions (continued)

Questions 16–20

<i>Assessment objective</i>	L2, L3, L4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to a dialogue (conversation or interview) and match speakers' opinions/attitudes on different aspects.
<i>Text types</i>	Conversation or interview
<i>Total marks</i>	5

Questions 21–25

<i>Assessment objective</i>	L2, L3, L4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to a monologue and answer five multiple-choice questions with four options.
<i>Text types</i>	Monologue
<i>Total marks</i>	5

Questions 26–30

<i>Assessment objective</i>	L2, L3, L4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to a dialogue (conversation, discussion or interview) and answer five multiple-choice questions with three options.
<i>Text types</i>	Conversation, discussion or interview
<i>Total marks</i>	5

Paper 2 – Reading

Written paper, 1 hour 15 minutes, 40 marks

This paper consists of seven groups of questions, each comprising a number of multiple-choice and matching questions, as well as questions requiring short answers in Chinese. The number of questions in each group may vary in each examination session.

Description of question groups

Question group 1 (Q1–Q5)

<i>Assessment objective</i>	R1
<i>Task</i>	Candidates answer multiple-choice questions with four options on some short texts.
<i>Text types</i>	Simple descriptions
<i>Total marks</i>	5

Question group 2

<i>Assessment objective</i>	R1
<i>Task</i>	Candidates match a series of short statements with correct pictures.
<i>Text types</i>	Simple descriptions
<i>Total marks</i>	4

Question group 3	
<i>Assessment objective</i>	R1
<i>Task</i>	Candidates answer multiple-choice questions with four options on a short text.
<i>Text types</i>	short descriptive text, email, message, postcard or letter
<i>Total marks</i>	3
Question group 4	
<i>Assessment objective</i>	R2, R4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates answer questions on a longer text requiring short responses in Chinese.
<i>Text types</i>	Email, message, letter or blog
<i>Total marks</i>	9
Question group 5	
<i>Assessment objective</i>	R2, R4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates match a series of questions with four short texts on the description of places, events, services or activities. All texts are on a common theme.
<i>Text types</i>	Short descriptions, advertisements, notices
<i>Total marks</i>	5
Question group 6	
<i>Assessment objective</i>	R3, R4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates answer multiple-choice questions with four options on a longer text.
<i>Text types</i>	Article
<i>Total marks</i>	5
Question group 7	
<i>Assessment objective</i>	R3, R4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates answer questions on a longer text requiring short responses in Chinese.
<i>Text types</i>	Article
<i>Total marks</i>	9

Paper 3 – Speaking

Approximately 10 minutes (plus 10 minutes of preparation time), 40 marks

Each speaking test lasts approximately 10 minutes, and is structured as follows:

- a warm-up section which is not assessed (approximately 30 seconds)
- one role play – candidates respond to five transactional questions to, for example, accomplish a task or obtain goods or services (approximately two minutes)
- two topic conversations – candidates respond to questions on each topic to share views, opinions and experiences (approximately four minutes per topic conversation).

Both the role play and the topic conversations are set in predictable, everyday contexts and are based on the topic areas outlined in the syllabus.

During the preparation time, candidates study a role play scenario provided on a candidate card. They must be supervised under exam conditions. Candidates are not allowed to make notes.

The tests are conducted and marked by the teacher/examiner using the speaking assessment materials and assessment criteria provided. They are moderated by Cambridge International.

Speaking tests take place before the main examination series (see the relevant series' timetable). Before the speaking test period, centres will receive materials for the test. Teachers/examiners must allow sufficient time to familiarise themselves with the materials and procedures (see the *Cambridge Handbook* for details).

Cambridge International supplies a teacher/examiner booklet comprising instructions, assessment criteria and teacher/examiner scripts for the role plays and topic conversations. Candidate cards containing the role play scenarios are also supplied.

The teacher/examiner allocates a role play and two topic conversations to each candidate according to a randomisation grid provided in the teacher/examiner instruction booklet.

Administration of the speaking test

Further information about the administration of speaking tests is provided in the *Cambridge Handbook* for the relevant year of assessment. For copies of the forms required for the speaking test as well as information about the deadlines, sample size and methods of submission, please refer to the samples database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples

Internal moderation

If more than one teacher in your centre is marking internal assessments, you must make arrangements to moderate or standardise your teachers' marking so that all candidates are assessed to a common standard. You can find further information on the process of internal moderation on the samples database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples

You should record the internally moderated marks for all candidates on the Working Mark Sheet and submit these marks to Cambridge International according to the instructions set out in the *Cambridge Handbook* for the relevant year of assessment.

External moderation

Cambridge International will externally moderate all internally assessed components.

- You must submit the marks of all candidates to Cambridge International.
- You must also submit the marked work of a sample of candidates to Cambridge International.

The sample you submit to Cambridge International should include examples of the marking of each teacher. The samples database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples explain how the sample will be selected.

External moderators will produce a short report for each centre with feedback on your marking and administration of the assessment.

