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2020 Exam **Task Directions and Sample Prompts**

AP[®] CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Notes

The 2020 AP® Chinese Language and Culture Exam will be composed of two spoken tasks, which will be delivered on a smartphone app. The app will also record your responses.

The following is a text of the task introduction and directions you will hear on the 2020 AP Chinese Language and Culture Exam, with example prompts (Conversation questions from the interlocutor, and Cultural Presentation topic). These example prompts are taken from a past AP Chinese Language and Culture Exam. The Chinese prompts shown in Task 1 are simplified-character versions of the recording script for the audio portion of this task.

Please note:

- Some directions and prompts are shown multiple times, to indicate when they will be read multiple times on the exam.
- The entire exam is delivered out loud, through the app. Students will hear audio prompts during the exam administration. Text does not appear in the exam and is provided here for example only.
- Text shown in red will not be heard on the exam.

Beginning of Task 1, Conversation

Your AP Exam will now begin. The exam includes two tasks. These two tasks require spoken responses. Your cue to start or stop speaking will always be this tone.

TONE

Most directions will be said once. You will be told if the direction will play more than once.

Your spoken responses will be recorded. Your score will be based on what you record. It is important that you speak loudly enough and clearly enough for the device to record what you say. You will not be asked to start, pause, or stop the recording – recording will happen automatically. At the conclusion of the exam, you will listen to your recording to ensure that you can hear it clearly.

The following direction will be said two times in English.

Task 1: Conversation. You will participate in a simulated conversation. Each time it is your turn to speak, you will have 20 seconds to respond. First, you will hear an introduction about the other speaker and the topic of the conversation. The introduction will be said two times in English. You will then have 1 minute to prepare to participate in the conversation. Afterward, the conversation will begin. You should respond as fully and as appropriately as possible. There will be six times when it is your turn to speak. A tone will sound to indicate when you should start your response and again when it is time to finish each response.

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You now have one minute of preparation time.

(60 seconds of preparation time)

You will now begin this task.

你的汉语说得真好！你是怎么学的？

TONE

(20 seconds of response time)

TONE

现在学中文的外国人越来越多，这是为什么呢？

TONE

(20 seconds of response time)

TONE

你这次来中国除了参观故宫，还打算做些什么？

TONE

(20 seconds of response time)

TONE

你对北京的印象怎么样？

TONE

(20 seconds of response time)

TONE

你觉得北京跟你居住的城市有什么不同？

TONE

(20 seconds of response time)

TONE

如果我有机会去你的国家旅行，我应该到什么地方去玩儿？为什么？

TONE

(20 seconds of response time)

TONE

The conversation has ended.

Beginning of Task 2, Cultural Presentation

The following direction will be said two times in English.

Task 2: Cultural Presentation. You will be asked to speak in Chinese on a specific topic. Imagine that you are making an oral presentation to your Chinese class. First, you will hear the topic for your presentation. The topic will be said three times. You should take notes. You will have 4 minutes to prepare your presentation. Then you will have 2 minutes to record your presentation. Your presentation should be as complete as possible.

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You now have four minutes to prepare your presentation.

(240 seconds of preparation time)

The preparation time for your presentation is over. You have two minutes to record your presentation. Begin speaking after the tone.

TONE

(120 seconds of response time)

TONE

The recording time for your presentation is over.