

HSK (Level 4)

HSK (Level 4) is designed to test the candidates' ability to use Chinese.

HSK (Level 4) is equivalent to Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages Level Four and The Common European Framework Reference for Language (CEF) B2. Candidates passing HSK (Level 4) can use Chinese dealing with a wide range of topics and communicate with native speakers quite fluently.

Candidate Level

HSK (Level 4) is appropriate for students who have studied Chinese for two academic years, 2-4 classes per week and achieved 1200 words and related grammar points.

Exam Content

HSK (Level 4) consists of 100 questions split over Listening, Reading and Writing

Content		Number of Questions		Exam Time
Listening	Part One	10	45	30min approx
	Part Two	15		
	Part Three	20		
Filling out the Answer Sheet (Mark your answers for listening comprehension on Answer Sheet)				5
Reading	Part One	10	40	40
	Part Two	10		
	Part Three	20		
Writing	Part One	10	15	25
	Part Two	5		
Total	/	100		100 min approx

The test will last for 105 minutes in total (including 5 minutes in which the test takers fill in personal information).

1. Listening

Part 1/ 10 Questions. Each question will be played once. All the questions are in monologues. Then a second voice will say a sentence relating to the monologue. The sentence said by the second voice will also be printed on the test paper. The candidate is required to judge whether this sentence is true or false.

Part 2/ 15 Questions. Each question will be played once. All the questions are in dialogues between 2 voices. Then a third voice will raise a question. There are 4 answers listed in the exam paper. The candidate is required to select the correct answer according to the content heard.

Part 3/ 20 Questions. Each question will be played once. All the questions are in dialogues between 2 voices (4 - 5 sentences). Then a third voice will raise a question. There are 4 answers listed in the exam paper. The candidate is required to select the correct answer according to the content heard.

2. Reading

Part 1/ 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 2/ 10 Questions. Each question will provide three sentences. The candidate is required to put the sentences in order.

Part 3/ 20 Questions. 20 short passages are provided and each passage has one or two questions. The candidate is required to pick the correct answer from the 4 options.

3. Writing

Part 1/ 10 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 picture and a word. The candidate is required to write a sentence about the picture with the word provided.

3. Exam report

HSK (Level 4) exam report provides marks for Listening, Reading, Writing which are then combined to give an Overall Mark. The pass mark at this level is 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.