Speaking assessment criteria grids

Role play

Each of the five role play tasks is assessed using the mark scheme below:

2	The information is communicated. Language is appropriate to the situation and is accurate. Minor errors (e.g. use of prepositions) are allowed.
1	The information is partly communicated and/or the meaning is ambiguous. Errors impede communication.
0	No creditable response.

Topic conversations

When **both** topic conversations have been completed, give a mark out of 15 for **Communication** and a mark out of 15 for **Quality of Language**.

Communication

Give a mark out of 15 for the candidate's performance in **both** topic conversations.

Mark	Level	Descriptor
13–15	Very good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responds confidently to questions; may occasionally need repetition of words or phrases. Communicates information which is consistently relevant to the questions. Frequently develops ideas and opinions. Justifies and explains some answers.
10–12	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responds well to questions; requires occasional use of the alternative question(s) provided. Communicates information which is almost always relevant to the questions. Sometimes develops ideas and opinions. Gives reasons or explanations for some answers.
7–9	Satisfactory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responds satisfactorily to questions; frequently requires use of the alternative question(s) provided. Communicates most of the required information; may occasionally give irrelevant information. Conveys simple, straightforward opinions.
4–6	Weak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has difficulty with many questions but still attempts an answer. Communicates some simple information relevant to the questions.
1–3	Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequently has difficulty understanding the questions and has great difficulty in replying. Communicates one or two basic pieces of information relevant to the questions.
0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No creditable response.

Quality of Language

Give a mark out of 15 for the candidate's performance in **both** topic conversations.

Mark	Level	Descriptor
13–15	Very good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate use of a wide range of the structures listed in the syllabus with occasional errors in more complex language. • Accurate use of a wide range of vocabulary with occasional errors. • Very good pronunciation, fluency, intonation and expression; occasional mistakes or hesitation.
10–12	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good use of a range of the structures listed in the syllabus, with some errors. • Good use of a range of vocabulary with some errors. • Good pronunciation and fluency despite some errors or hesitation; a good attempt at correct intonation and expression.
7–9	Satisfactory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory use of some of the structures listed in the syllabus, with frequent errors. • Satisfactory use of vocabulary with frequent errors. • Satisfactory pronunciation and fluency despite frequent errors and hesitation; some attempt at intonation and expression.
4–6	Weak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited range of structures and vocabulary, rarely accurate and/or complete; frequent ambiguity. • Pronunciation can be understood with some effort; very noticeable hesitations and stilted delivery.
1–3	Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very limited range of structures and vocabulary, almost always inaccurate. • Poor pronunciation, rarely comprehensible; many serious errors.
0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No creditable response.

Paper 4 – Writing

Written paper, 1 hour 15 minutes, 45 marks

This paper consists of a form-filling task, a directed writing task and an extended writing task in response to given contexts and prompts.

Description of questions

Question 1

Assessment objective

W1, W4

Task

Candidates fill in a form with single words or short phrases in response to a given context.

Total marks

5

Question 2

Assessment objective

W2, W4

Task

Candidates complete a directed writing task in about 80–100 characters on a familiar, everyday topic.

Total marks

12

Question 3

Assessment objective

W3, W4

Task

Candidates choose between two tasks (an email/letter and an article/blog) and complete one of these in about 150 characters.

Total marks

28

List of grammar and structures

The list of grammar and structures provides students with an indication of the grammatical knowledge they are expected to demonstrate in all of their assessments for IGCSE Mandarin Chinese. The list is not intended to be restrictive.

The list is divided into two parts: Part 1 and Part 2. Please refer to section 3 of this syllabus about which part(s) may be tested in the assessment papers.

PART 1

Verbs

A Auxiliary verbs	你应该去。
B Future	
Sentences with no overt indication of the future	他去南京。
Sentences with 会 or 要	明天会下雪。
	她要来。
Imminent future indicated by 要……了	要下雨了。
快要……了	快要下雪了。
快……了	快到了。
Sentences with the verbal aspect marker 了	他吃了饭就去哪儿？
C Reduplication of verbs	她想看看电视。
D Progressive actions	
Marked by 呢	她睡觉呢。
Marked by 正 and 呢	她正睡觉呢。
Marked by 在	她在睡觉。
Marked by 正在	她正在睡觉。
Negation with 没	她没睡觉。
E Perfective aspect marker 了	
Indicating a completed, limited, contrasted or perfective action	他看了两次。
Negation by 没 and without 了	他没看。
With reference to the future	你吃了饭就去哪儿？
F Experiential aspect marker 过	
Indicating an experience in the past	他去过法国。
Negation by 没	她没去过法国。
G Simple directional complements	他到美国去。
	她从上海来。
H Complements of result	书都卖完了。
	这个字写错了。
I Complements of degree	
Verbs followed by 得 and a complement of degree	她写得非常快。
J Postverbs	
Use of the postverb 在	她住在北京。
Use of the postverb 到	请你寄到南京。

