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Cambridge Pre-U Certificate

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MANDARIN CHINESE (PRINCIPAL)

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Paper 1 Speaking

For Examination from 2016

SPECIMEN PAPER

12–15 minutes

THERE IS NO QUESTION PAPER FOR THE SPEAKING TEST.

The syllabus is approved for use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a Cambridge International Level 3 Pre-U Certificate.

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The Speaking Test will be conducted and assessed by an External Examiner. There are two parts to this examination:

### **SECTION 1: PREPARED TOPIC AND TOPIC CONVERSATION**

(5–7 minutes)

Candidates should research a topic related to the history, current affairs or culture (including art, cinema, literature and traditions) of the Chinese world. They should be able to speak in Chinese on this topic for about 2 minutes. The Examiner will ask the candidate questions in Chinese on the chosen topic. Candidates will be assessed on the content of their presentation (ability to present relevant facts, express opinions and put forward points for discussion) as well as their linguistic competence (comprehension and responsiveness, fluency, accuracy of tones, pronunciation, range of vocabulary and variety of sentence structures).

There is no Specimen Question Paper for the Prepared Topic and Topic Conversation as the subject matter of the Prepared Topic is chosen by the candidate and the Examiner's questions will arise out of the material presented by the candidate.

### **SECTION 2: GENERAL CONVERSATION**

(6–8 minutes)

The General Conversation will begin with straightforward questions about the candidate's background and interests and move quickly on to a more mature conversation covering the Topic Areas listed in the Syllabus. It is expected that the General Conversation section will cover two or three of the Topic Areas, but it may cover more if the Examiner has difficulty finding something the candidate is interested in or can talk about. The Topic Area covered in the Prepared Topic Conversation will not be covered in the General Conversation. Candidates will be assessed on linguistic competence (comprehension and responsiveness, fluency, accuracy of tones, pronunciation, range of vocabulary and variety of sentence structures).

There is no Specimen Question Paper for the General Conversation.

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