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TEST FRAMEWORK**

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### SUBAREA I—LISTENING COMPREHENSION

#### Competency 0001

**Comprehend at or beyond the literal-level spoken questions or other oral messages likely to be encountered in culturally authentic situations.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Comprehend both formal and informal comments and questions.
- Comprehend a question or comment likely to be encountered in an informal or social situation.
- Comprehend a question or comment likely to be encountered in a formal or professional setting.
- Comprehend a request for information.
- Select an appropriate response to a spoken question or comment.

#### Competency 0002

**Derive pertinent information from oral messages in a variety of culturally authentic situations.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Understand the main idea of formal and informal oral presentations and conversations (e.g., prepared speeches, news broadcasts, interviews, lectures).
- Understand a telephone message or public address announcement.
- Understand a sequence of steps presented in a set of oral directions.
- Understand supporting details in a variety of formal and informal oral messages.
- Understand a stated cause or effect of a situation described in an oral message.

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**Competency 0003**

**Infer meaning from oral messages in a variety of culturally authentic situations.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Characterize the mood or point of view of one or more speakers.
- Analyze a cause-and-effect relationship implied but not stated in an oral message.
- Analyze the social or cultural context of a spoken presentation or conversation.
- Analyze the social or cultural relationship between speakers in a conversation.

**SUBAREA II—READING AND VOCABULARY**

**Competency 0004**

**Comprehend the literal content of a variety of formal and informal authentic materials.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Analyze passages from a variety of sources (e.g., newspaper and journal articles, personal correspondence, literary works) to determine a stated main idea or choose an accurate summary.
- Analyze passages to determine a causal or temporal sequence of events.
- Discern details regarding character, setting, or events described in a passage.
- Recognize supporting evidence for an argument made in a passage.

**Competency 0005**

**Interpret and draw inferences from a variety of formal and informal authentic materials, including literary works.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Make inferences about audience, purpose, setting, or character from information provided in passages from a variety of sources (e.g., newspaper and magazine articles, personal correspondence, literary works).
- Discern implied cause-and-effect relationships in a passage.
- Infer an author's intent, assumptions, or point of view in a passage.
- Interpret figurative language (e.g., metaphors, similes) in a literary passage.

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**Competency 0006**

**Select culturally appropriate words, phrases, or sentences, including idiomatic expressions, that are applicable to a variety of formal and informal contexts.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Determine appropriate language for routine situations (e.g., shopping, dining, traveling).
- Determine appropriate language for social situations (e.g., canceling an appointment, expressing a compliment, planning a party).
- Determine appropriate language for expressing attitudes, opinions, and judgments.

**SUBAREA III—LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND COMPARISONS**

**Competency 0007**

**Apply the rules for word and sentence formation.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Transform sentences or passages in context according to given instructions (e.g., transforming a sentence from a positive sentence to a negative sentence, transforming a sentence from passive voice to active voice).
- Transform the time frame or aspect of a sentence or passage.
- Transform a sentence or passage from direct to indirect discourse, or vice versa.
- Combine two or more sentences into one sentence that preserves the meaning of the original sentences.

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**Competency 0008**

**Analyze sentences to determine grammatically correct words or phrases to complete them and revise written sentences or passages to correct errors in structure and syntax that interfere with accurate communication.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Select the correct noun or nominal measure word for a given context.
- Select verb forms or phrases as appropriate for a given context.
- Select the appropriate modifying word or phrase to complete a sentence.
- Select revisions to correct inappropriate use of words or word forms.
- Select revisions to correct inappropriate use of constructions or syntactic structures.

**Competency 0009**

**Understand the similarities and differences between Chinese and English.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Compare and contrast the sound systems of Chinese and English.
- Compare and contrast the morphological structures and processes of Chinese and English.
- Compare and contrast sentence formation and word order in Chinese and English.
- Compare and contrast word meaning in Chinese and English.
- Compare and contrast the writing systems of Chinese and English.
- Compare and contrast the sociolinguistic features of Chinese and English.

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**SUBAREA IV—CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES, COMPARISONS, AND CONNECTIONS**

**Competency 0010**

**Understand the products, practices, and perspectives of Chinese culture, as well as the relationships among them.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Identify and analyze the roles of major movements, writers, and works in the literature of China.
- Understand characteristic forms and elements of the visual arts and music of China.
- Recognize historical and contemporary scientific and technological achievements of China.
- Understand characteristic features of daily life within Chinese culture.
- Understand major social institutions (e.g., educational systems) of China.
- Compare and contrast the products and practices of Chinese culture with the products and practices of non-Chinese cultures in the United States.
- Recognize ways in which understanding the products, practices, and perspectives of Chinese culture contributes to understanding important concepts of other disciplines (e.g., political science, literature, art).

**Competency 0011**

**Understand the development of Chinese culture, including the relationships among the history, geography, and perspectives of Chinese culture.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Identify and analyze the roles of major historical events, figures, and movements in the development of China.
- Analyze the relationships among major historical events, figures, and movements and the cultural perspectives of China.
- Relate natural geographic features (e.g., climate, location, natural resources) to the economy of China.
- Compare and contrast the cultural and historical development of China with the cultural and historical development of the United States.

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**SUBAREA V—LANGUAGE ACQUISITION AND INSTRUCTION**

**Competency 0012**

**Understand the process of language acquisition and how it relates to the language learner in the classroom.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Analyze major theories of first- and second-language acquisition (e.g., the theories of Krashen and Cummins).
- Identify the developmental stages through which language learners acquire first and second languages.
- Apply knowledge of the processes of first- and second-language acquisition to the language learner in the classroom, including major similarities and differences between the two processes.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the cognitive, affective, and social factors that can affect second-language acquisition.

**Competency 0013**

**Understand approaches for teaching communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities to meet the needs of diverse learners in the language classroom.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Understand the use of varied approaches, methods, and strategies for teaching communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities within the classroom.
- Understand the use of varied second-language assessment strategies and techniques.
- Understand Oklahoma's core curriculum for language learners, including skills and knowledge expected at each instructional level.

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**SUBAREA VI—WRITTEN EXPRESSION**

**Competency 0014**

**Write a well-organized passage of several paragraphs in Chinese that is appropriate in style and diction for a given audience, purpose, and occasion and that communicates a message effectively through use of a range of vocabulary, time frames, cohesive devices, and simple and complex linguistic constructions.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Write an account describing the reasoning behind a significant personal decision.
- Write a narrative of an event or activity in a time frame appropriate to the task, using relevant supporting details.
- Write a letter of request or thanks addressed to an appropriate audience in China (e.g., a letter of thanks to family with whom the writer has spent a summer as an exchange student).
- Write a letter stating and supporting an opinion on a given topic or in response to a particular situation.

**SUBAREA VII—ORAL EXPRESSION**

**Competency 0015**

**In response to a prompt, construct connected oral discourse in Chinese (Mandarin) that communicates a message effectively and demonstrates command of a range of vocabulary, idiomatic expressions, time frames, cohesive devices, and simple and complex language structures.**

*The following topics are examples of content that may be covered under this competency.*

- Narrate and describe events or actions in a time frame appropriate to the task, using relevant supporting details.
- Discuss and analyze advantages and disadvantages of an idea or proposed course of action.
- Offer and support an opinion on a given topic or in response to a given situation.
- Respond to a hypothetical situation (e.g., a new job, a shopping trip) by explaining or describing events or by requesting assistance.