K Verbal measure words	我去了三次。
Nouns and noun phrases	
A Plurals	
Use of 们 with personal nouns	学生们
B Measure words	
Use after numerals	三张纸
Use after 这 and 那	这本书 那个人
Use after 几 and 哪	几个孩子? 哪本字典?
Measure word 些	这些人
Use of 一点儿	我要一点儿水。
C Possession	
Using 的	我的桌子在哪儿?
Without 的	我妈妈 我朋友
D Modification of nouns	
Simple adjectives or attributives	
With 的	年轻的姑娘 很新的衣服
Without 的	中国地图 一条红裙子
E Noun phrases with 的	
Linking modifier to the noun	昨天买的衣服贵吗? 她教的学生多吗?
Nominalising	他是卖报的。
Prepositions	
	她从南京来。 他在日本学习。 我跟他说明“你好”。 她到饭馆去。 她给我写信。 她用德文说“再见”。
Adverbs	
A Sentences with an adverbial phrase before a verb	
Point of time	他昨天去上海。
Place	她在西安学习英语。
Manner	他们坐船去。
Frequency	我们常常去友谊商店。
Other adverbs	她也来。
Movement	他从南京到上海去。
Prepositional phrases	他给他弟弟写信。
Conjunctive use of adverbs	他又饿又累。 她也来,她弟弟也来。
B Sentences with an adverbial phrase after a verb	
Complement of time after a verb	他住三天。
Complement of time with the verbal aspect marker 了	他住了三天。
Complement of time with the verbal aspect marker 了 and the sentence particle 了	他住了三天了。
Repetition of the verb	她学法语学了两年。
Verb followed by postverb	她住在广州。
Verb followed by 得 and a complement of degree	小孩子走得很慢。

Comparisons

Use of 比

他比我老。

Use of 跟……一样

这个跟那个一样。

Use of 像……一样

她像你一样。

Use of 比……更

这本书比那本更贵。

Use of 比……一点儿

这个比那个大一点儿。

Use of 最

这本书最贵。

Complement of quantity

他比我大三岁。

Use of 没有 in comparisons

A没有B好。

Numbers, dates and times**A Numbers**

Cardinal numbers up to 10 000

Ordinal numbers

第一

Use of 二 and 两

一, 二, 三

两本书

Approximate numbers

三、四本书

B Dates and times

Year

一九九七年

Day and month

四月三号 / 四月三日

Days of the week

星期五

Time of day, including 24-hour clock

三点半 二十二点五十

C Time expressions

……的时候

她五岁的时候离开了日本。

Use of 以前

十年以前他住在广州。

Use of 以后

四年以后我去了美国。

Sentences**A Declarative sentences**

Using 是

她是中国人。

Using 有

他有三本书。

Using stative verbs

我很忙。

Verbless sentences

今天星期二。

B Negative statements

With 不是

她不是美国人。

With 没有

我没有钢笔。

With 不 and stative verb

书不多。

With 不 and verb

他们不来。

With 没 and verb

他没来。

C Interrogative sentences

Using 吗

Verb 不 verb

是不是

有没有

Stative verb (SV) 不 SV

Using question words:

他来吗?

他来不来?

你是不是英国人?

你有没有地图?

你忙不忙?

谁, 谁的, 哪, 哪儿, 几, 多少, 为什么, 怎么, 怎么样, 什么, 什么样的, 什么时候, 几点, 多+SV, 不……吗?

Tag questions

Using 吧

还是

好吗? 好不好? 是吗?

你是中国人吧?

你去还是我去?

D Sentence particle 了

Indicating the attitude of the speaker to an event in the recent past

Use with stative verbs to indicate a changed situation

他去北京了。

他老了。

人多了。

他没(有)去北京。

Negation by 没(有) and without 了

E Topic-comment construction

这本书你看了吗?

F The 是……的 construction

Highlighting the circumstances of past events

他是去年去的。

G Position

Use of 在 with 这儿 and 那儿

他在这儿。

你在那儿。

Use of 这儿 and 那儿 with places and the names of people

请你来我们这儿。

他在王老师那儿。

他们在公园里边。

医院在火车站西边。

Use of 在 with place and location

PART 2**Verbs****A Verbal aspect marker 着**

Indicating that an action is an accompaniment to another action

他们坐着说话。

Indicating a state resulting from an action

妹妹穿着一条红裙子。

B Compound directional complements

我说的话, 你们都写下来了吗?

学生从外边走进来了。

C Potential complements

With 得 to signify capability

他听得懂我的话。

With 不 to signify non-capability

他听不懂我的话。

Adverbs**A Adverbs of manner**

她很快地跑过来。

Sentences**A The 把 construction**

With negator and/or modal verb before 把

我们把那件礼物送给她。

今天晚上有大风, 我们应该把窗户关好。

B The 被 construction

Passive sentences with 被 as markers

包子被狗吃掉了。

那些新书都被借走了。

With negator and/or modal verb before 被

墙上的画儿没有被风刮掉。

C The 让, 使 construction

妈妈让我吃饭。

他使我明白我错了。

Vocabulary list

The vocabulary list provided is intended as a guide for teachers to assist in the planning of lessons and schemes of work. It is not intended to be prescriptive or exhaustive and the assessment tasks will require students to understand and respond to words that are not on the list.

