

HSK (Level 3)

HSK (Level 3) is designed to test the candidates' ability to use Chinese.

HSK (Level 3) is equivalent to Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages Level Three and The Common European Framework Reference for Language (CEF) B1. Candidates passing HSK (Level 3) can use basic Chinese in daily life, at study and work as well as traveling around China.

Candidate Level

HSK (Level 3) is appropriate for students who have studied Chinese for between 120-180 hours who have acquired around 600 basic Chinese words and related vocabulary points.

Exam Content

HSK (Level 3) consists of 80 questions, split across a Listening Reading and Writing.

Content		Number of Questions		Exam Time
Listening	Part One	10	40	35min approx
	Part Two	10		
	Part Three	10		
	Part Four	10		
Reading	Part One	10	30	25
	Part Two	10		
	Part Three	10		
Writing	Part One	5	10	15
	Part Two	5		
Fill in the Answer Sheet				10
Total	/	80	85 min approx	

The exam will last 90min approximately including 5min to fill in personal details.

1. Listening

Part 1/ 10 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are in dialogues with pictures on the exam paper. The candidate is required to choose the correct picture according to the content heard.

Part 2/ 10 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are monologues. Then a second voice will say a sentence related to the monologue. The sentence said by the second voice will also be printed on the test paper. The candidate is required to judge true or false.

Part 3/ 10 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are in dialogues between 2 voices. Then a third voice will raise a question. There are 3 options in the exam paper. The candidate is required to select the correct answer according to the content heard.

Part 4/ 10 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are in dialogues between 2 voices (4 - 5 sentences). Then a third voice will raise a question. There are 3 options in the exam paper. The candidate is required to select the correct answer according to the content heard.

2. Reading

Part 1/ 10 Questions. Match 20 sentences with the answers.

Part 2/ 10 Questions. Each question will provide one to two sentences. There is a blank in the sentence. The candidate is required to select the right word from the options to fill in the blank.

Part 3/ 10 Questions. 10 short passages are provided and each passage has a question. The candidate is required to pick the correct answer from the 3 options.

3. Writing

Part 1/ 5 Questions. Each question will provide several words and the candidate is required to make a sentence according to the words.

Part 2/ 5 Questions. Each question will provide a sentence with a blank. The candidate is required to fill in the correct Chinese character in the blank.

3. Exam report

HSK (Level 3) exam report provides mark for Listening, Reading and Writing. These are combined to provide an Overall Mark. The passmark at this level requires an overall mark of 180.

	Mark	Your Mark
Listening	100	
Reading	100	
Writing	100	
Overall Mark	300	

The HSK mark awarded remains valid for 2 years from the date of the exam as a certificate for non-native Chinese speakers to study in Chinese Universities and Colleges.