AP® Chinese Language and Culture
2013 Free-Response Questions

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2013 AP® CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Overview

Key screen images from the free-response section of the AP Chinese Language and Culture Exam are included in this document. The actual exam includes other screens, such as message boxes and help screens, which students may view while taking the exam. On screens where the "Show Time" button appears, students have the option to display the time remaining to complete the task. The exam screens are dynamic, with changing information (e.g., audio progress bar, count-down clock), while the screen images that follow are static, representing a particular moment during the exam.

Wherever Chinese text appears as reading material on the exam screen, it can be displayed in two versions: simplified characters and traditional characters. Therefore, this document includes both versions, which are labeled accordingly. This document also includes scripts for recorded material that students heard during the exam. When applicable, both simplified- and traditional-character versions of the recording scripts are included here as well. However, recording scripts are not provided for directions screens, where the audio portion matches verbatim the text appearing on the screen.

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Writing Part Directions

You will be asked to perform two writing tasks in Chinese. In each case, you will be asked to write for a specific purpose and to a specific person. You should write in as complete and as culturally appropriate a manner as possible, taking into account the purpose and the person described.

Wherever Chinese text appears for you to read, it can be displayed in either traditional or simplified characters. You can change the display by clicking on **Switch to Simplified** or **Switch to Traditional**.

You can choose between two input methods for typing Chinese text: you may use the Microsoft *Pinyin* IME (*MSPY*), which is based on Hanyu Pinyin, or the Microsoft *New Phonetic* IME, which is based on Zhuyin Fuhao (Bopomofo). You can choose your desired input method by selecting **Pinyin** or **Bopomofo** from the drop-down list.

A clock at the top of the screen will show you how much time is remaining to write your response.

When the response time has ended, you will automatically go on to the next question. You cannot return to previous questions.

You will now begin this part.

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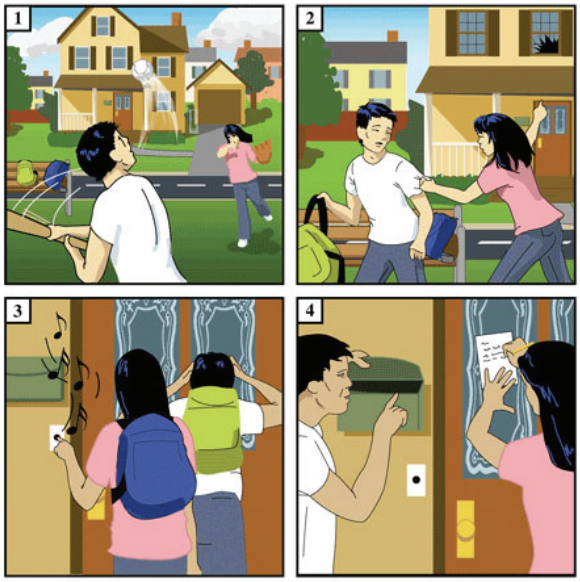
Question 1 of 2

SHOW TIME

Directions: You will be asked to perform two writing tasks in Chinese. In each case, you will be asked to write for a specific purpose and to a specific person. You should write in as complete and as culturally appropriate a manner as possible, taking into account the purpose and the person described.

The four pictures present a story. Imagine you are writing the story to a friend. Narrate a complete story as suggested by the pictures. Give your story a beginning, a middle, and an end.