Although the skill of deduction is not directly tested, students should be taught the skill of deducing the meaning of unknown words from the context on familiar topics.

Vocabulary is listed under particular topic headings but should be considered transferable, as appropriate, to the other topics.

Adjective and attributive phrases

别的	业余
负面的	一般
另外的	有的
唯一	正面的

Adverbs and adverbial phrases

本来	就
别	另
不	马上
不常	没
不一定	少
才	太
差不多	特别
常	挺
常常	先
从来	也
大概	也许
当然	一定
都	一共
多	一起
非常	已经
刚	又
刚才	再
更	真
还	正在
还是	只
很	只好
很少	总是
忽然	最
经常	

Auxiliary verbs

必须

不用

不准

得 (děi)

敢

会

将要

可能

可以

能

希望

喜欢

想

需要

要

应该

愿意

Conjunctions and conjunctive patterns

并 (且)

不但……而且

不过

不是……而是……

除了……以外

从前

但是

而且

跟

还是

和

后来

或者

可是

另外

没想到

然后

如果

虽然……可是/但是

要是

也……也……

一边……一边……

因为……所以……

由于

又……又……

与

越……越……

越来越……

只要……就……

只有……才……

Measure words**Common measure words**

把

本

顶

段

封

个

家

件

节

口

辆

匹

双

所

条

位

些

张

支

只

种

座

Measure words (continued)**Container measure words**

包
杯
袋
盒

盘
瓶
碗

Verbal measure words

遍
次
一点儿

一会儿
一下
一些

Nouns

变化
词
词语
答案
大小
东西
对话
儿童
方法
方格
方面
方式
风景
工艺品
工作人员
故事
关系
好处
盒子
坏处
机会
经过
经历
经验
看法
客人
空白处

零花钱
录音
旅游
旅游景点
目的
情况
人
设施
生活
事情
收获
特点
文化
问题
性格
兴趣
样子
要求
义工
义卖
意见
意思
饮食
印象
原因
运气
知识

Numbers

一
二
三
四
五
六
七
八
九

十
百
千
万
第
半
两
零

Particles

吧
得
的
地
过

了
吗
呢
着

Prepositions and coverbs

按照
把
从
到
对
给
跟

关于
离
往
为
向
用
在

Pronouns

别人
大家
那
那儿
那里
那些
你
你们
您
他
他们

它
她
她们
我
我们
这
这儿
这里
这些
自己

Question words

多长时间

多久

多少

几

哪

哪儿

哪里

哪些

什么

什么时候

什么样

谁

谁的

为什么

怎么

怎(么)样

Verbs**Common verbs**

爱

安排

搬

办(理)

帮助

包括

比

比较

比赛

毕业

变

采访

参观

参加

查

唱

炒

吃

迟到

出

出发

出来

出去

穿

打

打开

打算

呆

带

戴

当

到

得(dé)

得到

等

订

丢

懂

发

发生

发现

放

复习

感觉

告诉

挂

关

关上

广播

逛

害怕

好像

喝

花

画

欢迎

还(huán)

