

## Mandarin Excellence Programme Quiz

**Instructions:**

How are your thinking skills? How do you learn best? Through what you see, what you hear or what you do? Have a go at these quiz questions to find out more about how Chinese works!

**Section A: Please choose the best answer and write A, B, C or D in the chart below. (20 marks)**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

1. Chinese is a tonal language, which means, the language has ‘tunes’ to follow, like when we sing a song. There are four tones in Mandarin Chinese. The first tone is level, the second is rising, the third goes down and up, and the fourth goes down. Pinyin is how to show the pronunciation of Chinese. In your opinion, which is pinyin?  
A. zhōng wén      B. Mandarin      C. 中文      D. にほんご
2. However, Chinese people do not note down tones or Latin letters when they write. Mandarin Chinese is written (characters) in a very different way compared to European languages such as English or French. Straight lines are quite common in Chinese characters. Which option do you think is written in characters?  
A. zhōng wén      B. Mandarin      C. 中文      D. にほんご
3. Vocabulary in Chinese has patterns to follow just like English. If 英国 is UK, 美国 is US, 法国 is France, then which option is China?  
A. 跳舞      B. 唱歌      C. 中国      D. 吃饭
4. You may have heard that students in China can be good at mathematics. This is made easier by the way they write numbers. If 1 in English is one, then which is more likely to be 1 in Chinese?  
A. 一      B. 二      C. 三      D. 四
5. If 20 in Chinese is read as 二十 (二 = 2, 十 = 10) . How would you write 30 in Chinese?  
A. 二十      B. 三十      C. 十      D. 三
6. 木 is wood, 林 is woods, then how do you write forest?  
A. 木      B. 林      C. 森      D. 本
7. Unlike English names (First name + Last name), Chinese names start with last name, then end with first name. If 王 is a Chinese last name, then which one looks like a Chinese full name?  
A. 王亮      B. 土亮      C. 土猫      D. 猫王
8. Some Chinese characters were originally pictures, called pictographs. Choose the one that you think represents ‘fire’.  
A. 木      B. 火      C. 月      D. 日



9. Some Chinese words are pronounced just like English. Which do you think is the Chinese for ‘England’?  
A. 苏 格 兰      B. 英 格 兰      C. 爱 尔 兰      D. 威 尔 士

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**Section B: Please look at the 'stroke chart', use your imagination and name each stroke. (20 marks)**

As you can see, for each piece of Chinese character (the written form of Chinese) is made up by a cluster of little 'lines' or 'dots'. In fact, these little components are called 'strokes'. There is no right or wrong answer, make use of your creativity.

E.g.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
𠃍	一	丨	丿	丶	㇇	𠃊	㇏	𠃎	𠃏	→
<i>arrow</i>										

**Section C: Copy the school subjects in Chinese (only) according to your Y6 timetable. (30 marks)**

It is time to have some "hands on" experience. Chinese students at your age practise their handwriting as a priority as they want to be proud of their beautiful handwriting. Writing Chinese requires a calm mind and a relaxed but strong control of your pencil. If you need any help, check your timetable and vocabulary list. As long as it is logical, it does not need to be true. Do not hold your pen too tightly and write lightly.

Maths	English	French	Spanish	Chinese	Science	ICT	P.E.
数学	英文	法文	西班牙文	中文	科学	电脑	体育
Drama	Art	R.E.	Music	D&T	History	Geography	PHSCE
戏剧	艺术	宗教	音乐	设计	历史	地理	社会

	星期一 Monday	星期二 Tuesday	星期三 Wednesday	星期四 Thursday	星期五 Friday
第一节 Period one					
第二节 Period two					
第三节 Period three					
第四节 Period four					
第五节 Period five					
第六节 Period six					

**Section D: Answer the following questions in English. Show your impressive handwriting. (30 marks)**

1. What do you know about China (people, food, culture...)?
2. Why do you think learning Mandarin is important?
3. How would you convince your Chinese teacher that you are a determined and diligent student?