

## **Monterey Institute of International Studies**

### **Chinese Language Diagnostic Test**

This test consists of five sections.  
Each section is worth 20 points.

Both traditional and simplified characters are provided in each section. You may use either form to complete the test.

**SECTION I Fill in each blank with the correct measure word from the list. No measure word is used more than once.**

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|---------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. A glass of water | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Two chairs       | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Three rivers     | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Four cars        | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Five dollars     | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Six children     | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Seven cats       | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Eight horses     | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Nine books       | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Ten pens        | _____ | _____ |

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|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5.  |
| 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |

**SECTION II Put each group of vocabulary items into the correct order for each pair of the phrases underneath.**

A 1.            2            3.

a. the house in front            (            )(            )(            )

b. in front of the house            (            )(            )(            )

B 1.                            2                            3.

a. the back side of the school (            )(            )(            )

b. the school at the back            (            )(            )(            )

C 1.            2            3.            3.

**SECTION III**

**Fill in each blank with the correct vocabulary item from the list. The same item can be used more than once.**

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| 1.  | 2   | 3.  | 4.  | 5.  | 6  |
| 7.  | 8   | 9.  | 10  | 11. | 12 |
| 13. | 14. | 15. | 16. | 17. |    |

1.

Please put the book on the table.

2.

He has already eaten, how about you?

3.

She is still doing her homework.

4.

As soon as he calls, we will know.

5.

I cannot find that place. Let's ask him.

6.

He left for Shanghai as early as last week. He will not come back until next year.

7.

The train is about to leave.

8.

He came by plane.

**SECTION IV** Fill in each blank with the correct vocabulary item from the list. No item is used more than once. The English version is provided below.

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| 1.  | 2.  | 3.  | 4.  | 5.  |
| 6.  | 7.  | 8.  | 9.  | 10. |
| 11. | 12. | 13. | 14. | 15. |
| 16. | 17. | 18. | 19. | 20. |

There is a Chinese proverb: "It takes ten years to grow a tree and 100 years to educate a person". The saying is about how to cultivate talent. The meaning is: if it takes at least ten years for a tree to become useable materials, educating people is more difficult than growing a tree, and takes a longer time. It takes probably 100 years to cultivate great talent. The so-called "100 years" means many years, not necessarily one hundred years. It can be seen from this proverb that (managing) education is not an easy job, and (education) cannot be successful in a short period of time. Therefore, educators should look far (to the future), and not just look at the present.

**TRADITIONAL CHARACTERS**

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**SIMPLIFIED CHARACTERS**

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**SECTION V** Circle the translation which best explains the bold faced phrases in the Chinese text.

1. a. invent                      b. take place                      c. discover
2. a. wonder                      b. miss                      c. puzzle
3. a. sooner or later                      b. in the near future                      c. in the end
4. a. happy                      b. optimistic                      c. far-sighted
5. a. wealthy                      b. interesting                      c. beautiful
6. a. in summary                      b. generally speaking                      c. for instance
7. a. too empty                      b. sky                      c. space
8. a. swim                      b. exhibit                      c. travel
9. a. unusual                      b. incredible                      c. common
10. a. relative                      b. facing each other                      c. disagreeable
11. a. wild                      b. ambitious                      c. careful
12. a. gradually                      b. let others go first  
c. fight to be the first and fear to lag behind
13. a. gain                      b. lose                      c. control
14. a. a good situation                      b. superiority                      c. high-class
15. a. use                      b. propose                      c. reflect
16. a. chase                      b. attack                      c. destroy
17. a. as a result                      b. finally                      c. because
18. a. both sides win                      b. one side is seriously wounded  
c. both sides suffer
19. a. spacious                      b. as in the past                      c. unprecedented
20. a. disaster                      b. bad luck                      c. damage

**Key to the test:**

Section I (20%, each correct answer is worth 2 points)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Section II (20%, each correct phrase is worth 2 points)

- A. 2 3 1, 1 3 2
- B. 1 3 2, 2 3 1
- C. 2 1 4 3, 2 3 4 1
- D. 2 3 4 1, 1 2 4 3
- E. 1 4 3 5 2, 4 3 2 5 1

Section III (20%, each correct answer is worth 1 point)

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| 1. | 2  |
| 3. | 4. |
| 5. | 6  |
| 7. | 8  |

Section IV (20%, each correct answer is worth 1 point)

Section V (20%, each correct answer is worth 1 point)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	A	B	B	B	C	C	C	C	A	B	C	A	B	A	B	A	C	C	A

How to interpret the scores:

If your score is:	you may
1-50	Need first-year work
50-69	Need second-year work
70-85	Can take third-year courses
86-100	Can take third-year or fourth-year courses