Verbs (continued)**Common verbs (continued)**

换

回答

回来

挤

计划

记

记住

继续

寄

加

检查

讲

交换

交流

教

叫

接

结束

解决

介绍

借

进

禁止

救

举

举行

决定

觉得

开始

看

看见

哭

拉

来

离开

练习

了解

路过

旅行

买

卖

没有

明白

拿

爬

怕

判断

跑

碰见

破坏

骑

去

让

认识

认为

申请

试

是

收

输

说

说明

死

送

躺

踢

提高

跳

听

停

通知

同意

偷

推

完

完成

玩

忘

问

习惯

Verbs (continued)**Common verbs (continued)**

笑

写

休息

修

选择

学

学习

养

邀请

摇

以为

赢

用

游览

有

阅读

在

Stative verbs

矮

安静

安全

饱

笨

差

长

吵

成功

迟

聪明

错

大

担心

低

短

对

多

饿

方便

干净

站

长

长大

找

照顾

挣

知道

住

祝

转

转告

准备

走

租

作

坐

做

高

高兴

够

古老

贵

好

好吃

好看

好奇

合适

厚

坏

简单

健康

紧张

近

久

旧

可爱

可惜

渴

Verbs (continued)**Stative verbs (continued)**

客气

空

苦

酷

快

快乐

辣

老

累

冷

凉快

乱

麻烦

满意

慢

忙

没意思

美

免费

难

难过

难看

年轻

努力

暖和

胖

便宜

漂亮

奇怪

强

全

热

热闹

认真

容易

伤心

少

深

失望

瘦

舒服

熟

帅

顺利

酸

讨厌

特别

甜

同

晚

危险

像

小

小心

新

严重

一样

用功

友好

有礼貌

有名

有趣

有意思

有用

愉快

圆

远

脏

早

着急

整齐

正确

直

重

重要

专心

Verb-object compounds

帮忙

唱歌

吃饭

吃药

出院

存钱

打工

打招呼

打针

点菜

钓鱼

读书

度假

发电子邮件

放假

放学

付钱

感冒

感兴趣

刮风

关（电灯，电视，门）

画画儿

回电话

回国

回家

回信

寄信

见面

讲话

教书

结婚

开（电灯，电视，门）

开刀

开会

看报

看病

看电视

看电影

看书

看戏

来信

理发

流血

买单

迷路

拍照

起床

上班

上课

上网

上学

生病

生气

受伤

睡觉

说话

谈话

填表

填空

吸烟

洗脸

洗澡

下班

下课

写信

写字

有空

照相

挣钱

住院

走路

做饭

Surnames

黄

李

林

刘

马

王

吴

张

赵

A Everyday activities**Time expressions**

……的时候

寒假

将来

快要……了

目前

时间

现代

现在

以后

以前

有时候

有一天

最后

最近

Time expressions – Telling the time

……点半

……点三刻

……点一刻

……点钟

半

点

分

分钟

刻

小时

Time expressions – Times of day

后天

今天

每天

明天

前天

上午

下午

夜里

早上

中午

昨天

Time expressions – Days of the week

日

上个星期

天

下个星期

星期

星期天/星期日

星期一, 星期二, etc.

这个星期

周末

Time expressions – Months/year

后年

今年

每年

明年

年

前年

去年

上个月

下个月

一月, 二月, etc.

月

这个月

Time expressions – Seasons

春天

冬天

季节

秋天

夏天

A Everyday activities (continued)**Food and drink – Meals**

零食

全素

食物

素食

晚饭

午饭

野餐

早饭

Food and drink – Fruit and vegetables

白菜

橙子

豆角

梨

苹果

葡萄

青菜

蔬菜

水果

土豆

西瓜

西红柿

西兰花

香蕉

Food and drink – Meat, fish and seafood

海鲜

汉堡包

鸡

烤鸭

牛肉

热狗

肉

虾

羊肉

鱼

猪肉

Food and drink – Other foods

包子

冰淇淋

饼

春卷

醋

豆腐

方便面

鸡蛋

酱油

饺子

馒头

米饭

面包

面条

三明治

沙拉

汤

糖

盐

油条

月饼

粥

粽子

Food and drink – Snacks

饼干

蛋糕

点心

薯条

酸奶

糖果

A Everyday activities (continued)**Food and drink – Types of food**

菜

广东菜

名菜

四川菜

西餐

中餐

Food and drink – Drinks

白酒

茶

橙汁

果汁

酒

咖啡

可乐

牛奶

啤酒

葡萄酒

汽水

水

饮料

Food and drink – Cutlery and utensils

杯子

叉

刀

筷子

盘子

勺

碗

Food and drink – Expressions (likes/dislikes, taste)

爱吃

不爱吃

不好吃

好吃

苦

辣

酸

甜

咸

The human body and health – Parts of the body

鼻子

肚子

耳朵

脚

脸

皮肤

嗓子

身体

手

手指

头

头发

腿

胃

心

牙齿

眼睛

嘴

A Everyday activities (continued)**The human body and health – Health and illness**

病

吃药

出院

打电话

打针

发烧

感冒

护士

救护车

开刀

看病

咳嗽

流血

你哪儿不舒服?

生病

受伤

舒服

疼

西药

西医

牙医

严重

药

药店

医生

医院

中药

中医

住院

Travel and transport

(飞)机场

班

背包

迟到

出发

出租车

船

单程票

地铁

堵车

飞机

高铁

高速公路

公共汽车

海关

火车

火车站

假期

交通

酒店

开

开车

开往

来回票

路 (1路, 30路, etc.)

旅馆

旅客

旅行社

末班车

目的地

票

骑

起飞

汽车站

桥

签证

时刻表

事故

铁路

停车

箱子

行李

游客

准时

自行车

走

走路

坐

A Everyday activities (continued)**Travel and transport – Finding the way**

地图	米
方向	请问
附近	入口
公里	十字路口
红绿灯	往(北、回、前)走
近	一直
路过	远
路口	向(右、左)转
马路	
Finding the way – Expressions	
到……怎么走?	在……边
……离这儿远吗?	……在哪儿?

B Personal and social life**Self, family and friends – Greetings and conversational phrases**

不好意思	请
不客气	请进
不谢	请问
对不起	请坐
好久不见	喂
例如	问好
麻烦你了	我来介绍一下……
没办法	谢谢
没关系	再见
名片	怎么办?
你好	这位是……
你好吗?	

