

Venues for Mother Tongue Briefing

Subject	Primary 5	Primary 6
Chinese Language	PAL Room	Hall
Malay Language	Exploration Lab	Malay Room
Tamil Language	SBB Room 2	Tamil Room



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PSLE Briefing 2017

Chinese

Higher Chinese

Foundation Chinese



Background

Recommendations by 2010 Mother Tongue Review & Implementation Committee

- **Aligning teaching and testing to achieve proficiency**
- Enhancing different provisions for learners of different abilities
- Creating an environment more conducive for MTL usage and learning
- Deploying and developing more MTL teachers



Background

Adjustments in PSLE Format

- More contextualized questions
- Increase emphasis on oracy and language application
- Additional test items which test interaction skills, such as writing an email response or sms response to a stimulus



Background

Adjustments in PSLE Format

- Use of video stimuli instead of line drawing for oral exam to provide more engaging and realistic contexts for conversation between students and examiners
- Reduction of certain existing items, in order to maintain the current overall difficulty level



华文试卷
Chinese Language



2017 PSLE Chinese Paper

No change in Marks Allocation for each paper

Marks (%)		2016	2017
Paper 1	Composition	40 (20%)	40 (20%)
Paper 2	Language Use and Comprehension	90 (45%)	90 (45%)
Paper 3	Oral	50 (25%)	50 (25%)
	Listening	20 (10%)	20 (10%)
Total		200 (100%)	200 (100%)



2017 PSLE Chinese Paper

Changes in exam format

		2017
Paper 1	Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No change
Paper 2	Language Use and Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change in number of questions• Change in mark allocation for each section• Change in some test items
Paper 3	Oral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of video stimulus
	Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New test items



2017 PSLE Chinese Paper

Comparison of TOS for Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)

TOS till 2016			TOS from 2017		
Items	No of Qns	Marks	Items	No of Qns	Marks
Part A	10	40	Part A	15	30
1. Language Application (MCQ)		(20%)	1. Language Application (MCQ)		(15%)
2. Cloze Passage (MCQ)	6	12	Cloze Passage (MCQ)	5	10
		(6%)			(5%)
3. Comprehension I (2 passages, MCQ)	7	14	2. Comprehension I (1 passage, MCQ)	5	10
		(7%)			(5%)
Part B	5	10	Part B	4	8
4. Complete the dialogue (FIB)		(5%)	3. Complete the dialogue (FIB)		(4%)
5. Comprehension II (2 passages, Open Ended)	13	34	4. Comprehension II (2 passages, MCQ/Open Ended)	11	32
		(17%)			(16%)
Total	41	90	Total	40	90
		(45%)			(45%)

2017 PSLE Chinese Paper

Comparison of TOS for Paper 3 (Oral & Listening)

TOS till 2016			TOS from 2017		
Items	No of Qns	Marks	Items	No of Qns	Marks
1. Reading Aloud of passage (on paper)	-	20 (10%)	1. Reading Aloud of passage (on laptop screen)	-	20 (10%)
2. Picture Description & Conversation (based on theme of picture)	-	30 (15%)	2. Conversation (based on video stimulus)	-	30 (15%)
3. Listening Comprehension	10	20 (10%)	3. Listening Comprehension (new test item)	10	20 (10%)
Total		70 (35%)	Total		70 (35%)



高级华文试卷

Higher Chinese Language



2017 PSLE Higher Chinese Paper

No Change in Marks Allocation for each paper

Marks (%)		2016	2017
Paper 1	Composition	40 (40%)	40 (40%)
Paper 2	Language Use and Comprehension	60 (60%)	60 (60%)
Total		100 (100%)	100 (100%)



2017 PSLE Higher Chinese Paper

Changes in exam format

		2017
Paper 2	Language Use and Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change in number of questions• Change in mark allocation for some sections• Change in test items



2017 PSLE Higher Chinese Paper

Comparison of TOS for Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)

TOS till 2016			TOS from 2017		
Items	No of Qns	Marks	Items	No of Qns	Marks
1. Language Application	10	20	1. Language Application	10	10
2. Comprehension I	7	14	2. Comprehension I (new test item)	6	16
3. Comprehension II	7	26	3. Comprehension II (new test items)	7	24
Total	24	60	Total	23	60



基础华文试卷

Foundation Chinese Language



2017 PSLE Foundation Chinese Paper

Changes in Marks Allocation for each paper

Marks (%)		2016	2017
Paper 1	Language Use and Comprehension	10 (10%)	15 (15%)
Paper 2	Oral	60 (60%)	55 (55%)
Paper 3	Listening	30 (30%)	30 (30%)
Total		100 (100%)	100 (100%)



2017 PSLE Foundation Chinese Paper

Changes in exam format

		2017
Paper 1	Language Use and Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change in number of questions• Change in duration of paper• Change in mark allocation for each section• Change in test items
Paper 2	Oral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of video stimulus
Paper 3	Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New test items



2017 PSLE Foundation Chinese Paper

TOS till 2016			TOS from 2017		
Items	No of Qns	Marks	Items	No of Qns	Marks
Paper 1 (30 min) Reading Comprehension • 3 passages	5 (MCQ)	10	Paper 1 (40 min) Language Use & Comprehension		
			1. Language Application	5 (MCQ)	5
			2. Comprehension I (1 passage)	2 (MCQ)	4
			3. Comprehension II (1 passage)	1 (MCQ) 2 (FIB)	2 4
Paper 2 (Oral) 1. Read Aloud passages 2. Picture Description & Conversation (based on theme of picture)	-	20 40	Paper 2 (Oral)	-	
			1. Read Aloud Passages (on laptop screen)		15
			2. Conversation (based on video stimulus)		40
Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)	15 (MCQ)	30	Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension) (new item types)	15 (MCQ)	30
Total		100	Total		100



Support for your child

- Encourage your child to watch the news in the Mother Tongue he/she is studying and discuss the content with him/her
- Converse with your child in your Mother Tongue
- Read aloud passages in the Chinese textbook
- Maintain regular communications with your child and his/her FTs and subject teachers



Thank you
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