

HSK (Level 1) Factsheet

HSK (Level 1) is designed to test the candidates' ability to use daily Chinese.

HSK (Level 1) is equivalent to Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages Level One and The Common European Framework Reference for Language (CEF) A1. Candidates who pass HSK (Level 1) can understand and use some very simple Chinese words and sentences in order to meet the needs of daily communications and have a foundation to study Chinese further.

Candidate Level

HSK (Level 1) is appropriate for students who have studied Chinese for around 40-60 hours, who have acquired around 150 basic Chinese words and related grammar points.

Exam Content

HSK (Level 1) consists of 40 questions, split across a Listening Section and a Reading Section.

| Content | | Number of Questions | | Exam Time |
|--|------------|---------------------|----|---------------|
| Listening | Part One | 5 | 20 | 15min approx |
| | Part Two | 5 | | |
| | Part Three | 5 | | |
| | Part Four | 5 | | |
| Filling out the Answer Sheet (Mark your answers for listening comprehension on Answer Sheet) | | | | 3 |
| Reading | Part One | 5 | 20 | 17 |
| | Part Two | 5 | | |
| | Part Three | 5 | | |
| | Part Four | 5 | | |
| Total | / | 40 | | 35 min approx |

The test will last for 40 minutes in total (including 5 minutes in which the test takers fill in personal information).

1. Listening

Part 1/ 5 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are short phrases illustrated with pictures on the exam paper. The candidate is required to judge true or false according to the content listened.

Part 2/ 5 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are in sentences with 3 illustrations on the exam paper for each question. The candidate is required to select the relevant picture according to the content heard.

Part 3/ 5 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are dialogues with several illustrations on the exam paper for each question. The candidate is required to select the relevant picture according to the content heard.

Part 4/ 5 Questions. Each question will be played twice. In each question, the first voice will say a sentence and the second voice will ask a question according to the sentence and provide 3 options. The 3 options are shown on the exam paper. The candidate is required to select the answer according to the content listened.

2. Reading

Part 1/ 5 Questions. Each question will provide a picture and a word, the candidate is required to judge whether the picture and the word are relevant.

Part 2/ 5 Questions. Each question will provide a sentence with several pictures, the candidate is required to select the right picture according to the sentence.

Part 3/ 5 Questions. There are 5 questions and answers in this section. The candidate is required to match the questions with the answers.

Part 4/ 5 Questions. The candidate is required to fill in the blanks in the sentences selecting from the words provided.

All the questions in the test paper are shown in *Pinyin*.

3. Exam report

HSK (Level 1) exam report provides marks for Listening and Reading which are combined to give an Overall Mark. The passmark at this level requires an overall mark of 120.

| | Mark | Your Mark |
|--------------|------|-----------|
| Listening | 100 | |
| Reading | 100 | |
| Overall Mark | 200 | |

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.