Self, family and friends – Invitations

参加	请你来……
对不起	请原谅
欢迎光临	邀请
派对	有事儿
请客	

Self, family and friends – Family and relationships

爸爸	父母
大人	父亲
弟弟	哥哥
儿子	孩子

B Personal and social life (continued)**Self, family and friends – Family and relationships (continued)**

家	女的
家庭	女儿
姐姐	朋友
姐妹	妻子
老人	亲爱的
姥姥	青年
姥爷	孙女
妈妈	孙子
妹妹	太太
母亲	先生
奶奶	兄弟
男的	爷爷
年轻人	丈夫

Self, family and friends – Describing physical appearance

(戴) 眼镜	胖
矮	瘦
长	头发
短	颜色
高	眼睛
卷	直
年龄	

Self, family and friends – Describing character and mood

安静	开心
笨	懒
聪明	年轻
好奇	努力
紧张	严格
开朗	友好

Self, family and friends – Personal details

出生	日期
地点	生日
电话号码	岁
电子邮件	太太
国籍	先生
号	小姐
民族	姓
名字	姓名
年纪	性别
年龄	住址

B Personal and social life (continued)**Home life – Housing and locations**

城市

楼

地方

楼梯

地区

路

地址

农村

房子

人口

高楼

设施

家乡

省

建筑

市区

郊区

市中心

街

首都

邻居

周围

Home life – Rooms and furniture

层

门口

车库

暖气

厨房

沙发

窗户

书房

床

书架

电梯

书桌

饭厅

台灯

房间

玩具

花园

钥匙

家具

衣柜

镜子

椅子

客厅

桌子

门

Home life – Bathroom

厕所

牙膏

毛巾

牙刷

卫生间

浴室

Home life – Household appliances

冰箱

空调

电话

洗衣机

电视机

Home life – Household tasks

打扫房间

做家务

洗衣服

B Personal and social life (continued)**Home life – Daily routine**

吃晚饭

起床

吃午饭

睡觉

吃早饭

洗脸

穿衣服

洗澡

Colours

白

蓝

橙色

绿

黑

浅

红

深

黄

颜色

灰

银(色)

金(色)

紫

咖啡色

棕

Clothes and accessories

背包

上衣

衬衫

时尚

衬衣

手表

穿

手套

大衣

袜子

戴

围巾

短裤

西装

服装店

校服

裤子

鞋

连衣裙

眼镜

领带

衣服

毛衣

泳衣

帽子

雨伞

牛仔裤

雨衣

钱包

运动鞋

裙子

Leisure time – Things to do and hobbies

爱好

放风筝

表演

钢琴

参观

古典音乐

大提琴

逛街

电视

划船

电影

画画儿

钓鱼

吉他

动画片

纪录片

B Personal and social life (continued)**Leisure time – Things to do and hobbies (continued)**

节目

看报

看电视

看电影

拉 (大提琴, 小提琴, etc.)

聊天

流行歌曲

买东西

漫画

名人

明星

派对

散步

Leisure time – Sport

保龄球

比赛

队

橄榄球

滑板

滑冰

滑旱冰

滑雪

篮球

爬山

排球

书法

弹 (钢琴)

跳舞

听音乐

玩

晚会

下棋

象棋

小说

小提琴

艺术

音乐会

跑步

乒乓球

太极拳

体操

网球

武术

游泳

羽毛球

运动

运动会

足球

C The world around us**People and places – Continents and countries**

澳大利亚

大洋洲

德国

俄国

法国

非洲

国际

国家

国外

加拿大

马来西亚

美国

美洲

欧洲

日本

世界

C The world around us (continued)**People and places – Continents and countries (continued)**

西班牙

印尼

新加坡

英国

亚洲

中国

印度

People and places – Compass points and locations

北

旁边

北边

前边

北方

上面

地下

外面

东

西

东北

西北

东边

西边

东方

西方

东南

西南

对面

下面

附近

以上

后边

以外

里面

以下

楼上

右边

楼下

中间

南

中心

南边

左边

南方

The natural world and the environment

草

森林

岛

沙滩

地球

山

风景

山区

海

树

海边

树林

河

塑料

湖

塑料袋

花

太阳

环境

污染

回收

星星

空气

野生动物

垃圾

植物

C The world around us (continued)**The natural world and the environment – The climate and the weather**

冰

晴天

度

天气

多云

天气预报

风

下雪

刮风

下雨

冷

阳光

凉快

阴天

暖和

有雾

气候

云

气温

The natural world and the environment – Animals

虫

猫

宠物

鸟

大象

牛

动物

蛇

狗

兔子

猴子

乌龟

金鱼

熊猫

老虎

鸭子

老鼠

羊

龙

鱼

马

猪

Communications and technology – The digital world

笔记本电脑

视频

博客

手机

电脑

网络

电脑游戏

网民

电子邮件

网友

电子游戏

网站

短信

网址

广播

无线

留言

下载

平板电脑

新闻

软件

应用

上传

照片

上网

照相机

社交网站

转告

C The world around us (continued)**Communications and technology – Documents and texts**

报纸	生日卡
笔记	书
笔记本	文件
表格	文章
广告	小说
护照	信
漫画	杂志
明信片	帐单
票	

The built environment – Buildings and services

(飞) 机场	美术馆
博物馆	庙
餐厅	农场
茶馆	汽车站
超市	桥
电影院	商场
动物园	商店
饭店	设施
饭馆	市场
服装店	书店
工厂	体育场
公园	停车场
广场	图书馆
火车站	网吧
健身房	小吃店
教堂	药店
警察局	银行
酒吧	邮局
剧院	游乐场
咖啡馆	诊所
卡拉OK厅	

Buildings and services – Post office

办	填表 (格)
包裹	填写
表 (格)	信
航空	信封
寄信	信箱
明信片	邮票
申请	

C The world around us (continued)**Buildings and services – Bank**

存钱

取钱

换钱

填表 (格)

钱

银行

Buildings and services – Lost and found

丢

偷

取

小偷

The built environment – Shopping

打折

便宜

多少钱?

