



## K-16 Education Center

Continuing & Innovative Education

### Chinese 2

#### Examination for Acceleration/Credit by Exam Study Guide

This EA/CBE Study Guide can help you prepare for the exam by giving you an idea of what you need to study, review, and learn. To succeed, you should be thoroughly familiar with the subject matter before you attempt to take the exam.

Every question that appears on the EA/CBE is grounded in the knowledge and skills statements and student expectations within the state-mandated standards, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). It should be noted that the exam will not test every student expectation. However, it is important that students study and know the entire scope of the TEKS so that they can develop a complete understanding of the content. The EA/CBEs are global exams grounded in the TEKS and are not designed to be a final exam for the University of Texas high school courses. You can view the TEKS for this exam online at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/teks/>. Since questions are not taken from any one source, you can prepare by reviewing any of the state-adopted textbooks.

#### About the Exam

The EA/CBE consists of the following:

- Part 1: Listening Comprehension, 16 multiple-choice questions, 1 point each
- Part 2: Speaking, 3 oral tasks, 4 points each
- Part 3: Grammar, 20 multiple-choice questions, 1 point each
- Part 4: Vocabulary, 20 multiple-choice questions, 1 point each
- Part 5: Reading, 19 multiple-choice questions, 1 point each
- Part 6: Culture, Communities, Comparisons, 5 multiple-choice questions or true-false questions, 1 point each
- Part 7: Writing, 1 writing task, 8 points

The exam may consist of multiple-choice, true-false and matching type questions. You will be allowed **3 hours** to take the exam.

A computer-graded answer sheet is provided, and a #2 pencil is required. For the audio portions of the exam, you have the following options:

- **Online Audio:** Testing site provides computer with Internet access and headset with microphone.
- **Tape Recorder Method:** Testing site provides exam tape and tape player. Student provides blank tape.
- **CD Method:** Testing site provides exam CD and listening/recording device. Student provides blank, recordable CD.

#### Concepts and Objectives

The bulleted lists and sample questions below are provided to give you guidelines to follow when preparing for the Chinese, Year 2 CBE/EA. Although the lists provide a

fairly complete guide for studying, additional material might be found on the test. Ultimately, you should use the TEKS to guide your exam preparation. All test questions and prompts are designed to assess your understanding of the TEKS.

**Also, to be successful on the exam you will need to**

- use Mandarin Chinese; and
- be able to read and write simplified or traditional characters at the introductory level.

**Vocabulary topics covered**

- Major country, provinces, and city names
- Exercises and sports
- Daily activities and routines
- Your feelings and physical conditions
- Shopping at stores
- Holidays and celebrations, such as Moon Festival, Dragon Boat Festival, etc.
- School events, such as daily activities, major tests, and sports matches
- Schedules and calendars
- Playing musical instruments
- Hobbies and pastime activities
- Skills and abilities
- *Seasons and weather conditions*
- Rooms in a house and home furniture
- Entertainment
- Appearance and clothing
- Body parts
- Illness
- Colors
- Vacations and travel
- Directions
- Meals and foods
- More question words

**Grammar topics covered**

- Adverbs of degree, quantity, and frequency
- Clausal connectives: expressing sequential actions, expressing reasons
- Know proper use of *kuai yao*, *le*, and *guo*
- Comparisons
- Alternative interrogatives in past tense
- Indicating directions
- Initiation
- Suggestion/Let's...
- Noun modifiers
- Relative clauses
- Describing a change in state
- More measure words
- More consecutive verbs
- Describe a change of state

## **Culture topics covered**

- Chinese language and writing system
- Zodiac
- Traditional entertainment (e.g., Beijing Opera)
- Traditional arts and hobbies (e.g., calligraphy, knot tying)
- Traditional sports (e.g., kung fu)
- Auspicious symbols

## **Sample Questions**

These sample questions will give you a better idea of the types of questions you can expect on the EA/CBE. These are provided to illustrate the format of the exam. They are not the actual exam. In order to be successful on the exam, you must study the TEKS and all of the concepts previously listed.

