



Families and Societies Unit 1 ↓	Influence of Language on Culture Unit 2 ↓	Influence of Beauty and Art Unit 3 ↓	Science and Technology Unit 4 ↓	Factors of Quality of Life Unit 5 ↓	Environmental, Political, and Social Challenges Unit 6 ↓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families are extremely important in Chinese culture Traditionally Chinese societies are patriarchal, so vocabulary about relatives through a woman tend to include the word 外 (outside) Chinese New Year (春节) is one of the most important holidays of the year, with many workers and students getting two weeks off to go home Red envelopes (红包) with money are passed out to the children to symbolize good luck China has the largest population in the world (1.4B), but due to the One Child Policy (1970s), there is a disproportionate among generations as well as the female to male ratio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandarin and Cantonese use the same characters, although Mandarin commonly uses simplified Chinese instead of traditional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each region in China has their own dialect (方言) It's important to be able to speak standard (Beijing) Mandarin in mainland China, as people can be looked down upon for having a regional accent The pinyin (拼音) system is used to transcribe the Chinese characters, as there is no Chinese alphabet There are 56 ethnic groups in China, with the majority from the Han ethnic group (91.51%) Education is extremely important in China, and it is thought that education can increase one's social class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beauty standards in China are quite the opposite from Western countries: fair skin is preferred, as well as slight European features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skin-whitening products can be smuggled illegally into China, which contain dangerous ingredients such as mercury Blepharoplasty (surgery to create double eyelids) is becoming increasingly popular China is infamous for the many dupes of famous products found in vendors across the country There are many traditional Chinese musical instruments including the 二胡, 古筝, and 琵琶, some which were created 9,000 years ago Much of ancient Chinese art revolve around paintings, especially those of figures of landscapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the creations of gunpowder, papermaking, printing, and the compass, China has made large breakthroughs in the fields of science and technology China has the highest CO2 emissions in the world, leading to some of their biggest cities to be covered in smog due to the air pollution, which causes many citizens to wear masks outside Animal testing for all cosmetics is a requirement in China, which is an ethical issue, affecting many international brands importing into China China's ability to mass produce (largest exporter in the world) is due to low labor costs and poor working environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese education is mandatory for nine years starting at age 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school (高中) starts in 10th grade to 12th grade Children are considered heavy "investments", as many will take classes outside of school including instrument lessons and specialized weekend classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for entrance exams (middle, high, and college) is a big factor Private schools are highly valued in their ability to help children get ahead (35% of schools in China) The life expectancy in China is around 77 years old, a considerable increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aside from air pollution, China struggles with water pollution, desertification, biodiversity, and its decreasing birth rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than half of surface water in China is polluted to the point of being undrinkable Corruption in the government is one of the biggest issues in Chinese politics, as upper level politicians are elected by lower levels, not directly by citizens The Hong Kong protests were against the extradition bill that would let suspects be extradited to mainland China - Bill was eventually suspended Uighurs, a minority in China, have recently been detained in large numbers, due to their religious beliefs (Muslim)

TIPS & TRICKS



EXAM SKILLS ↓

MC: Rejoinders	MC: Reading	Story Narration	Email Response	Conversation	Cultural Presentation
<p>Answer all questions (no penalties for wrong answers)</p> <p>Take notes on important information, including who is talking, locations, dates/times</p> <p>Audios are played once or twice, and cannot be repeated or paused, so listen carefully</p> <p>Always eliminate the options you know are incorrect and go from there</p>	<p>Highlight/underline important details in the texts</p> <p>Read over your questions and then go back into the text to look for the answers</p> <p>Put marks next to any question that you are unsure of, but don't stay stuck on a question. You can come back to it later</p> <p>Use context of the text if you do not understand the meaning of certain characters</p>	<p>You need a beginning, a middle, and an end</p> <p>Write an outline (can be in English or Chinese) before writing out the whole story</p> <p>Use phrases and lots of vocabulary (that you know and do it correctly)</p> <p>Fill in the outline of the story, and then when all four pictures are accounted for, go back and add more details</p> <p>Remember your homonyms</p>	<p>Answer all questions being presented in the email (highlight/underline the questions in the text)</p> <p>Use Chinese idioms wherever and whenever you can</p> <p>Correctly use the proper greeting and closing</p>	<p>Listen well to the prompts</p> <p>You have 20 seconds to respond to each prompt, so don't take too long thinking</p> <p>If you cannot come up with a response, make something up</p> <p>Don't rush as you speak</p> <p>Make sure to stay formal or informal depending on the speaker</p>	<p>Make an outline in the preparation time</p> <p>Write down the main points on the topic (add up to about 1 minute of speaking) with minor points (add up to 30 seconds of speaking)</p> <p>Talk about the significance</p> <p>Wrap up your presentation with a conclusion by tying it globally or to your own life</p>