钱

服务台

取钱

服务员

人民币

付钱

日常用品

顾客

售货员

贵

退货

花钱

现金

纪念品

小费

价钱

信用卡

减价

营业时间

礼物

找钱

零钱

Measurements – Units of length and mass

公斤

斤

公里

米

Measurements – Units of money

角

毛

块

元

D The world of work**Education – Learning institutions**

大学

学院

小学

幼儿园

学校

中学

Education – Places in school

办公室

图书馆

礼堂

小卖部

球场

校园

实验室

学校餐厅

宿舍

游泳池

体育场

运动场

体育馆

D The world of work (continued)**Education – People in school**

笔友

交换学生

老师

留学生

同学

校长

学生

Education – In the classroom, learning tools

白板

班

本子

笔

尺子

词典

黑板

教室

练习本

毛笔

年级

铅笔

铅笔盒

设备

实验

书

书包

文具

橡皮

纸

Education – Describing school days

毕业

放假

放学

复习

寒假

家长会

假期

教学

教育

节

俱乐部

考生

考试

课

课本

课程

课程表

课外活动

上课

上学

暑假

下课

夏令营

学费

学期

作业

Education – Subjects and learning

笔画

笔顺

词

词语

德文

德语

地理

发音

法文

法语

汉语

汉字

化学

技术

句子

科目

科学

口音

D The world of work (continued)**Education – Subjects and learning (continued)**

口语

历史

美术

拼音

普通话

日文

日语

生词

生物

声调

数学

体育

听力

听写

外文

外语

文学

物理

写作

音乐

英文

英语

语法

语言

中文

字

Subjects and learning – Expressions

不错

差

成绩

对……感兴趣

还可以

好玩儿

进步

困难

没意思

难

容易

水平

提高

有趣

有意思

Work – Jobs and careers

导游

服务员

工程师

工人

护士

画家

记者

教授

经理

警察

科学家

空乘

空姐

会计师

老师

律师

秘书

农民

商人

兽医

售货员

售票员

司机

新闻记者

牙医

演员

医生

邮递员

运动员

作家

D The world of work (continued)**Work – The workplace**

办公室	公司
单位	退休
工资	员工
工作	职业

E The international world**Countries, nationalities and languages**

自己的国籍+居住的国家	自己的母语+学过的外语
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Culture – Customs, faiths and celebrations

除夕	龙舟
春节	庆祝
灯笼	生日
端午节	生日快乐
放烟花	圣诞节
过……	送礼物
红包	新年
婚礼	新年快乐
节日	中秋节

Culture – Famous sites and cities

北海公园	拉萨
北京	名胜古迹
兵马俑	南京
长城	上海
长江	上海中心大厦
重庆	天安门
东方明珠塔	天津
古迹	天坛
故宫	武汉
广州	西安
桂林	西湖
杭州	香港
胡同	颐和园
黄河	

5 What else you need to know

This section is an overview of other information you need to know about this syllabus. It will help to share the administrative information with your exams officer so they know when you will need their support. Find more information about our administrative processes at www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide

Before you start

Previous study

We recommend that learners starting this course should have studied a Chinese curriculum at lower secondary level or equivalent national educational framework.

Guided learning hours

We design Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses based on learners having about 130 guided learning hours for each subject during the course but this is for guidance only. The number of hours a learner needs to achieve the qualification may vary according to local practice and their previous experience of the subject.

Availability and timetables

All Cambridge schools are allocated to one of six administrative zones. Each zone has a specific timetable.

You can view the timetable for your administrative zone at www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables

You can enter candidates in the June exam series.

Check you are using the syllabus for the year the candidate is taking the exam.

Private candidates can enter for this syllabus. For more information, please refer to the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries* for the relevant series.

Combining with other syllabuses

Candidates can take this syllabus alongside other Cambridge International syllabuses in a single exam series. The only exceptions are:

- Cambridge IGCSE First Language Chinese (0509)
- Cambridge IGCSE Second Language Chinese (0523)
- syllabuses with the same title at the same level.

Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) and Cambridge O Level syllabuses are at the same level.

Group awards: Cambridge ICE

Cambridge ICE (International Certificate of Education) is a group award for Cambridge IGCSE. It allows schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum by recognising the achievements of learners who pass examinations in a range of different subjects.

Learn more about Cambridge ICE at www.cambridgeinternational.org/cambridgeice

Making entries

Exams officers are responsible for submitting entries to Cambridge International. We encourage them to work closely with you to make sure they enter the right number of candidates for the right combination of syllabus components. Entry option codes and instructions for submitting entries are in the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*. Your exams officer has a copy of this guide.