### **Part 1: Listening Comprehension (16 points)**

For this part of the exam, you will listen to several recordings **in Chinese** and answer questions about what was said. Your proctor should provide a listening/recording device for the Listening Comprehension portion.

You will listen to one to four sentences or a dialogue then answer a question like:

1. Why did the speaker select that location for a vacation?

- A. Family members live there
- B. The warm, sunny weather
- C. Natural beauty of the area
- D. The cultural events are interesting

2. Which country did the speaker visit?

- A. Germany
- B. Thailand
- C. Norway
- D. Kenya

### **Part 2: Speaking (12 points)**

**In Chinese**, you will record your answers to three prompts. Each prompt gives you the context and specific information you should include in your recording. You should make your responses as extensive as possible and should demonstrate your knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, and correct Chinese pronunciation. You will need to bring a blank CD for the speaking portion. Your proctor should provide a listening/recording device for the speaking portion.

### Part 3: Grammar (20 points)

This part of the exam tests your knowledge of grammar. Most questions are multiple-choice questions written **in Chinese**, however some items may be partially **in English** as shown below.

#### Simplified

Which word should go in the blank to complete the sentence correctly?

1. 你想跟我去看一 \_\_\_\_\_ 球赛吗？

- A. 个
- B. 只
- C. 场
- D. 位

2. In Chinese, which of these sentences correctly states “Reading is better than watching TV?”

- A. 看电视比看书好。
- B. 看书比看电视好。
- C. 看电视比较看书好。
- D. 看书比较看电视好。

#### Traditional

3. Which of the following is a correct Chinese sentence?

- A. 我們學校在大華路十七號廣州市。
- B. 我們學校在廣州市大華路十七號。
- C. 我們學校在十七號大華路廣州市。
- D. 廣州市我們學校在十七號大華路。

Which word should go in the blank to complete the sentence correctly?

4. 我的房間里沒有很多 \_\_\_\_\_ 傢具。

- A. 個
- B. 只
- C. 節
- D. 件

#### Part 4: Vocabulary (20 points)

This part of the exam tests your knowledge of Chinese vocabulary. Questions are written in both Chinese and English and can be multiple-choice or matching.

##### Simplified

1. Choose the word that does **NOT** belong in the series.
  - A. 鱼肉
  - B. 牛肉
  - C. 羊肉
  - D. 鸡肉
  
2. Which of the following means the same as “我们都喜欢打篮球？”
  - A. 我们都要打篮球。
  - B. 我们都想打篮球。
  - C. 我们都会打篮球。
  - D. 我们都爱好打篮球。

##### Traditional

3. Choose the correct word to fill in blank in the sentence.  
你今天\_\_\_\_\_電腦課？
  - A. 有不有
  - B. 有沒有
  - C. 不有
  - D. 沒有
  
4. Which of the choices is **NOT** the right response to the question?  
你經常在電腦上做什麼？
  - A. 打電腦遊戲
  - B. 看書
  - C. 上網
  - D. 游泳

### Part 5: Reading (19 points)

This part of the exam contains sentences and passages that test your reading comprehension. The part to read will be **in Chinese** and the questions will be **in English**. You should read each sentence or passage carefully and respond to the questions that follow.

You will read a passage, then answer questions like the following.

1. What is Tanchun doing this weekend?

- A. Cleaning her room
- B. Seeing a movie
- C. Visiting her grandmother
- D. Visiting a friend

2. Yaoming's favorite school subject is

- A. mathematics.
- B. science.
- C. art.
- D. music.

### Part 6: Culture (5 points)

Some of these questions will be true or false statements about Chinese culture, customs, society, and language. These statements are **in English**, but may include short Chinese expressions that you need to understand. Other questions will be multiple choice and written **in English**.

1. In Chinese culture, who should sit at the most honorable seat during meals?

- A. The oldest person
- B. The oldest male
- C. The host
- D. The hostess

2. In China generally middle schools and high schools are combined into one school called 中学.

- A. True
- B. False

### Part 7: Writing (8 points)

You will complete a writing task **in Chinese**. The questions are asked in English; however, you must provide information about yourself **in Chinese**. Your answers should use accurate word choices, and show appropriate use of the Chinese writing system.