

### Exercise 6:

Study the text in the box below

- a) What do “UGC-funded institutions” in line 1 stand for?
- b) What does it mean by “alternative qualifications” in line 2?
- c) Which category of NCS students are eligible to take GCSE/IGCSE/GCE examination as an alternative qualification?
- d) What is your view about the “alternative qualification” for ethnic minority students? Give reasons to support your argument (250 words).

### Box 1

For Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) students, all UGC-funded institutions accept alternative qualifications in Chinese Language including those under General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and General Certificate of Education (GCE) for students who have met the specified circumstances: (a) Students who have learned Chinese Language for less than 6 years while receiving primary and secondary education; or (b) Students who have learned Chinese Language for 6 years or more in schools, but have been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in our local schools.

Under the New Academic Structure, all UGC-funded institutions continue to accept alternative qualifications in Chinese Language for students who have met the specified circumstances.

From EDB Website:

<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/ncs-students/about-ncs-students/jupas-admission.html>