Exam administration

To keep our exams secure, we produce question papers for different areas of the world, known as administrative zones. We allocate all Cambridge schools to one administrative zone determined by their location. Each zone has a specific timetable. Some of our syllabuses offer candidates different assessment options. An entry option code is used to identify the components the candidate will take relevant to the administrative zone and the available assessment options.

Support for exams officers

We know how important exams officers are to the successful running of exams. We provide them with the support they need to make your entries on time. Your exams officer will find this support, and guidance for all other phases of the Cambridge Exams Cycle, at www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide

Retakes

Candidates can retake the whole qualification as many times as they want to. This is a linear qualification so candidates cannot re-sit individual components.

To confirm if an option is available to carry forward marks for this syllabus, see the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries* for the relevant series. Regulations for carrying forward internally assessed marks can be found in the *Cambridge Handbook* for the relevant year of assessment at www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide

Equality and inclusion

We have taken great care to avoid bias of any kind in the preparation of this syllabus and related assessment materials. In compliance with the UK Equality Act (2010) we have designed this qualification to avoid any direct and indirect discrimination.

The standard assessment arrangements may present unnecessary barriers for candidates with disabilities or learning difficulties. We can put arrangements in place for these candidates to enable them to access the assessments and receive recognition of their attainment. We do not agree access arrangements if they give candidates an unfair advantage over others or if they compromise the standards being assessed.

Candidates who cannot access the assessment of any component may be able to receive an award based on the parts of the assessment they have completed.

Information on access arrangements is in the *Cambridge Handbook* at www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide

Language

This syllabus is available in English only. The assessment materials are in Chinese.

After the exam

Grading and reporting

Grades A*, A, B, C, D, E, F or G indicate the standard a candidate achieved at Cambridge IGCSE.

A* is the highest and G is the lowest. 'Ungraded' means that the candidate's performance did not meet the standard required for grade G. 'Ungraded' is reported on the statement of results but not on the certificate. In specific circumstances your candidates may see one of the following letters on their statement of results:

- Q (pending)
- X (no result)
- Y (to be issued).

These letters do not appear on the certificate.

How students and teachers can use the grades

Assessment at Cambridge IGCSE has two purposes:

- to measure learning and achievement
The assessment:
 - confirms achievement and performance in relation to the knowledge, understanding and skills specified in the syllabus, to the levels described in the grade descriptions.
- to show likely future success
The outcomes:
 - help predict which students are well prepared for a particular course or career and/or which students are more likely to be successful
 - help students choose the most suitable course or career.

Grade descriptions

Grade descriptions are provided to give an indication of the standards of achievement candidates awarded particular grades are likely to show. Weakness in one aspect of the examination may be balanced by a better performance in some other aspect.

Grade descriptions for Cambridge IGCSE Mandarin Chinese will be published after the first assessment of the syllabus in 2022. Find more information at www.cambridgeinternational.org/igcse

Changes to this syllabus for 2022, 2023 and 2024

The syllabus has been reviewed and revised for first examination in 2022.

You are strongly advised to read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme.

Changes to syllabus content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information that was previously in the Defined Content Booklet, such as the Minimum Core Vocabulary and the List of Grammar and Structures, is now in the syllabus. The list of broad topic areas remains the same as the previous syllabus. The list of sub-topics has been updated. These sub-topics are not intended to be prescriptive or exhaustive. The sub-skills to be taught are identified and listed under the relevant skills in the subject content section. The vocabulary list has been updated. The list is intended as a guide for teachers to assist in the planning of lessons and schemes of work. It is not intended to be prescriptive or exhaustive. Some assessment tasks may require students to understand and respond to words that are not on the list.
Changes to assessment (including changes to specimen papers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The assessment objectives (AOs) have been revised. Paper 1 Listening will consist of matching as well as three- and four-option multiple-choice questions. Paper 2 Reading will consist of seven groups of questions, each comprising a number of multiple-choice or matching items, as well as items requiring short answers in Chinese. Paper 3 Speaking has been updated. Candidates will complete one role play (consisting of five tasks) and two topic conversations. The levels descriptors in the mark scheme for Paper 3 have also been revised. Paper 4 Writing will consist of three tasks – a form-filling task, a directed writing task and a choice of two extended writing tasks (an email/letter or an article/blog). The mark scheme for Paper 4 has also been revised. Candidates' responses to Questions 2 and 3 will be marked using level descriptors.
Other changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The changes to the syllabus content and assessment have been made to ensure that candidates have opportunities to demonstrate language proficiency at level A2 (Basic User) of the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment</i> (CEFR). Grade descriptions will be published after the first assessment of this syllabus.

In addition to reading the syllabus, you should refer to the updated specimen assessment materials. The specimen papers will help your students become familiar with exam requirements and command words in questions. The specimen mark schemes explain how students should answer questions to meet the assessment objectives.

Any textbooks endorsed to support the syllabus for examination from 2022 are suitable for use with this syllabus.



'While studying Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International A Levels, students broaden their horizons through a global perspective and develop a lasting passion for learning.'

Zhai Xiaoning, Deputy Principal, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China

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