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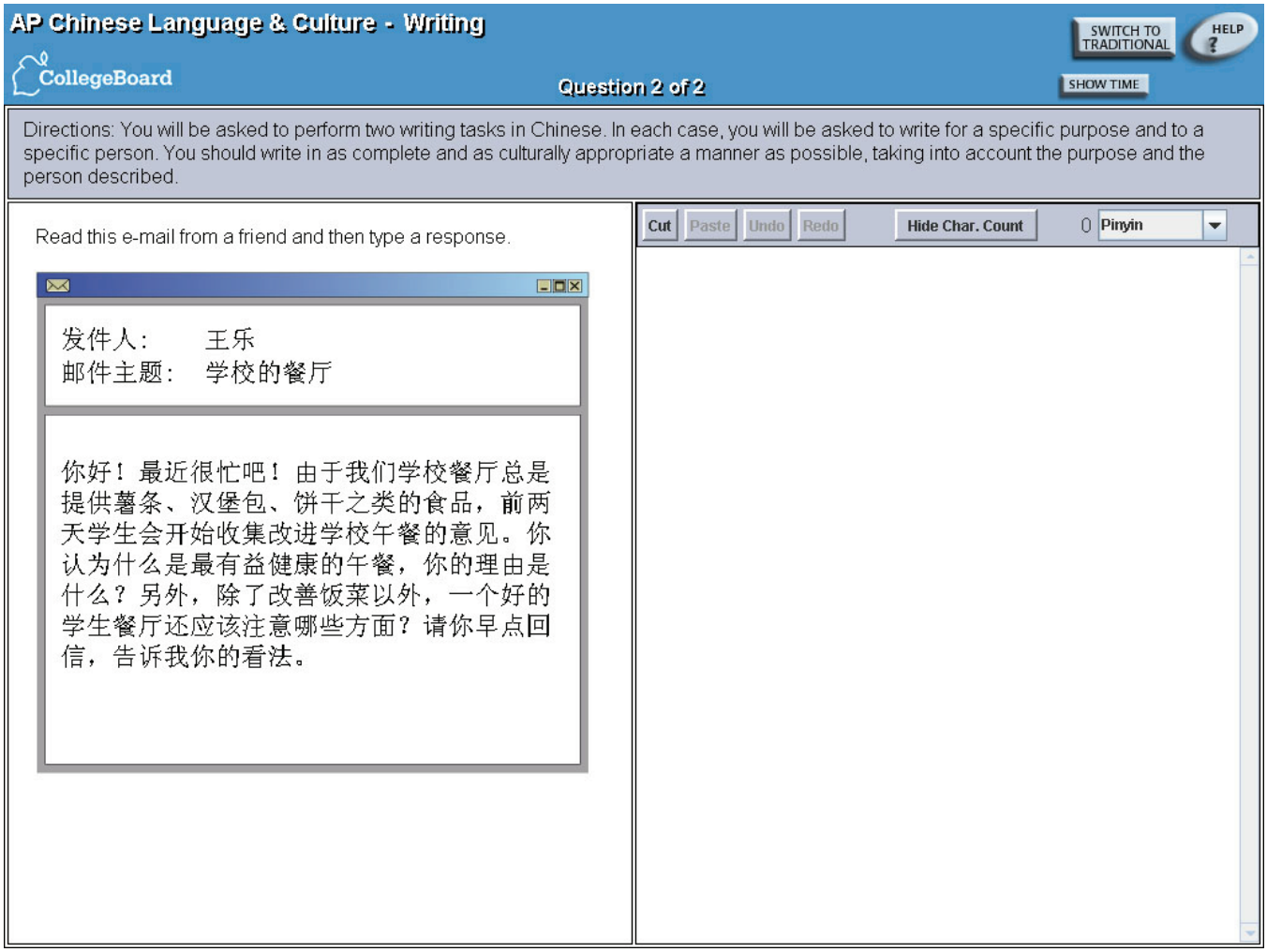
Simplified-character version



Note: Students were able to view simplified- and traditional-character versions of the exam screen above. The traditional-character version of this screen is shown on the next page of this document.

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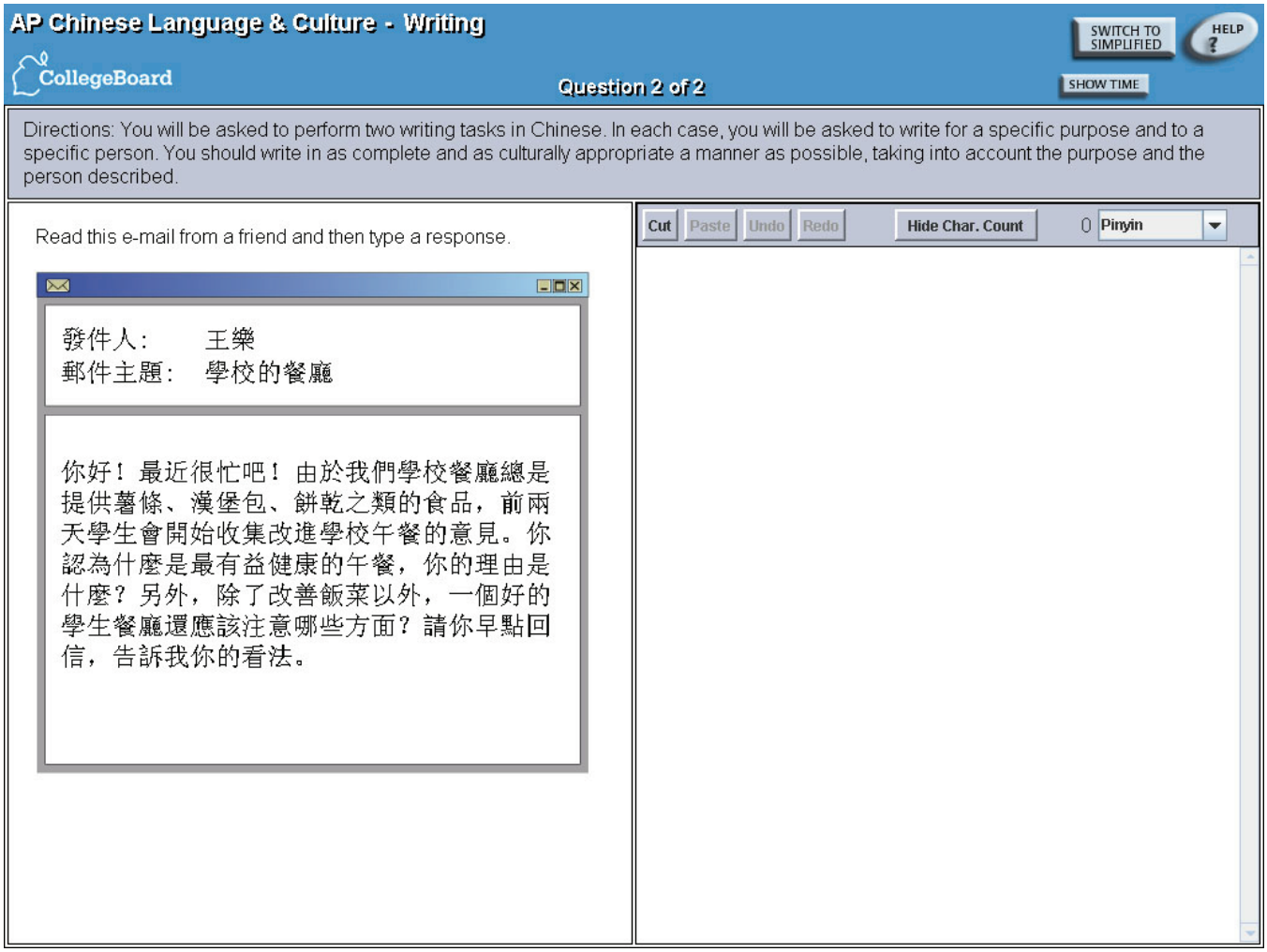
Traditional-character version



