Chinese 1

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, 23 multiple-choice questions, 1 point each
- Part 5: Reading, 16 multiple-choice questions, 1 point each
- Part 6: Culture, Communities, Comparisons, 8 multiple-choice questions or true-false questions, 1 point each
- Part 7: Writing, 1 writing task, 5 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 1 EA/CBE. 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. (For reading passages, Pinyin will be provided in addition to simplified or traditional Chinese characters.)

**Vocabulary topics covered**
- Basic greetings and farewells
- Introductions
- Family members
- Age
- Residence and hometown
- Major city/state/country names
- Nationalities and languages
- Basic occupations
- Expressions for gratitude and apology
- Abilities
- School subjects
- Classroom expressions
- Places at school
- Basic adverbs such as very, well, much
- Question words (who, what, where, when, why, how)
- Basic verbs used in daily life
- Foods and drinks
- Likes and dislikes
- Time expressions, such as today, yesterday, tomorrow, everyday, meal times
- Numbers up to 100
- Years, months, and dates
- Days of the week
- Birthday
- Telling time
- Phone numbers
- Basic sports and hobbies
- Transportation
- Weather-related adjectives
- Negations
- Basic position words (left, right, front, back, etc.)

**Grammar topics covered**
- Word order in declarative sentences
- Negations
- Word order in wh- interrogatives
- Word order in yes-no interrogatives
- Adjectives used as predicates
- Use of Consecutive verbs, such as “want to do,” “wish to do”
• Measure words
• Possessives
• Tag questions
• Express abilities
• Plurals
• Express relative positions
• Simple alternative interrogatives
• Simple conjunctions

**Culture topics covered**
• Education in China
• Chinese New Year, Mid-Autumn Festival, Dragon Boat Festival
• Manners, including how to address people
• Food Etiquette

**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 in English about what was said. Your proctor should provide a listening/recording device for the Listening Comprehension portion.

You will listen to between one and eight sentences or a dialogue then answer one or more questions about what you heard, such as:

1. Why did the speaker select that location?

   A. The rainy weather  
   B. The sunny weather  
   C. The high temperature  
   D. The low temperature

2. Where will the speaker go?

   A. To the store  
   B. To the theater  
   C. To the park  
   D. To the zoo
**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. If you select the CD option for the audio portions of the exam, you will need to bring a blank CD for the speaking portion. Your proctor should provide a listening/recording device for the speaking portion for all audio options.

**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. 我的房间里没有很多______ 家具。
   
   A. 个
   B. 只
   C. 节
   D. 件

2. 她 _____ 她的朋友都是美国人。
   
   A. 或
   B. 跟
   C. 可是
   D. 还是

**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 (23 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. 魚
   B. 牛肉
   C. 羊肉
   D. 雞肉

2. Which of the following means the same as “我們都喜欢打籃球？”

   A. 我們都要打籃球。
   B. 我們都想打籃球。
   C. 我們都會打籃球。
   D. 我們都愛好打籃球。

Traditional
Choose the correct word to fill in the blank in the sentence.

3. 你今天_____ 電腦課？

   A. 有不有
   B. 有沒有
   C. 不有
   D. 沒有
Which of the choices is NOT the right response to the question?

4. 你經常在電腦上做什麼？
   A. 打電腦游戲
   B. 看書
   C. 上網
   D. 游泳

**Part 5: Reading (16 points)**
This part of the exam contains sentences and passages that test your reading comprehension. The part to read will be in Chinese (accompanied by Pinyin), 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 (8 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
Simplified
2. In China generally middle schools and high schools are combined into one school called 中学.
   
   A. True
   B. False

Traditional
3. In China generally middle schools and high schools are combined into one school called 中學.

   A. True
   B. False

Part 7: Writing (5 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.