



Chinese: Second Language ATAR course practical (oral) examination marking key

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Part B: Discussion of stimulus**50% (24 marks)**

Description	Marks
Comprehension	
Comprehends all questions and comments from the marker and responds to them with no or few requests for clarification.	4
Comprehends all anticipated and familiar questions, including comments by the marker, and responds with little or no hesitation. Needs minimal support from the marker.	3
Occasionally hesitates, but comprehends most simple questions. Requires some support from the marker.	2
Comprehends only simple questions, but lack of comprehension frequently results in inappropriate answers. Requires considerable support from the marker.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	4
Response (relevance and depth of information)	
Responds, informs and engages with breadth and depth, providing opinions, ideas and a wide range of information associated with the stimulus item, questions and comments made by the marker.	6
Responds and informs with opinions, ideas and a good range of information associated with the stimulus item, questions and comments made by the marker.	5
Responds with relevant ideas and a range of information associated with the stimulus item, questions and comments made by the marker. Occasionally relies on notes or memorised texts during the discussion.	4
Responds with adequate information associated with the stimulus item, questions and comments made by the marker. Relies on notes or memorised texts during the discussion.	3
Responds with a limited range of information associated with the stimulus item, questions and comments made by the marker. Relies frequently on notes or memorised texts during the discussion.	2
Responds with very limited or frequently irrelevant information associated with the stimulus item, questions and comments made by the marker. Relies heavily on notes or memorised texts during the discussion.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	6
Language range (vocabulary and grammar)	
Uses a breadth of vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures.	5
Uses a good range of vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures.	4
Uses a satisfactory range of vocabulary and grammar, relying predominantly on simple sentence structures.	3
Uses set structures and basic vocabulary with repetition and reliance on non-Chinese sentence structures and vocabulary.	2
Uses single words and short phrases.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	5

Description	Marks
Language accuracy (grammar)	
Applies rules of grammar with accuracy most of the time. Minor errors do not affect meaning.	5
Applies rules of grammar with a good level of accuracy even though errors sometimes interfere with meaning.	4
Applies rules of grammar with a satisfactory level of accuracy. However, errors occasionally lead to misunderstanding.	3
Applies rules of grammar with inaccuracies. Errors repeatedly impede communication.	2
Shows inconsistent application of rules of grammar. Frequent errors lead to communication breakdown.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	5
Speech (fluency, pronunciation and intonation)	
Speaks confidently and fluently; pronunciation is consistently clear and comprehensible with appropriate tones and intonation.	4
Speaks with some degree of confidence and fluency; pronunciation is highly comprehensible. Tones and intonation are mostly appropriate.	3
Speaks with some hesitation and makes errors in pronunciation that sometimes result in the meaning not being clear. Tones and intonation are acceptable.	2
Speaks with frequent hesitation and makes errors in pronunciation that often result in the meaning not being clear. Tones and intonation are often unclear or inappropriate.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	4
Total	24

Part C: Conversation**50% (24 Marks)**

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Comprehension	
Comprehends all questions and comments from the marker and responds to them with no or few requests for clarification.	4
Comprehends all anticipated and familiar questions, including comments by the marker, and responds with little or no hesitation. Needs minimal support from the marker.	3
Occasionally hesitates, but comprehends most simple questions. Requires some support from the marker.	2
Comprehends only simple questions, and lack of comprehension frequently results in inappropriate answers. Requires considerable support from the marker.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	4
Response (relevance and depth of information)	
Responds, informs and engages with breadth and depth, providing opinions, ideas and a wide range of information related to questions and comments made by the marker.	6
Responds and informs with opinions, ideas and a good range of information related to questions and comments made by the marker.	5
Responds with relevant ideas and a range of information related to questions and comments made by the marker. Occasionally uses well-rehearsed language or memorised texts during the conversation.	4
Responds with adequate information related to questions and comments made by the marker. Uses well-rehearsed language or memorised texts during the conversation.	3
Responds with a limited range of information related to questions and comments made by the marker. Frequently uses well-rehearsed language or memorised texts during the conversation.	2
Responds with very limited or frequently irrelevant information to questions and comments made by the marker. Relies heavily on rehearsed language or memorised texts during the conversation.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
Subtotal	6
Language range (vocabulary and grammar)	
Uses a breadth of vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures.	5
Uses a good range of vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures.	4
Uses a satisfactory range of vocabulary and grammar, relying predominantly on simple sentence structures.	3
Uses set structures and basic vocabulary with repetition and reliance on non-Chinese sentence structures and vocabulary.	2
Uses single words and short phrases.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
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