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Speaking Part Directions

You will participate in a simulated conversation and make a presentation.

For the presentation, you will have a specific amount of preparation time. During the preparation time, a clock will show you how much time is remaining.

For both tasks, you will have a specific amount of response time. During the response time, a clock will show you how much time is remaining.

When the response time has ended, you will automatically go on to the next question. You cannot return to previous questions.

Your cue to start speaking will always be this tone.

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Speaking Part Directions: Conversation

You will participate in a simulated conversation. Each time it is your turn to speak, you will have 20 seconds to record. You should respond as fully and as appropriately as possible.

There will be six times when it is your turn to speak.

You will now begin this part.

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Note: Students saw the exam screen above for each of the individual questions that together compose this task. Only the screen image for the first question is shown here, but during the exam, each of the screens indicated the number of the question the students were responding to.

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The following text is the simplified-character version of the recording script for the audio portion of the task shown in the previous screen image. Students heard this audio during the exam administration, but this text does not appear in the exam and is provided here for reference only.

N: You will have a conversation with Chen Linli, director of a public library, about a job for a student volunteer at the library.

Speaking Question 1 of 7
WA: 你是怎么知道我们这个公共图书馆在找义工的？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 2 of 7
WA: 你为什么想做公共图书馆的义工？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 3 of 7
WA: 申请的人很多，你有哪些工作经验或者能力让我们优先考虑你？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 4 of 7
WA: 你认为做义工对学生有什么好处？为什么？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 5 of 7
WA: 图书馆要放一部跟中国文化有关的电影，你认为哪一部最合适？你推荐的这部电影介绍了哪些中国文化？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 6 of 7
WA: 我们要求义工每周至少工作五个小时，你希望我们怎么安排你的工作时间？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

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N: You will have a conversation with Chen Linli, director of a public library, about a job for a student volunteer at the library.

Speaking Question 1 of 7
WA: 你是怎麼知道我們這個公共圖書館在找義工的？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 2 of 7
WA: 你為什麼想做公共圖書館的義工？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 3 of 7
WA: 申請的人很多，你有哪些工作經驗或者能力讓我們優先考慮你？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 4 of 7
WA: 你認為做義工對學生有什麼好處？為什麼？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 5 of 7
WA: 圖書館要放一部跟中國文化有關的電影，你認為哪一部最合適？你推薦的這部電影介紹了哪些中國文化？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 6 of 7
WA: 我們要求義工每週至少工作五個小時，你希望我們怎麼安排你的工作時間？

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

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Speaking Part Directions: Cultural Presentation

You will be asked to speak in Chinese on a specific topic. Imagine you are making an oral presentation to your Chinese class. First, you will read and hear the topic for your presentation. 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.

You will now begin this part.

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Directions: You will be asked to speak in Chinese on a specific topic. Imagine you are making an oral presentation to your Chinese class. First, you will read and hear the topic for your presentation. 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.

Choose ONE Chinese regional cuisine (Sichuan, Shanghai, Cantonese, etc.). In your presentation, describe this regional cuisine and discuss the significance of food in Chinese culture.

Preparation Time: 240 Seconds
Response Time: 120 Seconds

PREPARATION TIME

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Speaking Question 7 of 7

N: Choose ONE Chinese regional cuisine (Sichuan, Shanghai, Cantonese, etc.). In your presentation, describe this regional cuisine and discuss the significance of food in Chinese culture.

N: You have four minutes to prepare your presentation.

(240 seconds)

N: You have two minutes to record your presentation.

[TONE]

(120 seconds)

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