

## NES®: Chinese (Mandarin)—Presentational Writing Directions

This section of the test consists of a written assignment to which you must respond in the target language. You are to prepare a written response on the assigned topic. You should use your time to plan, write, review, and edit your response to the assignment.

Read the assignment carefully before you begin to write. Think about how you will organize your response.

Your final response must be written on the Response Sheets provided and scanned using the scanner provided at your workstation.

**Instructions for scanning your response sheets are available by clicking the "Scanning Help" button at the top of the screen.**

Your score will depend on the extent to which you effectively communicate a whole message, in the target language, to the specified audience for the stated purpose. You will be assessed on your ability to express, organize, and support opinions and ideas, not on the position you take. Your response to the assignment will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

**Purpose:** The extent to which the response fulfills the assignment and is appropriate for the intended audience

**Organization and Coherence:** The extent to which ideas are effectively sequenced and logically connected

**Development:** The extent to which ideas are developed with relevant supporting details

**Syntax and Grammar:** The extent to which the response exhibits a command of syntax and grammar

**Vocabulary:** The extent to which the response demonstrates a command and range of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions

**Mechanics:** The extent to which the response demonstrates accuracy of spelling, diacritical marks, and punctuation

You are to prepare a written response to this assignment of approximately 300–400 words. Be sure to write about the assigned topic. You may not use any reference materials during the test. This should be your original work, written in your own words, and not copied or paraphrased from some other work. Remember to review what you have written and make any changes you think will improve your response.

Any time spent responding to the assignment, including scanning the response sheets, is part of your testing time. Monitor your time carefully. When your testing time expires, a pop-up message will appear on-screen indicating the conclusion of your test session. Only response sheets that are scanned before you end your test or before time has expired will be scored. Any response sheet that is not scanned before testing ends will NOT be scored.

Select the **Next** button to continue.